



ENVIRONMENT & ECONOMY SELECT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 27 February 2024

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: R Broom (Chair), A Mitchell CC (Vice-Chair), J Brown, B Facey, C McGrath, A McGuinness, S Mead, C Parris, E Plater, G Snell and Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, OBE CC

AGENDA

PART 1

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
2. **PRE-SCRUTINY POLICY DEVELOPMENT OF THE UPDATED BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN**

To receive a presentation from the Environmental Policy & Development Manager and the Herts and Middlesex Wildlife Trust on the draft updated Biodiversity Action Plan for Stevenage, which the Committee will consider and provide some policy development comment on the updated action plan before this is brought forward for a decision at the Executive.

As part of the presentation Members will also receive an overview about how the Tree and Woodland Strategy and the Green Space Strategy will be developed along with likely timescales. This session will provide some orientation for Members at the start of the process regarding how Officers might engage with other community stakeholders around local sites. A more detailed discussion would then be carried out with Members later in the year.

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3. **URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**
4. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the

grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

5. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

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