

Daneshill House  
Danstrete  
Stevenage  
Hertfordshire

3 October 2017

Dear Sir/Madam

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Stevenage Borough Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage on Wednesday, 11 October 2017 at 7.00 pm and you are summoned to attend to transact the following business.

Yours faithfully

Scott Crudgington  
Chief Executive

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## **AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2. MINUTES - 11 JULY 2017**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 11 July 2017.

Minutes attached

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**3. MAYOR'S COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive any communications that the Mayor may wish to put before Council.

**4. MAIN DEBATE - PREPARING FOR CHANGE - THE HOMELESS REDUCTION ACT**

To receive a presentation on the potential impact of the Homeless Reduction Act 2017.

**5. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS**

None

**6. QUESTIONS FROM THE YOUTH COUNCIL**

None

**7. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

None

**8. LEADER OF THE COUNCIL'S UPDATE**

In accordance with the Council's Standing Orders, the Leader of the Opposition shall be given the opportunity to raise one matter relevant to the Borough that has arisen since the last meeting of the Council. The Leader of the Council shall then have the opportunity to advise the Council of matters relevant to the Borough that have arisen since the last meeting.

**9. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

To consider the following motion submitted by Councillor Mrs Joan Lloyd:

This Council recognises and values the work of its employees and those across the public sector.

It acknowledges that the Government's imposition over many years of a pay freeze and public sector pay cap of 1% has resulted in wages in the public sector falling behind both price inflation and the earnings in the private sector. This has caused difficulties in recruitment and made public sector employees feel undervalued.

The Council urges the Government to scrap the public sector pay cap. We also urge the Government to adequately fund councils to pay their staff a decent pay rise in line with the cost of living.

**10. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS TO COMMITTEE CHAIRS / PORTFOLIO HOLDERS**

A Question from Councillor Parker

Noting that, in order to make local residents aware, the Manor Ward councillors have publicised the proposed Gresley Park development, and in particular the site for Travelling Showpeople, and objected to these at EHDC since mid 2016, and noting the concern amongst local residents, why was there no objection to these items in the response by SBC to EHDC on their proposed Local Plan, and no attempt to inform local residents about them by SBC, and what steps will now be taken by SBC to rectify these omissions and to object to this proposal?

B Question from Councillor Snell

Why did the welcome public realm improvements to the Town Centre take so long to complete and what commitments will the Council make to ensure that the improvements are maintained and well-kept for the future?

C Question from Councillor McGuinness

To ask the Council why the power outage of the August Bank holiday weekend caused so much damage to the IT infrastructure of the Council?

**11. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF 2016/2017 INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL CODE**

The report attached as Item 11 was considered by the Audit Committee on 6 September and the Executive on 19 September. Each body agreed the following recommendation to Council –

‘That the 2016/2017 Annual Treasury Management Review be approved.’

Report & Appendices attached

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**12. AUDIT COMMITTEE - DRAFT MINUTES**

To note the draft Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 6 September 2017.

Minutes attached

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**13. URGENT DECISION TAKEN OUTSIDE BUDGET & POLICY FRAMEWORK**

To note a report submitted in accordance with the Council’s Constitution concerning on an urgent decision taken by the Executive that was outside the Budget & Policy Framework.

Report & Appendix attached

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