

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 16 May 2019

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Lin Martin-Haugh (Chair), Philip Bibby CC (Vice-Chair), Jim Brown, Michael Downing, Michelle Gardner, Lizzy Kelly, Sarah-Jane McDonough, John Mead, Sarah Mead, Adam Mitchell CC and Robin Parker CC.

Also Present: Councillor John Gardner (Executive Portfolio Holder for Environment & Regeneration).

Start / End Time: Start Time: 6.00pm
End Time: 6.07pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Sandra Barr and Jodie Hanafin.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 30 APRIL 2019

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 April 2019 are agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 PART I DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

The Committee had before it the agenda and reports from the meeting of the Executive held on 14 May together with the Notice of Decisions as published after the meeting.

This report had not been circulated to Members five clear days before the meeting nor had it been made available for public inspection. The Chair determined however that given the short period of time left before the end of the call-in period on 21 May 2019, it be considered on this occasion.

Minutes of the Executive – 30 April 2019

The Committee noted the comments of the Executive.

Stevenage Borough Local Plan: Pre-Adoption Draft

The Committee was advised that the Executive were grateful for the comments

provided from the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 30 April.

The Committee thanked Officers for the details provided in respect of the costs associated with the Holding Directive.

In reply to a question it was confirmed that the letter referred to in the Executive Notice of Decisions from a local resident was the one that had been received by all Members. It was further confirmed that the Council's response to that letter would be circulated to all Members.

There were no further comments.

It was **RESOLVED** that the following Part I decisions taken by the Executive at its meeting on 14 May 2019 are noted:

- Minutes of the Executive 30 April 2019.
- Stevenage Borough Local Plan: Pre-Adoption Draft

4 **URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

None.

5 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

It was **RESOLVED** that:

1. Under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by SI2006 No.88.
2. Members having considered the reasons for the following report being in Part II and determined that the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.

6 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR