

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Present: Councillors: Lin Martin-Haugh (Chair), Rob Broom, Jim Brown, Michael Downing, Bret Facey, Wendy Kerby, Andy McGuinness, Sarah Mead, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati, Anne Wells and Chris Howells.

Substitutes: Councillors: Stephen Booth and Chris Howells.

Start / End Start Time: 6.00pm
Time: End Time: 7.20pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Phil Bibby CC and Robin Parker CC. Councillors Chris Howells and Stephen Booth were in attendance as substitute Members.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 18 OCTOBER 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 PART I DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE

2. Minutes – 12 October 2022

Noted.

3. Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny and Select Committees

Noted.

4. Second Quarter Revenue Monitoring Report 2022/23 – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account

In relation to repairs and voids, Members expressed concern that the funding was inadequate for the amount that was needed to bring properties up to a lettable standard.

Members also suggested that tenants should be reminded that although basic maintenance of a property was their responsibility, any substantial building works or repairs was the responsibility of the Council.

Members were advised that the Community Select Committee was currently undertaking a review of the Repairs and Voids Service.

5. 2022/23 Mid Year Treasury Management Review and Prudential Indicators

The Committee was informed that the report had been recommended to Council for approval.

In response to a question, the Strategic Director advised that the Council had never had any investments in Qatar nor any countries where there would be an ethical concern.

6. Urgent Part I Business

None.

4 URGENT PART I DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

None.

5 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None.

6 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was **RESOLVED**:

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 involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 to 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No. 88.

2. That having considered the reasons for the following item being in Part II, it be determined that maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure.

7 PART II MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 18 OCTOBER 2022

It was **RESOLVED** that the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 18 October 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

8 **PART II DECISIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE**

8. **Part II Minutes – Executive – 12 October 2022**

Noted.

9. **Making Your Money Count Options 2023/24**

The Strategic Director (CF) answered a number of Members' questions in respect of this item.

9 **URGENT PART II DECISIONS AUTHORISED BY THE CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

None.

10 **URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR