

## MINUTES OF THE CABINET OVERVIEW WORKING GROUP HELD ON

17 January 2019

7.30 - 8.40 pm

### PRESENT

#### Overview Working Group Members

Councillor Tony Durcan (Chair)  
Councillor Tony Edwards (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor David Carter  
Councillor Simon Carter  
Councillor Jean Clark  
Councillor Bob Davis  
Councillor Maggie Hulcoop

#### Other Councillors

Councillor Simon Carter

#### Officers

Lisa Thornett, Corporate Governance Support Officer  
Jane Greer, Head of Community Wellbeing  
Julie Houston, Strategy and Economic Development Manager

### 17. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Garnett.

### 18. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

### 19. MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2019 be agreed as a correct record.

### 20. MATTERS ARISING

None.

### 21. WORK PLAN

The Chair expressed concern that it appeared that the panel mainly delegated activity to sub groups that meet in private. The Chair suggested to show more openness that sub groups should be restricted and more should be directly dealt with by the main panel in open session. The Chair

will review the function of the panel with the Leader of the Council. Members supported this proposal.

**RESOLVED** that the work plan was agreed.

22. **REGENERATION STRATEGY - INTERIM REPORT**

**AGREED** that the report would be noted and a small sub group consisting of Councillors Simon Carter, Edwards and Hulcoop be set up to bring a more substantive report to the group.

23. **HOUSES OF MULTIPLE OCCUPATION - SCOPING REPORT**

**RESOLVED** that:

1. A special meeting of the Working Group would be set up in February inviting Councillor Ingall, the appropriate Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers for the options and implications of moving forward with implementing an Article Four Direction.
2. Clear direction from the Cabinet would be obtained with regards to proceeding with the review and the implementation of Article Four Direction.
3. The review would look at the process Stevenage Borough Council followed. Officers from Stevenage Borough Council who implemented the Article Four Direction would be invited to the meeting.
4. The timeline changes within the terms of reference be agreed. This included an Interim Report in March and Final report to the first meeting in the new municipal year.

24. **HOUSING STRATEGY - SCOPING REPORT**

**AGREED** that Jane Greer would forward papers to the Working Group and a report would be brought back to the Group with evidence with timescales for panel to determine a way forward.

25. **MATTERS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

None.

CHAIR OF THE OVERVIEW  
WORKING GROUP