

MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY
MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS,
HERTFORD ON TUESDAY 1 SEPTEMBER
2015, AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Councillor P Moore (Chairman).
Councillors D Abbott, A Alder, M Allen,
D Andrews, P Ballam, R Brunton,
E Buckmaster, S Bull, J Cartwright,
Mrs R Cheswright, S Cousins, K Crofton,
I Devonshire, H Drake, M Freeman, B Harris-
Quinney, L Haysey, R Henson, A Jackson,
G Jones, J Jones, G McAndrew,
M McMullen, D Oldridge, P Phillips, S Reed,
P Ruffles, S Rutland-Barsby, S Stainsby,
R Standley, M Stevenson and G Williamson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Simon Drinkwater	- Acting Chief Executive/Director of Neighbourhood Services
Philip Gregory	- Head of Strategic Finance
Jeff Hughes	- Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services
Martin Ibrahim	- Democratic Services Team Leader
Adele Taylor	- Director of Finance and Support Services

244 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman advised Members of the preparations

underway for the East Herts Got Talent fundraising event and thanked Councillors I Devonshire, J Jones and D Oldridge for their support in seeking sponsorship. In respect of the East Herts Community Chest, she also reminded Members that organising any fundraising events, however small, would be most welcome.

245 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED – that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of Minute 246 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.

246 BISHOP'S STORTFORD TOWN CENTRE

The Leader of the Council submitted a report seeking approval for the investment purchase of land in Bishop's Stortford town centre. She referred to recent Executive meetings that had been held to approve the submission of bids for the site and advised that the Council had been successful.

The Leader emphasised the highly confidential nature of the contents of the report now submitted and advised Members of the timetable for informing the public and for considering future options for the site. Subject to Council approval for the purchase, a report would be submitted to the Executive in October 2015, setting out short term issues as well as the potential options for the long term use of the site.

In response to Members' questions, Officers clarified a number of issues on the VAT position and the management of the site.

Council approved the purchase of the land as identified in the report now submitted.

RESOLVED – that the purchase of the land in Bishop's

Stortford town centre, as detailed in the report submitted, be approved.

The meeting closed at 7.22 pm

Chairman
Date