

Minutes of a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2015 at 7.15 p.m.**

**PRESENT**                    **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman)** and  
Councillors E.M. Adam, D.G. Atkinson, J. Atkinson, W.M. Blenkinsopp, A.M. Chandran, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, N. Collinson, Mrs. M. Dalton, M.A. Dalton, R.S. Fleming, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. hall, J.P. Hillary, Mrs. W.P. Hillary, M. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, D. Summers and C. Wheeler.

**OFFICERS**                Mr. A. Bailey (Town Clerk)  
Mr. D. Austin (Finance Manager)  
Miss C. Ryder (Senior Admin. Officer)

80.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors R. Bowman, Mrs. I. Hewitson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson and Mrs. A. Palmer.

81.    **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

82.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No new declarations of interest had been submitted.

83    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

84.    **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor Mrs. M. Dalton, seconded by Councillor M.A. Dalton and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

85.    **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS**

Accounts control sheets for the period 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the General Bank Accounts for November and December 2014 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended that the accounts control sheets for the period 27<sup>th</sup> November 2014 to the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and the General Bank Accounts for November and December 2014 be received.

86. **GRANTS / DONATIONS**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report which gave the current donation budget for this financial year as £4,565.

The following request had been received:

. . . (a) Holocaust Memorial Event

Letters of Thanks

The following letters of thanks had been received:-

(a)	Rotary Club of Newton Aycliffe	Raffle Prizes – raised £700
(b)	Great Aycliffe Cancer Support	£200
(c)	Lifeline Community Action	£300

Aycliffe Youth Council

The current Youth Council grant for 2014/15 is £1,452.

There had been no applications received for grants to date.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

(i) That the report be received.

(ii) Holocaust Memorial Event

That a donation of £100 be given to this event.

(iii) Letters of Thanks

That the letters of thanks be received.

(v) Aycliffe Youth Council

That the information in respect of the Youth Council be noted.

87. **PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRES**

The Early Years Officer and Town Clerk submitted a report to provide the Committee with information regarding the Pre-School Learning Centres.

The report set out attendance figures, waiting list numbers and voluntary contribution tables.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

(i) That the report be received.

(ii) That Officers be authorised to investigate ways to expand the capacity of children wishing to attend the St. Oswald's Pre-School.

88. **2014/15 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET POSITION**

The Finance Manager had submitted a report setting out details of the financial position on the Council's approved 2014/15 Revenue and Capital programme Budget for the nine months to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 as well as an assessment of the expected year end outturn position.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the nine month financial position on the Council's 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Budgets and projection on expected outturn be received.
- (ii) That a further Revenue and Capital Budget report, setting out the final outturn position be submitted to the June Policy and Resources Committee meeting.

89. **APPROVAL OF THE 2015/16 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Finance Manager had submitted a report for Members to consider and approve in principle the 2015/16 Revenue and Capital Budget in order that the Council's 2015/16 Precept and Town Council Tax could be set at a future meeting of Full Council.

**RESOLVED** – that it be recommended:-

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the Council's 2015/16 Revenue and Capital Budget as set out in the report and draft appendices be accepted.
- (iii) That it be agreed that the Council Tax be increased by 1.98%.
- (iv) That the Finance Manager and Town Clerk be thanked for a very comprehensive and helpful report giving guidance to members in order to agree the Council Precept.

90. **EXEMPT BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor M.A. Dalton and

**RESOLVED** – that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was, in the opinion of the Council, advisable that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

91. **PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January were presented for approval. The Town Clerk gave background information in respect of the items that had been discussed in respect of Pre-School Learning Staff and a Flexible Retirement request.

It was proposed by Councillor J.D. Clare, seconded by Councillor M.A. Dalton and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**CHAIRMAN.**