

ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL

Interim Town Clerk - John Furze FILCM

Interim Deputy Town Clerk - Ms Olive O'Sullivan

Minutes of the meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee of Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council held on Wednesday 7th September 2016 in Sutton Coldfield Town Hall starting at 6.30pm.

Present: Cllrs Hodivala, Parry, Pears, Okello, Pocock and S Ward.

In Attendance: John Furze FILCM - Interim Town Clerk, Ms Olive O'Sullivan - Interim Deputy Town Clerk, Mrs Mary Watkins, Administration Assistant (Job Share)

There were no members of the public and one member of the press present.

Before the meeting started there was a session for the public to ask questions of the Council but there were no members of the public present.

1. Election of Chairman - Members to elect a Chairman of the Committee

RESOLVED: That Cllr David Pears (Leader of the Council) be elected as Chairman of Finance & General Purposes Committee until such a time as a new Chairman is elected.

2. Apologies for Absence - Members to receive apologies for absence and to consider the reasons given. LGA 1972 s85(1).

Apologies were received from:

Cllr Owen Jenkins - Working away from Home

Cllr Terry Wood - Conflicting Meeting

RESOLVED: To accept the apologies with the reasons given.

3. Declarations of Interest - Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations). SCTC Code of Conduct

There were no declarations made at this time.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public - Due to the confidential nature of the business of item 70 under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3, it is likely a motion will be proposed to exclude members of the public and press during discussion of this item. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3,

RESOLVED: That item #8 on the agenda be heard with the Public and press excluded.

5. Performance Against Budget - Year To Date (YTD) Members to review Council's performance against budget for YTD (31st August 2016) - Attached.

7.04pm - Cllr R Okello joined the meeting.

Members scrutinised the Council's performance against its Budget.

RESOLVED: To note the Council's performance against its budget for the year to date.

7.34pm - Cllr R Pocock left the meeting.

6. Mayor's Challenge - Budget of £20K - Members to approve items of expenditure within the existing allocated budget.

The Mayor gave an online of items of expenditure either incurred or allocated from the Mayor's Challenge budget.

7.55pm - Cllr R Okello left the meeting.

RESOLVED: To note the Mayor's report.

7. Forward Plans - Members to discuss items for future meetings of the Committee:

Tuesday 4th October - Members to review this Committees spending requirement for FY17/18

Wednesday 2nd November - Members to review submitted spending requirements for all three committees for FY17/18

Wednesday 7th December - Members to agree a recommend budget (spending requirements) for presentation to full council on Tuesday 13th December for FY17/18

RESOLVED: That members note the arrangement for the future meetings of the Committee.

8.05 - 8.10pm - Comfort break for members

8. Exclusion of the Press & Public

The following agenda items, subject to agenda item #4 will most likely be heard with the Public & Press excluded. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s3,

Staff in Confidence (1 item)

The Town Clerk outlined his plans for filling two vacancies within the staffing structure of the Council.

RESOLVED: To support the Town Clerk in his plans for the future staffing structure.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Appointed Committee Members

Cllr Hodivala, Jenkins, Parry, Pears, Okello, Pocock, S Ward and Wood.