

Minutes of a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 18<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 at 7.15pm.**

**PRESENT**                                    **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and**  
Councillors Mrs. D. Bowman, T.R. Bowman, Mrs. B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, V. Crosby, W. Curtis, Mrs. M. Dalton, P. Ducker, G.C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. J. Gray, B. Haigh, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, K. Henderson, Mrs. K. Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, W. Iveson, Mrs. A. Palmer, Mrs. E.M. Paylor, Mrs. V.M. Raw and A. Warburton.

**IN ATTENDANCE**            Councillors W.M. Blenkinsopp and G.R. Gray.

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

79.    **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor T. Hogan.

80.    **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest submitted.

81.    **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no public questions.

82.    **MINUTES**

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

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2011 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

83.    **PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor V. Crosby, seconded by Councillor B. Hall and

**RESOLVED** – that the minutes and recommendations from the Personnel Sub-Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2012 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

84.    **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEET**

Accounts control sheets for the period 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 and the General Bank Account for November 2011 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** – that the accounts control sheets for the period 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 and the General Bank Account for November 2011 were received.

85. **PRE-SCHOOL LEARNING CENTRE REPORT**

The Early Years Officer submitted a report setting out information with regard to the attendance figures for the two Pre-School Learning Centres and the voluntary contributions current balances.

**RESOLVED** – that the information be received.

86. **2011/12 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT**

The Finance Manager submitted a report to provide members with details of the financial position on the Council's approved Revenue and Capital Programme Budget for the nine months to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2011.

The Revenue Budget financial position also included a projection of the expected year end outturn position based on expenditure to date and on known spending commitments over the remainder of the year.

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

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The financial position on the Council's Revenue and Capital Budget and projection of expected outturn for 2011 / 2012 be accepted.

87. **APPROVAL OF THE 2012/13 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET**

The Finance Manager submitted a report to seek approval from Members for the Council's 2012/2013 Revenue and Capital Budget as updated following the consideration and approval of the draft budgets in October.

Approval of the budget will allow the Council's 2012/13 Precept and the Town Council Tax to be set at the meeting of Full Council.

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

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) The Council's 2012/13 Revenue and Capital Budget as set out in the report and appendices be accepted.
- (iii) The Council's Precept and Town Council Tax be set at the meeting of the Full Council on the 25<sup>th</sup> January 2012.
- (iv) Members from Durham County Council be thanked for their help with Council projects.
- (v) The Finance Manager be thanked for the work he has carried out in regard to the preparation of the 2012/13 Budget.
- (vi) The Town Clerk be thanked for his negotiations with Durham County Council in respect of items which have resulted in a lower Council Precept.

88. **OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX – EMERGENCY REPAIRS**

The Town Clerk submitted a report following a recommendation from the Recreation Committee for funding for essential repairs to the sewers at the Oakleaf Sports Complex from contingency funds. The cost of emergency works had amounted to £4,200.

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

- (i) The report be received.
- (ii) An amount of £4,200 be used from the Contingency Budget for the funding of the emergency works to the sewers at the Oakleaf Sports Complex.

89. **STANDING ORDERS EXEMPTION FORM – JUBILEE WOOD**

The Town Clerk and Finance Manager had submitted a Contracts and Procurement Standing Orders Exemption Application Form in respect of the purchase of various trees, plants and tree planting sundries for the Woodham Burn Jubilee Woodland capital project..

**RESOLVED** – that the Exemption Application be approved.

90. **OPEN SPACES SOCIETY**

Information had been submitted from the Open Spaces Society seeking a donation towards their campaign to save your green spaces.

**RESOLVED** – that no donation be made.

**CHAIRMAN.**