

Minutes of a Meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **WEDNESDAY, 18th JULY 2018 at 7.40 p.m.**

PRESENT **Councillor R.S. Fleming (Chairman) and**
Councillors Eddy Adam, M. Ashcroft, Jim Atkinson, Kathy Beetham, P.J. Bergg, Bill Blenkinsopp, Mrs. D. Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, B.A. Clare, J.D. Clare, J. Clark, Mrs. M. Dalton, George C. Gray, I. Gray, Mrs. S. Haigh, B. Hall, Dave Hardaker, Jed Hillary, Kate Hopper, M. Iveson, Mrs. S.J. Iveson, Mrs. V.M. Raw, Ken Robson, Paul Symons and Sally Symons.

IN ATTENDANCE Councillors D.G. Atkinson and K. Henderson.

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

20. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was submitted on behalf of Councillor Wendy Hillary.

21. **MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS**

No applications for dispensations had been received.

22. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of interest submitted.

23. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

There were no questions from the public.

24. **MINUTES**

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor Jed Hillary and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 6th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

25. **ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP**

The notes and following recommendations from the meeting of the Asset Management Member Working Group held on the 6th June 2018 were submitted for consideration:-

- (i) That the update report and detailed appendices be received and agreed.
- (ii) That replacement wooden fencing at St Oswald's allotment not be progressed.

- (iii) That a replacement gate for the works depot not be progressed and an alternative motor for the gate be investigated.
- (iv) That the purchase of a white diesel tank not be progressed.
- (v) That the Aycliffe Village Play Area project be progressed, and alternative sources of funding explored.
- (vi) That the Town Park Skate Park replacement be progressed.
- (vii) That the updated Asset Management Plan be accepted.
- (viii) That officers review the suggested items of capital expenditure in the Medium Term Financial Plan schedule.
- (ix) That the suggestion of a feasibility study in regard to the Council going 'paper light' be deferred until the end of this Council's term of office.

It was proposed by Councillor M. Iveson, seconded by Councillor Jim Atkinson and

RESOLVED – that the notes and recommendations from the Asset Management Member Working Group held on the 6th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

26. **PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE**

It was proposed by Councillor Bill Blenkinsopp, seconded by Councillor M. Iveson and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Pre-School Sub-Committee held on the 13th June 2018 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to the following amendment with regard to item 7(ii).

- 7 (ii) That the provision of uniforms be further investigated and it be noted that the wearing of uniforms will not be compulsory.

27. **ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS**

Accounts control sheets for the period 1st June 2018 to the 6th July 2018 and the General Bank Accounts for May and June 2018 were submitted.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the accounts control sheets for the period 1st June 2018 to the 6th July 2018 and the General Bank Accounts for May and June 2018 be received.

28. **GRANTS / DONATIONS**

The Town Clerk had submitted a report which gave the current donation budget for this financial year as £3,280.

The following applications had been received for consideration:-

(a) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society

(b) City of Durham Lions Club

Letter of Thanks

A letter of thanks had been received from Durham Cathedral for the Council's donation of £250.

Aycliffe Youth Council

The current donation budget for the Aycliffe Youth Council Financial Year is £1,800.

The following grants had been awarded at the Youth Council Meeting:-

- (a) £700 for 12 Woodham Students to participate in a volunteering opportunity in Thailand helping care for elephants, rainforest restoration and cultural preservation.
- (b) £160 towards football strips for Newton Aycliffe Youth Football Club Under 12 Eagles.
- (c) £150 towards St. Mary's Mini Police Project.
- (d) £250 for the Youth Award.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:-

- (i) Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society
That an amount of £250 be donated to the Bus Preservation Society.
- (ii) City of Durham Lions Club
That a voucher for 4 rounds of golf be forwarded as a raffle prize.

Councillor Arun M. Chandran wished to record that he was not in favour of the decision in respect of the City of Durham Lions Club.

- (iii) That the letter of thanks be acknowledged.
- (v) That the information in respect of the Youth Council be received.
- (vi) That it be noted that grants considered by the Youth Council be worded as 'recommended' for consideration of the Policy and Resources Committee.
- (vi) That the grants recommended by the Youth Council under item (a), (b), (c) and (d) in the sum of £1,260 be accepted.

29. **2018/19 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 30TH JUNE 2018**

The Finance Manager had submitted a report setting out the financial position on the Council's approved 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Programme Budget for the first three months of the financial year to the 30th June 2018.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the financial position of the Council's 2018/19 Revenue and Capital Budgets for the three months to the 30th June 2018 be accepted.
- (iii) That further Revenue and Capital Budget Position Reports be provided for the period 30th September 2018 and 31st December 2018, including the projections of expected outturn, at the October and January meetings of the Policy and Resources Committee.

30. **2018/19 TO 2022/23 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN**

The Finance Manager submitted a report setting out information for Members consideration and approval of the 2018/19 to 2022/23 Medium Term Financial Plan.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended:

- (i) That the report be received.
- (ii) That the 2018/19 to 2022/233 Medium Term Financial Plan be approved

CHAIRMAN