

<u>Finance and Policy Committee</u> Thursday 18 February 2016 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: C J Harbron (Chairman), R G Heseltine, Mrs. K McIntyre, P H Whitaker, J W Dawson, G Bell, A F Hickman.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Jill Peacock (Administration and Finance Officer)

Also present: Cllrs: J Kerr, Mrs. W E Clark, C Clark.

Cllr A F Hickman left the meeting early during the discussions of item 8

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Cllr: A Rankine - Ill

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To note the minutes from the previous meeting held on 17 December 2015.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 17 December 2015 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

7. To note the Council's Revenue Budget position as at 31 January 2016.

Members accepted and **NOTED** the current position of the Council's revenue budget, as at 31 January 2016.

Members **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

8. To consider the Council's interim staffing arrangements from 1 April 2016.

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It was **RESOLVED** to readmit the press and public.

9. To consider the political proportions of the various Council Committees following the recent North Ward by-election.

Members **RESOLVED** that no immediate changes be made to the Political proportions of the Council's four standing Committees and that the matter be held over until the Annual Meeting of the Council in May 2016.

10. To consider the adoption of a revised 'Register of Members' Interests' form.

It was **RESOLVED** that Skipton Town Council should adopt the revised format for the Notification of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and Notification of Other Interests Register as adopted by the District Council's Standards Committee.

It was **RESOLVED** that all Members of the Council should complete a copy of the revised Register following its Annual Meeting in May 2016.

11. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of agenda item 12 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

It was **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

12. To award the contract for the cleaning and securing of Coach Street public conveniences for the 12 month period from 1 April 2016.

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It was **RESOLVED** to readmit the press and public.

13. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 8.16 pm.