



Finance and Policy Committee
Thursday 18 June 2015 at 7.00 pm

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Present: Cllrs: C Harbron (Chairman), R G Heseltine, A Hickman, K McIntyre, A Rankine & P Whitaker.

In attendance: Councillor Martin Emmerson.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Wendy Allsopp (Administration Assistant).

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

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

Apologies were accepted from Councillor G Bell due to a prior engagement and Councillor John Dawson due to annual leave.

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 16 April 2015.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 16 April 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.

None.

7. To receive an update from the Chief Officer on the Council's Revenue Budget for 2015/2016.

Members noted the current position of the Council's revenue budget, as at 31st May 2015.

8. To consider any matters relating to the proposed move of the Council's offices to Skipton Town Hall.

The Committee were informed that the Chief Officer, the Leader of the Council and Deputy Leader had recently met with the Lead Member for Skipton Town Hall and Head of Services from Craven District Council to progress matters.

The Committee thanked the Chief Officer for helping to negotiate terms which included:

- Occupation of a first floor suite of offices at the Town Hall together with exclusive use of the Council Chambers on a 15 year lease, with a break clause and rent review after 5 years.
- The ability to sub-let and hire out the office space and meeting rooms.
- The responsibility for the management, and maintenance, of the setts to the front of the building.
- A three month rent free period starting at the beginning of the tenancy, 1st October 2015.

Provided that the terms are fully agreed by Craven District Council's Policy Committee it was **RESOLVED** to recommend to Full Council that the final Heads of Terms agreement is approved and signed and that Council enters a lease as per the agreed terms.

9. To receive an oral update from the Chief Officer regarding Skipton Market.

The Chief Officer advised that the agreement with Royal London was now in place meaning that the Town Council controlled the setts outside Rackham's Department Store. The Chief Officer hoped that going forward agreements could be put in place with all frontagers on similar terms.

Members noted the Chief Officer's comments.

10. To receive notification of matters that Members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm