

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Monday 9th January 2017 19:00 hours Date:

Time:

Location: Council Chamber, Ripon Town Hall

Present: Cllr P McHardy - Chair

Cllr S Hawke - Vice Chair

CIIr S Martin CIIr P Pearson CIIr P Horton CIIr A Williams

Cllr A Morgan – Ex Officio

CIIr R Willis (in substitution for CIIr M Chambers).

In attendance: Mrs P Benson, the Clerk

Mr A Weston, the City Development Manager

Three members of the public.

01-17	To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence.
	Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chambers, Cllr Willis attended in substitution; and Cllr Jones.
02-17	To request any disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation.
	None received.
03-17	Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item as listed below.
	None present.
04-17	To approve the Minutes of the last Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 5 th December 2016.
	That the Minutes be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.
	Proposed – Cllr McHardy Seconded – Cllr Horton
	RESOLVED by a show of hands with 3 abstentions, the Minutes were signed by the Chair.
05-17	All Non F&GP Committee members of the Council are invited to make comments and/or suggestions on item 06-17, Draft Budget below.
	Cllr Stanley queried where the funds identified to implement the City Plan were shown. The Clerk advised that the funds were earmarked within the Long Term Investment which matures in May 2018.
06-17	To consider and approve the Draft Budget for 2017/18.
	That the Draft Budget be approved with a precept request of £305,000 being submitted. That Ripon City Council identify a 'core' precept requirement of £283,000 and that this 'core' amount be used to set the level of reserves (agreed level 50%).

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	That the precept request includes £22,000 in respect of non-recurring items; £10,000 in respect of events to be held on the Market Square; £12,000 towards a feasibility study to reinstate the railway line to Ripon. It noted that the sum of money is contingent upon alternative funds being sought and that Ripon City Council monies are to be used as a fund of last resort. It was further agreed that an additional £6,000 would be made available towards the cost of the feasibility study from Strategic Investment Fund consisting of £2,500 previously agreed in the 2016-17 financial year and a further £3,500 in the 2017-18 financial year.	
	Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Martin	
	RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.	
07-17	To note any items for inclusion on the agenda of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to be held on 6 February 2017.	
	and Contrain diposes Committee to be noted on or containy 2017.	
	To review the Internal Auditor's report dated December 2016 and to consider any recommendations made.	
	To receive a report – Transparency – Small Grants	
	To receive a report on the ICT provision.	
With business concluded the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:35 hours.		
These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the Council.		
SIGNED:	DATE	
CHAIRMAN		
ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY:		
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