

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE OF TRING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE MARKET HOUSE, TRING ON MONDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 8:10 p.m.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs P. J. Hearn (Chairman)  
Mrs O. Conway  
S. Hearn (ex officio)  
M.Hicks (ex officio)  
P. Hills  
Mrs R. Ransley (Subs for Cllr Hollinghurst)  
C. Townsend

**Also present:** Cllr G Wilkins  
Mr M. Curry, Town Clerk  
Mrs D. Slade, Deputy Clerk

1 member of the press & public

**18076. APOLOGIES**

Cllrs N. Hollinghurst (prior appointment) gave his apologies.

**Resolved:** To accept the apologies for the reasons given

**18077. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations were made in relation to item 18009 Precept and Budget 2016/17 should the discussion relate to specific lines of expenditure/income:

Cllr Mrs P. Hearn – A disclosable prejudicial interest in Tring Market Auctions  
A personal interest in Tring Youth Project  
Cllr Mrs O. Conway A personal interest in Tring Youth Project  
Cllr S. Hearn A prejudicial interest in Tring Together  
A disclosable prejudicial interest in Tring Market Auctions

**18078. MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2015 were a true record and could be signed by the Chairman

**18079. MATTERS OF REPORT FROM THE MINUTES**

Nothing to report

**18080. CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

No correspondence received

**18081. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present who wished to speak.

**18082. PRECEPT AND BUDGET 2016/17**

The Clerk briefed members on the changes to the budget since it was presented at the Council meeting held on the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2015. There was a discussion of the separate budget for the Dacorum grant towards the Town Plan and the need to make provision for any on-going current costs resulting. It was agreed to recommend to Council that the contribution to the reserves be maximised for this purpose, with just essential projects being taken forward in the Council's budget. This within the context of a precept resulting from a two percent increase in the Band D rate.

**RESOLVED:** To recommend to Council the baseline budget as presented to the Committee plus allocations for (i) remedial work to the Duckmore Lane Grasskeep along the roadside (£1,250) and (ii) work to Market House (£4,000)

**18083. TO RECEIVE THE INTERNAL AUDITOR'S INTERIM REPORT:**

The Clerk explained the background to the report recommendations.

**RESOLVED:** To accept and action the recommendations of the Internal Auditor's Interim Report

**18084. TO CONSIDERED THE NEW NATIONAL EXTERNAL AUDIT OPTIONS**

**RESOLVED:** That the Council adopt the sector-led body's external audit service provision ('Opt-in')

**18085. PENSION & NI CHANGES**

The Clerk advised Members of the Council's date for pension auto-enrolment (1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2017) and the broad implications.

**RESOLVED:** That the Staffing & Employment Committee takes forward the preparations necessary to fulfil the Council's obligations under auto-enrolment

The meeting ended at 9:00 p.m.

Chairman