

Minutes of the meeting of the Special Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Thursday, 5th January, 2017

Present: Councillor H Nicholson in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, L. Deakin, B. Bates, P. A. Pemberton, L. Cockfield,
L. Iddon, G. Huntington, P. Quinn and S. Quinn

R 41/16 Apologies for Absence

No apologies for absence were received.

R 42/16 Declarations of Interest

Cllr. L Iddon declared an interest in Item No. 4 – Draft Budget and Precept 2017/18 as a consequence of his involvement with the Shildon Gardens and Allotments Guild and Community Newspapers Ltd.

R 43/16 Exclusion of Press and Public

That in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

R 44/16 Draft Budget and Precept 2017/18

The Finance and Policy Officer presented the draft Budget and Precept Requirement 2017/18 report and highlighted the following:-

- The projected probably outturn for 2016/17
- Reserves and balances
- The basis upon which the 2017/18 budget had been prepared
- Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme
- Current Draft Budget
- Request for growth
- Fees and Charges
- Precept 2017/18

Following detailed consideration of the report along with discussions on the issue of the proposed removal of street lighting columns in Shildon and the risk assessment consultation process, it was **recommended** - 9 votes for and 1 vote against that:-

- a) The basis upon which the draft budget had been prepared be confirmed

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- b) The unavoidable growth of £9,500 for the cost of the ordinary elections to be held in May 2017 be noted.
- c) The request for growth detailed in para. 5 be approved
- d) All fees and charges be retained at their current level
- e) A contribution of £4,180 be made from General Reserves solely in aid of the Budget for 2017/18
- f) The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for 2017/18 be increased by 1.99%.
- g) A further report be presented to the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 16th January, 2017 to finalise the budget and precept requirement for 2017/18.

Signed
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