

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Thursday, 4th January 2018

Present: Councillor H Nicholson in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, D L Mather, D Anderson, D Childs, M Johnson, J Miller, L Cockfield, P Quinn, S Quinn and D Reynolds

R 46/17 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors L Deakin, L Butterworth and J G Huntington

R 47/17 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

R 48/17 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 49/17 Budget and Precept Requirement 2018/19

The Finance and Policy Officer presented the draft Budget and Precept Requirement 2018/19 report and highlighted the following:-

- The projected probable outturn for 2017/18
- Reserves and balances
- The basis upon which the 2018/19 budget had been prepared
- Unavoidable Growth Items
- Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme
- Current Draft Budget
- Requests for growth
- Fees and charges
- Precept 2018/19

Signed
Chairman.....

Following detailed consideration of the report and it was **recommended** that:-

- a) The basis upon which the draft Budget had been prepared be confirmed
- b) The requests for growth detailed in paras. 5a.-d be approved subject to:
 - i) The Direct Works operatives to be trained in major tree works sign an undertaking that if they leave the employment of the Town Council within 3 years of successfully completing the training to gain employment elsewhere they will repay the training costs and such costs to reduced by a third for each of the 3 years
 - ii) The Community Development and Project Support Officer's regrading to commence on scp 18 from April 2018
- c) All fees and charges be retained at their current level
- d) The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for 2018/19 be increased by 1.99%
- e) A further report be presented to the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 15th January 2018 to finalise the budget and precept requirement for 2018/19

Signed
Chairman.....