

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Tuesday, 22nd December 2015.

Present: Councillor P A Pemberton in the Chair
Councillors A Walker, H Nicholson, J Gash, B Bates,
L Cockfield, P Quinn, S Quinn, J G Huntington, L Iddon and
D M Hancock

R 43/15 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Stoker, D Gordon, J Miller, M Stott and S Bird.

R 44/15 Declarations of Interest

Cllr L Iddon declared an interest in Item No 5 – Budget and Precept Requirement 2016/17 as a consequence of his involvement with the Gardens Guild and Community Newspapers Ltd.

R 45/15 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 46/15 Coffee Machine Lease

Recommended that the 5 year rental option provided by Rijo at a weekly rental of £18.50 ex. VAT be approved

R 47/15 Budget and Precept Requirement 2016/17

The Finance and Policy Officer presented the draft Budget and Precept Requirement 2016/17 report and highlighted the following:-

- The projected probable outturn for 2015/16
- Reserves and balances
- The basis upon which the 2016/17 budget had been prepared
- Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme
- Current Draft Budget
- Requests for growth
- Fees and charges
- Precept 2016/17

Signed
Chairman.....

Following detailed consideration of the report and in particular the level of reserves and balances and the Localisation of Council Tax Support Scheme it was unanimously **recommended** that:-

- a) The basis upon which the draft Budget had been prepared be confirmed
- b) The Shildon Community Safety Group, Citizens Advice Bureau and Jubilee Fields Community Association be requested to provide details of the activities and services undertaken during 2015/16
- c) The requests for growth detailed in paras. 5a.–e be approved
- d) All fees and charges be retained at their current level
- e) The Town Council's portion of the Council Tax for 2016/17 be increased by 1.9%
- f) A further report be presented to the meeting of the Town Council to be held on 18th January 2016 to finalise the budget and precept requirement for 2016/17

Signed
Chairman.....