

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Coyle, Hewlett, Murray (substituting for Councillor Smith), Roberts, (substituting for Councillor Mrs Coe), Watson and Wheeler

**Labour Group**

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Taylor (substituting for Councillor Wilkins)

**In Attendance**

Councillors Mrs Brown and Mrs Farrington

FM/65 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs Coe, Smith (Conservative Group) Southerd and Wilkins (Labour Group)

FM/66 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

FM/67 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10**

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

FM/68 **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

The Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

FM/69 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider.

FM/70 **ACCOUNTS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2015/16**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, highlighting that external auditors had submitted an unqualified report for 2015/16. The Director made reference to disclosures and adjustments highlighted in the report, but commented that the external auditors had been complimentary in terms of how the Council secured value

for money in its financial activities. Reference was made to the complexity and level of detail in the accounts, as currently required by the CIPFA guidelines, but there is a possibility that these accounts could be condensed for the future. Following approval by Committee, this would allow the signing of the Council's Audited Accounts and Financial Statements for 2015/16 by the Chairman and subsequent publication by 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016.

The Leader and the Chairman acknowledged the level of work involved in producing the accounts and thanked the Finance team for their efforts.

**RESOLVED:**

***That the Committee approved the Council's Audited Accounts and Financial Statements for 2015/16, for signing by the Chairman of the Committee prior to publication.***

FM/71

**LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

**RESOLVED:-**

***That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.***

**TO RECEIVE QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 11**

***The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.***

The meeting terminated at 5.10pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN