

HOUSING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE: SPECIAL - BUDGET

10<sup>th</sup> January 2017

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Hewlett (Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Coyle, Ford (substituting for Councillor Billings), Grant, Mrs Hall (substituting for Councillor Smith) and Muller

**Labour Group**

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Mrs Stuart and Taylor

**In attendance**

Councillors Atkin and Swann (Conservative Group)

HCS/67 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Billings, Coe, Smith and Mrs Wyatt (Conservative Group)

HCS/68 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

HCS/69 **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.

HCS/70 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11**

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

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

HCS/71 **SERVICE BASE BUDGETS 2017/18**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, drawing attention to the savings identified in certain budgets and the risks associated with the use of some reserves, growth within the District and the Markets Service. The Director also confirmed that fee increases were being proposed for cemeteries and parks, with streamlining of the fees made for use of Swadlincote Town Hall.

Members raised queries relating to the use of Section 106 funds, any time limit restrictions on the use of reserve sums, the treatment of VAT in relation to travelling fairs and the policy regarding Festival of Leisure bookings. These issues were addressed by both the Director of Finance and Corporate Services and the Director of Community and Planning.

With regard to the level of grants to voluntary and community bodies, an amended proposal of maintaining the increase at 2% was not supported by Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

- 1.1 That the proposed revenue income and expenditure for 2017/18 for the Committee's Services as detailed in Appendix 1 to the Report were considered and referred to the Finance and Management Committee for approval.**
- 1.2 That the proposed fees and charges as detailed in Appendix 3 to the Report for 2017/18 were considered and approved.**
- 1.3 That grants to voluntary and community bodies be increased by 1% in 2017/18 subject to approval by the Finance and Management Committee.**

HCS/72 **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 6.30pm.

COUNCILLOR J HEWLETT

CHAIRMAN