

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

23rd April 2015

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Mrs Watson (Chairman), Councillor Jones (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Mrs Hall (substitute for Councillor Murray), Hewlett, Stanton (substitute for Councillor Smith), Watson and Wheeler

Labour Group

Councillors Bell, Mulgrew (substitute for Councillor Taylor), Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Wilkins

In Attendance

Councillor Harrison

FM/123 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Murray, Smith (Conservative Group) and Taylor (Labour Group).

FM/124 **MINUTES**

The Open minutes of the Meetings held on 19th February 2015 and 19th March 2015 were taken as read, approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

FM/125 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors Stanton and Wheeler declared a personal interest in the Discretionary Rate Relief Schemes item: Sharpe's Pottery Heritage Visitor Centre by virtue of their position as Trustees. Councillor Southerd also declared a personal interest in the same item: Our Monkey Club (Church Gresley) CIC by virtue of his position as a County Councillor.

FM/126 **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/127 **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/128 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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

MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE

FM/129 **AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the Audit sub-Committee held on 18th February 2015 and 1st April 2015 were submitted.

RESOLVED:-

That the Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee Meetings held on 18th February 2015 and 1st April 2015 be received and any recommendations contained therein approved.

FM/130 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING GRANT**

The Director of Community and Planning Services summarised the report, referring to the grant applications, as approved by the Housing and Community Services Committee on 16th April 2015.

RESOLVED:

That Members noted the grant support available for the development of neighbourhood development plans from the Department for Communities and Local Government and agreed to pass on the element of grant support that relates to the designation of a neighbourhood area.

FM/131 **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.

MINUTES

The Exempt minutes of the Meeting held on 19th February 2015 were received.

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.

REORGANISATION OF THE PLANNING SERVICE (Paragraph 1)

The Committee agreed proposals for the reorganisation of the Planning Service.

DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF SCHEMES (Paragraph 3)

The Committee approved the recommendations relating to Discretionary Rate Relief.

LAND AND PREMISES IN SWADLINCOTE (Paragraph 3)

The Committee agreed proposals for land and premises in Swadlincote.

HOUSING BENEFITS PROCESSING AND CUSTOMER SERVICES (Paragraph 3)

The Committee agreed the recommendations put forward in relation to Housing Benefits processing and Customer Services.

The meeting terminated at 6.45pm

COUNCILLOR MRS A WATSON

CHAIRMAN