

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE: SPECIAL – FINAL ACCOUNTS

21<sup>st</sup> June 2016

**PRESENT:-**

**Conservative Group**

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Mrs Plenderleith (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Atkin, Mrs Coe, Mrs Coyle, Hewlett, Smith, Watson and Wheeler.

**Labour Group**

Councillors Rhind, Richards, Southerd and Wilkins.

**In attendance**

Councillor Mrs Farrington (Conservative Group).

FM/26 **APOLOGIES**

No apologies were received.

FM/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

FM/28 **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/29 **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/30 **REPORTS OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

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

**MATTERS DELEGATED TO COMMITTEE**

FM/31 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16**

**RESOLVED:-**

***1.1 Members approved the Treasury Management Annual Report for 2015/16.***

**1.2 Members noted the Treasury Management Stewardship Report and Prudential Indicators for 2015/16 (as detailed in Appendix 1 to the report) and that the Council complied fully with all requirements.**

**1.3 Members approved that the Statement on the Minimum Revenue Provision for 2015/16, as detailed in Section 5 of the report, be recommended to Council for approval.**

**FM/32 BUDGET OUT-TURN AND FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16**

The Director of Finance and Corporate Services presented the report to Committee, highlighting various aspects including the bad debt and appeals provisions and the current situation relating to Council Tax, Business Rates and the HRA Fund.

Councillors Atkin and Richards raised queries relating to the Housing Rent arrears and the DWP clawback figures respectively, responded to by the Director.

**RESOLVED:**

**1.1 Members approved the final out-turn position for:**

- **The General Fund Revenue Account 2015/16**
- **The Housing Revenue Account 2015/16**
- **Capital Expenditure and Financing 2015/16**
- **The Collection Fund 2015/16**
- **The Balance of Reserves and Provisions at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016.**

**1.2 That a net appropriation of £133,000 in 2015/16 be made from the General Fund Reserve to other Earmarked Reserves as detailed in the report.**

**1.3 That the following contributions are made to Bad Debt and Appeal Provisions in 2015/16:**

<b>Sundry Debtors</b>	<b>-£680</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Bed and Breakfast Charges</b>	<b>£29,033</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Housing Benefit Overpayments</b>	<b>£104,280</b>	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Previous Year's Balances (Net)</b>	<b>£21,989</b>	<b>General fund</b>
<b>Council Tax Arrears</b>	<b>£247,805</b>	<b>Collection Fund</b>
<b>Business Rates Arrears</b>	<b>£90,380</b>	<b>Collection Fund</b>
<b>Business Rates Appeals</b>	<b>£1,488,867</b>	<b>Collection Fund</b>
<b>Housing Rent Arrears</b>	<b>£105,068</b>	<b>Housing Revenue Account</b>

**FM/33 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.*

**APPLICATION FOR DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF (Paragraph 3)**

*The Committee approved the recommendation made in the Report.*

**DISCRETIONARY RATE RELIEF: TOP-UP APPLICATION (Paragraph 3)**

*The Committee approved the recommendation made in the Report.*

**DEBTS SUBMITTED FOR WRITE-OFF: COUNCIL TAX, BUSINESS RATES AND HOUSING BENEFITS OVERPAYMENTS (Paragraph 1)**

*The Committee approved the recommendations made in the Report.*

**RESTRUCTURE OF THE HOUSING SERVICES OPERATION WITHIN THE HOUSING AND ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES (H&ES) DIRECTORATE (Paragraph 3)**

*The Committee approved the recommendations made in the Report.*

**HOUSING NEW BUILD: UPDATE AND PROPOSALS (Paragraph 3)**

*The Committee approved the recommendations made in the Report.*

The meeting terminated at 7.20pm.

COUNCILLOR J HARRISON

CHAIRMAN