



# Skipton Town Council

## Finance and Policy Committee Thursday 14 April 2016 at 7pm

Present: Cllrs: C J Harbron (Chairman), R G Heseltine, Mrs. K McIntyre, P H Whitaker, J W Dawson, G Bell, A F Hickman, A Rankine.

Officers: Dave Parker (Chief Officer) and Jill Peacock (Administration and Finance Officer)

Members held a minutes silence as a mark of respect to Ronnie Hollings former Town Councillor and Mayor of Skipton who sadly passed away on 5 April 2016.

1. To accept representations from the Public between 7.00 pm and 7.15 pm.

None.

2. To accept apologies for absence.

None.

3. To record declarations of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests items on the agenda.

None.

4. To consider the recommendations of the Chief Officer relating to requests for dispensations to Members on items requiring a declaration of pecuniary and non pecuniary interests.

None.

5. To note the minutes from the previous meeting held on 18 February 2016.

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the minutes from the Finance and Policy Committee meeting held on 18 February 2016 as a true and accurate record of what transpired at that meeting.

6. To report information arising from the minutes of items not on the agenda from members and the Chief Officer.

None.

7. To note the Council's Revenue Budget position as at 31 March 2016.

Members accepted and **NOTED** the current position of the Council's revenue budget, as at 31 March 2016 and passed on their congratulations to all involved with the budget setting and monitoring process.

8. To consider recommendations by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee relating to staff subsistence allowances.

Members considered the recommendations of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, relating to the payment of Subsistence Allowances to staff and **RESOLVED** that payments would remain at the present amount. Staff will not be able to claim when working on any day which is not their normal working day except when working on an event or festival or away from their normal place of work for the duration of a full day or longer.

9. To consider a review by the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of the remit and responsibilities of the Council's Standing Committees.

Members reviewed the recommendations from the Audit and Scrutiny and Environment and Planning Committees for amendments to the remits and responsibilities of the Council's Standing Committees and agreed that this is submitted to Full Council for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

10. To consider excluding press and public for consideration of item 11 on the grounds that it relates to confidential matters.

Members **RESOLVED** that in accordance with Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable and in the public interest that the press and public be asked to withdraw.

11. To consider a matter relating to the Council's land assets.

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12. To receive notification of matters that members would like including on a future agenda.

None.

The meeting closed at 7.52 pm.