

CIRENCESTER TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of a Meeting of the Finance Committee held in the Bingham Gallery and Conference Suite, Bingham House, 1 Dyer Street, Cirencester, at 7.00 p.m. on Tuesday, 3rd November 2009.

PRESENT: Councillor Mrs S A Alexander - Vice Chairman

Councillors: G T Adams
Mrs C Braidwood
P Braidwood
H G C Gray
W Helm
R Hughes
A Lichnowski
D J Nash
G M Selwyn

Andrew Tubb - Chief Executive Officer
Johan Newman - Executive Officer

137.10 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted from the Chairman, Councillor Mrs M S Rickman (personal) and Councillors A N Curry (personal), Mrs J Hincks (personal), Mrs S A le Noury (personal) and Mrs B A Potter (personal).

138.10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

139.10 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 14th April 2009 and the Special Meeting held on 12th May 2009 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

140.10 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (Standing Order 68 refers)

No notification of questions was received.

141.10 BUDGET REPORT AS AT 30TH SEPTEMBER 2009

RESOLVED that the Budget Report as at 30th September 2009 be noted and approved.

142.10 INTERNAL AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT GROUP - STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL REPORT 2009/10

It was noted that the Internal Audit and Risk Management Group had met and had completed the Statement of Internal Control Report for 2009/10, but that a further meeting to finalise the same was due to take place in the near future and would be published in due course.

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143.10 ANNUAL RETURN 2008/9 - EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members received the Annual Return 2008/9 - External Auditor's Report.

Members extended their gratitude to the Responsible Finance Officer for his sterling works on the accounts, which had been emphasised through the External Audit.

RESOLVED that the Annual Return 2008/9 - External Auditor's Report be approved and the matters not affecting the opinion of the audit be noted.

144.10 DRAFT ESTIMATES 2010/11

The Draft Estimates for 2010/11 were considered by the Members and the Chief Executive Officer suggested the following amendments: -

- Amend the Grants fund to £15,500 to incorporate the Open Air Swimming Pool project item
- Increase the Mop Fair figure by £400 to £3,700 due to an increase in Cotswold District Council charges for the use of the Forum Car Park
- Reduce the Obelisk Refurbishment figure by £500 to £2,000
- Reduce the Youth Initiative/Officer figure by £500 to £14,500

The revised proposed precept was accordingly £668,485 which was a total of £96.09 p.a. for a Band 'D' property; currently £93.02 p.a.

Further to discussion, it was: -

RECOMMENDED: -

- a) that the Corporate Group give consideration to the allocation and awarding of grants;**
- b) to Council that a precept of £668,485 for 2010/11 be approved.**

The meeting closed at 7.26 p.m.
Alexander

Councillor Mrs S A

Vice Chairman