



COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT PENALLTA HOUSE, YSTRAD MYNACH ON TUESDAY, 19TH JULY 2016 AT 5.00 PM

PRESENT:

Councillor Mrs D. Price - Mayor
Councillor J. Bevan - Deputy Mayor

Councillors:

Ms L. Ackerman, M. Adams, Mrs E.M. Aldworth, Mrs K.R. Baker, P.J. Bevan, L. Binding, Mrs A. Blackman, D.G. Carter, Mrs P. Cook, C.J. Cuss, H.W. David, W. David, H.R. Davies, N. Dix, C. Elsbury, M. Evans, Mrs C. Forehead, Miss E. Forehead, J.E. Fussell, Ms J. Gale, L. Gardiner, N. George, C.J. Gordon, R.W. Gough, D.T. Hardacre, D.C. Harse, D. Havard, C. Hawker, A.G. Higgs, G.J. Hughes, K. James, M.P. James, G. Johnston, Ms J.G. Jones, Miss L. Jones, S. Kent, G. Kirby, Ms P. Leonard, A. Lewis, K. Lloyd, C.P. Mann, S. Morgan, Mrs G. Oliver, D.V. Poole, M.J. Prew, J. Pritchard, J.A. Pritchard, D. Rees, K.V. Reynolds, J.E. Roberts, R. Saralis, J. Simmonds, S. Skivens, Mrs E. Stenner, Mrs J. Summers, J. Taylor, L.G. Whittle, T.J. Williams, R. Woodyatt

Together with:

C. Burns (Interim Chief Executive), C. Harry (Corporate Director – Communities), N. Scammell (Acting Director of Corporate Services and Section 151 Officer), D. Street (Corporate Director - Social Services), G. Williams (Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer), R. Hartshorn (Head of Public Protection), T. Stephens (Interim Head of Planning), R. Kyte (Team Leader Strategic and Development Planning), L. Lane (Solicitor) and R. Barrett (Committee Services Officer)

1. **WEB-CASTING FILMING AND VOTING ARRANGEMENTS**

The Interim Chief Executive reminded those present that the meeting was being filmed and would be made publicly available in live and archive form via the Council's website. He advised that decisions would be made by a show of hands.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors A.P. Angel, D. Bolter, D.T. Davies, K. Dawson, Mrs P. Griffiths, Mrs B.A. Jones, Mrs P.A. Marsden, D.W.R. Preece, A. Rees and Mrs M.E. Sargent.

3. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT - RECENT EVENTS

The Mayor referred to the recent terrorist lorry attack in Nice, France, on the evening of Thursday 14th July 2016, which had resulted in the deaths of 84 people and left hundreds more wounded. She also referred to the recent murder of Jo Cox MP, who had been fatally injured outside her constituency surgery in West Yorkshire. All present stood for a moment of silence as a mark of respect for the victims of these tragic events.

Members were informed that following both events, the flags at Penallta House were lowered to half-mast in support of the victims and their families, and a book of condolence was opened for Jo Cox MP in the main reception area. The flags at Penallta House were also flown at half-mast as a mark of respect for the multiple victims of the fatal nightclub shooting in Orlando, Florida, in June 2016.

4. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor referred to the many events and visits that she and the Deputy Mayor have undertaken since the last meeting. Recent engagements of note included visits to schools across the county borough and commemorating a diamond wedding anniversary. The Mayor spoke of her pleasure in carrying out these duties.

5. PRESENTATION OF AWARDS

Good Practice and Innovation Award

Members were informed that Caerphilly Council recently received the Welsh Local Government Association's (WLGA) Good Practice and Innovation Award for their Senior Councillor Programme.

This was established as a cross-party training programme for Members who hold or aspire to Senior Office to develop their leadership practice, and gave the opportunity to develop key skills and knowledge with a view to optimising performance and progression within the Council. The programme was held on Saturday mornings over a six-month period and included formal facilitated sessions, briefings, workshops, preparation tasks and practical exercises. On approving the submission, the WLGA noted the thoughtful and structured planning of the programme and the sustained commitment of Members in completing the training.

Sarah Titcombe (Welsh Local Government Association) presented the award to Emma Sullivan (Democratic Services) and the Mayor.

Invictus Games

Members were informed that two Caerphilly county borough residents recently represented the UK at the 2016 Invictus Games in Orlando. Donna Davies achieved silver and bronze medals in cycling and John Prosser won a gold medal for rowing.

Miss Davies served in the military for 11 years, during which time she participated in a variety of sports. Having developed knee problems during her military service, she has since received key support from the Help for Heroes Sports Recovery Programme over the past few years. Miss Davies also competed at the first Invictus Games in 2014.

Mr Prosser suffered several parachuting injuries during his time in the military, and as part of his recovery, he took up rowing with the support of Welsh Rowing and the Help for Heroes Sports Recovery Programme, winning medals at the Welsh and British Indoor Rowing Championships.

Donna Davies and John Prosser came forward to receive their awards from the Mayor and Members congratulated them on their achievements.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Ms L. Ackerman declared an interest in Agenda Item No. 11 (Deposit Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031). Details are minuted with the respective item.

Gail Williams (Interim Head of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer) confirmed that as the Deposit Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031 is a strategic document, there was no requirement for Members to declare a prejudicial interest on that basis. Members were also advised that in respect of Agenda Item No. 13 (Internal Investigation of Senior Officers – Additional Financial Provision), as this report related specifically to financial arrangements (and not the ongoing investigation), there was no requirement to declare an interest on that basis.

7. COUNCIL – 7TH JUNE 2016

RESOLVED that the following minutes be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

Council held on 7th June 2016 (minute nos. 1-12).

REPORTS REFERRED FROM CABINET

Consideration was given to the following reports referred from Cabinet.

8. AMENDMENTS TO AUTHORISATION OF OFFICERS WITHIN THE PUBLIC PROTECTION DIVISION

The report, which was presented to Cabinet on 29th June 2016, advised of changes to the legislation applicable to Officers of the Public Protection Division. It sought Council approval on amendments to the Council's Constitution to include the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, and the Children and Families Act 2014, and also sought additional authorisation for Officers under the above Acts.

Under the new Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, it is an offence to supply, produce, import or export psychoactive substances (also called "legal highs"), and the Act enables the police and local authorities to adopt a graded response to such offences in appropriate cases. The Children and Families Act 2014 introduces a number of new powers and responsibilities for the Authority's Trading Standards Service, including legislation which makes it an offence to sell nicotine products (such as e-cigarettes and liquids) to under 18s, or purchase tobacco/nicotine products on behalf of persons aged under 18 (proxy sales).

In response to a Member's query, Officers confirmed that Trading Standards inspections of relevant retail premises take place according to a "risk rating" and that the timeframe for routine inspections may vary. Targeted inspections take place as the result of specific intelligence and concerns received by the Public Protection Division.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations from Cabinet as outlined therein be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) the implementation of the legislation be noted and the recommended changes to the Council's Constitution be approved;
- (ii) the Council's Monitoring Officer make the necessary amendments to the Council's Constitution;
- (iii) the Council's Constitution and Terms of Reference be amended by adding the following: Psychoactive Substances Act 2016, Children and Families Act 2014;
- (iv) Officers within the Public Protection Division be authorised under the Psychoactive Substances Act 2016 and the Children and Families Act 2014 in order to enforce the legislation and carry out their duties.

9. NOTICE OF MOTION - REMEDIAL ACTION TO IMPROVE AIR QUALITY ON HAFODYRYNYS ROAD

The report responded to a Notice of Motion received from Councillor A. Lewis, requesting that CCBC take all remedial action urgently to improve air quality on Hafodyrynys Road. The report had been considered by the Health, Social Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on 21st June 2016 and thereafter Cabinet on 29th June 2016.

Members considered the reasons for the Motion and subsequent recommendations. It was noted that an air quality monitoring exercise had been conducted in the Hafodyrynys area and that there are proposals to develop an Air Quality Action Plan upon which detailed public consultation will be undertaken. Members also noted concerns raised by Councillor Lewis regarding a proposed access road in the Hafodyrynys area, with it reported that Caerphilly Council had sent a letter of objection to Torfaen Council regarding this planning application, on the grounds of the detrimental impact on residential amenity, highway safety and air quality.

Following due debate, and in taking into account the views of the Scrutiny Committee and the additional recommendation of Cabinet, it was moved and seconded that the content of the Notice of Motion be supported. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) the Notice of Motion be supported;
- (ii) the Action Plan Steering Group explore the option of building a by-pass in the area, in conjunction with Welsh Government.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Consideration was given to the following reports.

10. NOTICE OF MOTION - STATE PENSION ARRANGEMENTS

Consideration was given to the report, which detailed the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor Mrs E.M. Aldworth and supported by Councillors Mrs P. Cook, Ms J. Jones, Ms P. Marsden and Mrs J. Summers, in relation to State Pension Arrangements. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee:-

"Caerphilly County Borough Council calls upon the Government to make fair transitional state pension arrangements for all women born on or after 6th April 1951, who have unfairly borne the burden of the increase to the State Pension Age with lack of appropriate notification".

Members considered the reasons for the Motion, and the information provided by the Member in support of the motion, and following due debate, it was moved and seconded that its content be supported. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report, the Notice of Motion be supported.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION - HATE CRIMES

The report detailed the following Notice of Motion received from Councillor R. Saralis and supported by Councillors J.E. Fussell and N. Dix, in relation to the matter of Hate Crimes. In accordance with Rule 11 (3) of the Constitution, the Mayor has agreed to allow the motion to be dealt with at Council, without being first discussed at an overview and scrutiny committee:-

"We are proud to live in a diverse and tolerant society. Racism, xenophobia and hate crimes have no place in our country. Our council condemns racism, xenophobia and hate crimes unequivocally. We will not allow hate to become acceptable.

We will work to ensure that local bodies and programmes have the support and resources they need to fight and prevent racism and xenophobia.

We reassure all people living in this area that they are valued members of our community."

Members considered the reasons for the Motion, and the information provided by the Member in support of the motion, and following due debate, it was moved and seconded that its content be supported. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report, the Notice of Motion be supported.

12. CARDIFF CAPITAL REGION CITY DEAL

Consideration was given to the report, which sought Council approval for the interim governance arrangements for the "Cardiff Capital Region City Deal" agreement, together with a financial contribution to the running costs of the administration of the City Deal for the remainder of the year.

Members were reminded that in February 2016, Council further agreed to sign an agreement with the other nine local authorities in South Wales, UK Government and Welsh Government, which was signed by all parties in March 2016. A copy of the agreement was appended to the report, which sets out proposals for a £1.2 billion investment in regeneration and infrastructure across the South Wales region.

The report recommended continued involvement in the emerging City Deal, with it intended that the City Deal will be managed through a Joint Committee comprising the 10 Authority Leaders, which will be referred to as the "Joint Cabinet". The terms of such a body will require formal Council approval and a further report will be presented to Council once a formal proposal is in place.

Until the Joint Committee/Joint Cabinet is established, it is proposed that the 10 Leaders continue to meet as a Project Board to oversee the process as they have to date, with it

renamed the 'Shadow Joint Cabinet' to reflect the emerging structure. This will not be a legal entity or a decision-making body, save for those powers delegated to each Council leader. Any decisions will be around the administration and development of the City Deal and no formal commitments to funding or approving projects will be made by this Shadow Joint Cabinet.

To enable these activities to continue to the point where a formal City Deal can be agreed, each authority has been asked to make a financial contribution as previously agreed. It was recommended that Council agree to the request (totalling £59,989 for the Authority) which will be met from General Fund Balances. During the interim period, whilst the formal governance arrangements are being drawn up (which will be subject to Full Council approval once finalised) a Memorandum of Understanding has been drawn up for each of the 10 authorities to sign. A copy was appended to the report.

During the course of the ensuing debate, discussion took place regarding the potential projects being developed by the Project Board and their likely timescales for release. Members were assured that the approval of full Council will be sought at a later date prior to any formal commitment to the City Deal. It was explained that there are 5 portfolio areas across the Project Board (comprising of two Leaders per area) with Caerphilly having joint responsibility for the Regeneration, Planning and Housing portfolio. It is anticipated that further details of these projects will be released at the end of 2016 or at the beginning of 2017.

Members welcomed news of the latest development and reiterated the need for investment and regeneration to be focused around local communities. Assurances were given that concerted efforts will be made to ensure that Caerphilly County Borough benefits from the City Deal.

Following consideration of the report, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations as outlined in the report By a show of hands (and in noting there was 1 against and 1 abstention) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) the interim governance arrangements for the development of the final proposals around the City Deal via the 'Shadow Joint Cabinet' of the 10 local authorities in the region be supported;
- (ii) subject to the Interim Head of Legal Services approving its terms, the Interim Memorandum of Understanding contained at Appendix 2 of the report be signed by the Leader;
- (iii) a contribution of £59,989 be made towards the ongoing development costs for the City Deal.

13. DEPOSIT REPLACEMENT CAERPHILLY COUNTY BOROUGH LOCAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN UP TO 2031

Councillor Miss L. Ackerman declared a personal interest (in that she is an allotment plot owner at a site referenced in the Plan). As it was personal and not prejudicial, she remained in the meeting during consideration of the item.

The report and presentation provided an overview of the representations made by interested parties/people to the public consultation exercise undertaken in February and March 2016 in respect of the Deposit Replacement LDP. The report outlined the Welsh Government response and provided an Officer response to those issues raised, and suggested the appropriate way forward, having regard to a number of factors raised during the consultation period.

During the consultation period, 4,654 individuals and/or organisations submitted comments and five notable petitions were received. It was noted that an additional petition concerning the Gwern y Domen site, which contained 2199 signatures, had been received by Officers ahead of the meeting of Council. Members were asked to note that the report should reflect 3129 petition signatures concerning development at the Ness Tar Site and Nant y Calch Farm. Representations of both support and objection to the Plan were received, and a summary of the issues raised by the general public were detailed within the Officer's report.

Welsh Government (WG) indicated that they are broadly supportive of the LDP strategy which seeks to locate development in sustainable locations, linked to the role and function of places and infrastructure provision, which is to be welcomed. It was observed by WG that the Plan exceeds the WG's population and household projections (a deviation of approximately 6750 dwellings above the Welsh Government principal projection of 5650). The WG recognised that it is for the Local Planning Authority (LPA) to consider the latest household projections and local factors when assessing the housing requirement, and that the LPA should set a level of housing provision that is appropriate for the area, linked to the key issues the Plan is seeking to address and have regard to Planning Policy Wales.

WG have raised a Category A objection in respect of the Delivery of the Strategy as it relies on the delivery of the two Strategic Sites identified in the Plan at Maesycwmmmer and South East Caerphilly, with WG concerned that there is no evidence to support the delivery of the two sites. Officers are working closely with the landowner consortia for both sites on the evidence necessary to demonstrate that both sites are deliverable and viable. WG are of the view that this evidence should have been available during the Deposit Consultation, and as it was not, it will need to be subject to a further formal public consultation exercise to enable interested people/parties to comment upon it. Members were advised that a decision therefore needed to be taken on this matter, which could take the form of a second deposit consultation.

Members were asked to note that the WG has not raised a formal objection in respect of the population and household projections that underpin the Deposit Replacement LDP, and that they merely note the deviation from the WG principal projections.

The report also outlined considerations for Members in respect of the Council's commitment to discuss the prospect of a Strategic Development Plan as detailed in the Cardiff Capital Region City Deal. This agreement discusses the prospect of the ten local authorities (in partnership with the Welsh Government) developing an integrated SDP that incorporates housing and employment land use with wider transport plans, and will provide the blueprint for development across the city region. Additionally, Rhondda Cynon Taff are progressing to the first review of their adopted LDP and have written to Caerphilly to establish the possibility of commencing work on a Joint Local Development Plan.

Having regard to all these factors, the report presented two options for Members' consideration. **Option 1** proposed a Second Deposit (continue with the review of the LDP including a further period of consultation). **Option 2** proposed that the Council seek further discussions with WG and local authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region regarding the possible development of a Strategic Development Plan and withdraw the Deposit Replacement Plan.

Officers highlighted the benefits and implications of each option as outlined in the report and recommended to Members that **Option 2** be supported. It was explained that Option 2 would seek to delay progress on the delivery of the Replacement LDP to enable the implications of the rapidly evolving regional work to be properly understood and incorporated into the Plan. This would allow Officers to explore the aspirations of all relevant parties in terms of the next generation of LDPs and the relationship of these plans with the SDP. It is anticipated that a SDP could be developed by 2021, which coincides with the end date of the existing LDP.

To mitigate implications associated with plan withdrawal, including the Council's vulnerable position in terms of speculative planning applications for housing and other development, together with the shortage in the five year housing land supply, it is proposed that a 'light touch' replacement LDP be prepared for Caerphilly in due course. This would be in conformity with the new SDP and will reflect the importance of the county borough as a pivotal and highly connected place within the wider city region.

Members discussed the report in detail, and in welcoming the proposals for an overarching Strategic Development Plan, spoke of the benefits this approach could have over a wider geographical area in and around the county borough. Reference was also made to the positive effects on planning development if the remaining brownfield sites across the county borough can be unlocked. Members placed on record their appreciation to Planning Officers for the extensive work associated with the production of the Deposit Replacement LDP.

A query was received regarding the costs that had been accrued during the production of the Deposit Replacement LDP. It was confirmed that this totalled £60,000 over three years, excluding staff costs (which had been absorbed as part of normal staff workloads) and after taking into consideration Welsh Government funding. Assurances were given that this expenditure would have continued value in that the information gained to date would form the basis of the Strategic Development Plan and 'light touch' Local Development Plan.

Concerns were raised regarding the impact of withdrawing the Deposit Replacement LDP on proposed infrastructure improvements in the county borough. It was explained that the City Deal would assist in addressing this issue and would play a significant role in improving infrastructure across the whole of the county borough.

Reference was made to the impact on the consideration of future planning applications arising from the withdrawal of the Deposit Replacement LDP (in that the existing adopted LDP will become increasingly outdated). It was confirmed that a workshop will be held in December 2016 which will give guidance to the Planning Committee and Officers in relation to these issues and establish a way forward prior to the delivery of the Strategic Development Plan.

During the course of the debate, an additional recommendation was moved and seconded, in that WG be formally requested to remove the aggregated formula used in the calculation of the 5 year housing land supply. It was confirmed that this would be incorporated into the recommendations.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report, together with the additional recommendation as detailed above, be approved and by a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) Option 2 for progressing work on the development plan for Caerphilly County Borough as set out in paragraph 4.50 of the report be approved;
- (ii) the Council seek further discussions with WG and local authorities within the Cardiff Capital Region regarding the possible development of a Strategic Development Plan;
- (iii) subject to Ministerial Approval, the Deposit Replacement Caerphilly County Borough Local Development Plan up to 2031 be formally withdrawn;
- (iv) the Council seek an urgent meeting with the WG Minister to advise on the intention to withdraw the Deposit Replacement LDP, seek support for the preparation of the SDP as a matter of urgency and discuss the importance of Welsh Government funding to help unlock the remaining brownfield sites across the county borough;

- (v) Welsh Government be formally requested to remove the aggregated formula used in the calculation of the 5 year housing land supply.

14. FINAL CERTIFICATION OF ANNUAL ACCOUNTS (2012/13, 2013/14 AND 2014/15)

Consideration was given to the report, which presented the final certification of completion of audit for the annual accounts for the 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 financial years, and sought the re-approval of Council on their content.

It was reported that the external auditor, in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Code of Audit and Inspection Practice issued by the Auditor General for Wales, issues a certificate of completion of audit each year for the Council's annual accounts. However, no certificates were issued for the 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 years of account when the audit opinion was initially signed off by the Auditor General. This was because they could not be issued until the completion of the police investigation and court proceedings in respect of the decision of the senior remuneration panel in September 2012. Additionally for the 2012/13 financial accounts, the Appointed Auditor had been considering whether to issue a public interest report in respect of the payment of buy-out allowances to senior officers.

These matters have now been concluded and as a result, the Appointed Auditor has now issued final certificates of completion of audit for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15, which were appended to the report for Council approval.

Following consideration and discussion, it was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands this was unanimously agreed.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) the final certificates of audit completion for 2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15 as appended to the report be noted;
- (ii) the annual accounts for each of the three financial years be formally re-approved.

15. INTERNAL INVESTIGATION OF SENIOR OFFICERS – ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL PROVISION

The report sought Council approval of further financial provisions to ensure that sufficient funding is set aside to meet costs associated with the ongoing internal investigation of three Senior Officers.

Members were reminded of the current interim arrangements in place within the Authority arising from the ongoing internal investigation. There are revenue budgets established for the posts of Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services and Head of Legal Services/Monitoring Officer and the post holders currently fulfilling these duties on an interim basis are funded from these revenue budgets. Additional costs associated with the three Senior Officers have been funded from General Fund reserves as approved by Council. On 9th June 2015, Council approved a further provision of £278,000 to cover the anticipated salary costs of the three Senior Officers to the 31st August 2016.

The Authority is now progressing internal investigations in accordance with the Council's approved procedures and statutory requirements. Members were advised that it was therefore necessary to review the current arrangements to ensure that sufficient additional funding is set aside to meet the salary costs of the three Senior Officers during the ongoing

investigation process.

It was recommended that a further provision of £282,000 be established from General Fund balances to cover the period 1st September 2016 to 31st March 2017, to ensure that sufficient funding is available to meet the salary costs of the three Senior Officers if the investigation process is not concluded during the 2016/17 financial year.

The report also detailed legal costs incurred as part of the ongoing investigation process. Actual legal costs of £56,000 have already been incurred in 2016/17 to the end of May 2016. In the event that matters are not concluded during the current financial year, it was recommended that a further provision of £220,000 be established to meet potential legal costs for the period 1st April 2016 to 31st March 2017.

Members were advised that the financial provision for the salaries of the three Senior Officers and for legal costs will need to be reviewed again in early 2017, if it is anticipated at that time that the investigation process will not be concluded in the current financial year. An earlier report may be necessary, should legal costs be higher than currently anticipated.

During the course of the ensuing debate, Members sought clarification on the breakdown of salary costs for the three Senior Officers. It was confirmed that these incorporate a 30% 'on-cost' rate to cover the employer's costs for National Insurance and Superannuation. It was agreed that further information would be forwarded to a Member detailing the breakdown of salary costs for 2015/16 and 2016/17.

A Member queried the Authority's legal obligations in respect of continued salary payments to the three Senior Officers following the conclusion of the police investigation. The Interim Chief Executive confirmed that this would be a matter for the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee to consider but the current legal advice is that the existing arrangements should be upheld.

It was moved and seconded that the recommendations in the report be approved. By a show of hands (and in noting there were 14 abstentions) this was agreed by the majority present.

RESOLVED that for the reasons contained in the report:-

- (i) a further financial provision of £282,000 be funded from General Fund balances to cover the potential salary costs of the three Senior Officers for the period 1st September 2016 to 31st March 2017;
- (ii) an additional financial provision of £220,000 be funded from General Fund balances to meet potential 2016/17 legal costs arising from the ongoing investigation process.

16. QUESTIONS RECEIVED UNDER RULE OF PROCEDURE 10(2)

There were no questions submitted under Rule of Procedure 10(2).

The meeting closed at 7.22 p.m.

Approved as a correct record and subject to any amendments or corrections agreed and recorded in the minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2016, they were signed by the Mayor.

MAYOR