

Minutes of the Meeting of the **FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE** held at the Town Hall, Swanage on **MONDAY, 2nd FEBRUARY 2009** at 9.30 a.m.

PRESENT:- Councillor M.W. Pratt (Town Mayor) – Chairman.

Councillor L. Gloyn-Cox
Councillor Mrs. A. Patrick
Councillor S. Poultney
Councillor W.S. Trite

Also in attendance:-

Councillor B. Audley
Councillor C.R. Bright
Councillor Mrs. C. Gainsborough
Councillor M. Whitwam

Public Participation Time

There were no members of the public present at the meeting.

1. **APOLOGIES**

An apology for his inability to attend the Meeting was received from Councillor Suttle.

2. **REVIEW OF 2009/10 DRAFT ESTIMATES**

Further to Minute No. 2.2) of the Special Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January 2009, the Clerk presented a schedule of proposed revisions to the draft Estimates 2009/10. Areas affected by these proposals included Car Parks, Parks and Operations, Beach Gardens, Caravan Park, Publicity & Information Centre (including cessation of the Town Council's contribution to the marketing budget), and deferment of the £200,000 loan repayment due 2009/10 until 2011/12 and 2012/13 respectively.

During the lengthy and detailed discussion that followed, Members considered that cost savings amounting to £130,000 should be made to the draft Estimates before determining the level of precept to be set for 2009/10.

It was proposed by Councillor Gloyn-Cox, seconded by the Town Mayor, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

TO RECOMMEND:

That the proposed revisions to the draft Estimates 2009/10 be accepted, and that the Town Clerk be requested to identify further cost savings before the level of precept for 2009/10 is determined.

3. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Proposed by the Town Mayor, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Patrick, and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:-

That, under Standing Order Nos. 67 and 68, it is envisaged that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is advisable in the public

interest that the press and public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

4. **DISPOSAL OF CARAVAN PARK**

The Clerk reported that, following a meeting of professional advisers on 30th January 2009, it had been decided to proceed in appointing Fox Leisure as the preferred land agent for the disposal of the Caravan Park. Extensive enquiry forms were in the process of being completed in time for the disclosure of information prior to the formal appointment being made either on or before 20th February 2009.

The meeting concluded at 11.55 a.m.
