

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 24th JANUARY, 2017

Present: The Mayor, Councillor Miss S Morrison (Presiding) and Councillors, B Allen, Mrs B E Allen, E Bell, Mrs J A Bell, B Burn (Snr), S Cudlip, Mrs S Forster, R Meir, I Paul, C Snowball, R Whitehead, K Younger

Apologies: Councillors R Arthur, G Bleasdale, B Burn (Jnr), Mrs H Cahill, B Taylor

Prior to commencement of the meeting the Chair advised members of this Committee and members of the public that in line with the amendment to 'the public bodies (admission to meetings) act 1960', which came into force in August, 2014, parts of this meeting may be recorded by photographic, video and audio means.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Members were reminded prior to the start of the meeting of the need to disclose any interests, prejudicial or personal, in accordance with the Code of Conduct.

2. OPEN SESSION

In accordance with established policy the Council provided a fifteen minute opportunity for any members of the public to raise questions. During this period no issues were raised.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF SEAHAM TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON 13TH DECEMBER, 2016

RESOLVED the Minutes of this meeting, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and they be signed as a correct record by the Mayor.

4. REPORTS OF SERVICE COMMITTEES

RESOLVED that the reports of the following Committees, copies of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved:

- a) Report of Arts and Information Committee held on 3rd January, 2017.
- b) Report of Parks and Events Committee held on 3rd January, 2017.
- c) Report of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 10th January, 2017.
- d) Report of Planning and Environmental Committee held on 10th January, 2017.

- e) Report of Clerk's Advisory Sub Committee held on 10th January, 2017.
- f) Report of the Establishment Sub-Committee held on 10th January, 2017.

5. REVISED BUDGET FOR 2016/17 AND PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2017/18

RESOLVED the Council approve the budgets for 2016/2017 and the revised budgets for 2017/2018.

6. SETTING THE PRECEPT

RESOLVED that the Council hereby agree to precept upon Durham County Council for the sum of £1,045,504 in respect of their requirements for the next financial year, namely 2017/18 to levy a 2% increase to taxpayers and authority be granted for the precept notice to be signed by the Mayor and Town Clerk.