

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY
8 June 2015 AT 7PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, THE TOWN HALL, RIPON**

PRESENT: Cllr A Williams - Chairman
 Cllr J Bate
 Cllr S Jones
 Cllr A Morgan
 Cllr P Pearson
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr P McHardy – Ex-Officio
 Cllr L Barnes as substitute for Cllr Martin
 Cllr R Willis as substitute for Cllr Chambers

The Clerk
 2 members of the public
 Cllr Stanley (non-committee member)
 Mr Alan Weston, City Development Manager

Late Arrivals: Cllr Waiting (non-committee member) 7.37pm
 Cllr Horton (non-committee member) 7.40pm

Early Departures: A member of the public left 7.40pm

		Action By:
1/15.	<u>To receive apologies for absence</u> Apologies were received from Cllr Chambers, Cllr Hawke & Cllr Martin	
2/15.	<u>Members of the public are now invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item .</u> A member of the public wished to speak but as the item he wished to discuss did not relate to an item on the agenda the Chairman did not allow him to speak.	
3/15.	<u>To request any Disclosure of an interest in relation to any matter under consideration at this meeting (financial or otherwise) & to consider any written requests for dispensation.</u> There were no disclosures of interest.	
4/15.	<u>Minutes of the Committee Meetings held on 13.04.15</u> Proposed – Cllr Powell Seconded – Cllr Barnes “That the minutes of the said meeting be approved” RESOLVED	
5/15.	<u>To approve the Financial Year 2014/2015 income & expenditure report &</u>	

	<p><u>recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Barnes Seconded – Cllr Bate</p> <p>“That the income & expenditure report for the financial year 2014/2015 be recommended for approval at the meeting of Full council.”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
6/15.	<p><u>To consider & approve the Annual Internal Auditors report for Financial Year 2014/2015 & recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Jones Seconded – Cllr Bate</p> <p>“that the Annual Internal Auditors report for the Financial year 2014/2015 be recommended for approval at the meeting of Full Council”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
7/15.	<p><u>To agree the Annual Internal Audit report 2014/2015 for the Annual Return & recommend approval to Full Council</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Jones Seconded – Cllr Powell</p> <p>“that the Annual Internal Audit report for 2014/2015 for the Annual Return be recommended for approval at the meeting of Full council”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
8/15.	<p><u>To agree the External Audit Accounting statement for financial year 2014/2015 & Annual Governance Statement for financial year 2014/2015 & to confirm that the Annual Review of Internal Control has been considered & approved for the financial year 2014/2015 & recommend approval to Full council (the scope of internal review is enclosed)</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Jones Seconded – Cllr Morgan</p> <p>“that the committee approve the External Auditing statement for the financial year 2014/2015 & the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2014/2015 & confirm that the Annual Review of Internal control has been considered & approved for the financial year 2014/2015 & recommend for approval at the meeting of Full Council”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
9/15.	<p><u>To consider & recommend to Full Council the approval of the re-appointment of the Internal Auditors – Yorkshire Internal Auditors for the financial year 2015/16</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Barnes Seconded – Cllr Pearson</p> <p>“that the Internal Auditors, Yorkshire Internal Auditors are re-appointed for the financial year 2015/16”</p>	

	RESOLVED	
10/15.	<p><u>To consider the purchase of name badges for Councillors & Staff.</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Morgan</p> <p>“that the Clerk looks at the costings & options for these & reports back to the next meeting”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
11/15.	<p><u>To discuss the process of conferring the Freedom of the City to RAF Leeming – approved by Full Council 20.10.15 agenda item 99/14.</u></p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Morgan</p> <p>“that the specially convened meeting to confer the Freedom of the City to RAF Leeming be held on Friday 4 September 2015 with the Freedom Parade taking place on Battle of Britain Sunday, 13 September 2015 & that the Clerk uses the £1000 Civic events other budget reserved for this purpose.”</p> <p>RESOLVED</p>	
12/15.	<p><u>Correspondence to consider:</u></p> <p>a. Find out more about your CVS & local voluntary & community sector services</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to receive & note this correspondence but to also advise HARVCS that it is not always possible for Councillors to attend these events during working hours.</p>	
13/15.	<p><u>Reports for consideration:</u></p> <p>a. North Yorkshire – Proposed reductions to bus service subsidy (please also look at the website for further information, http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy)</p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke on this item.</p> <p>Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Morgan</p> <p>“that the City Council objects strongly to the withdrawal of the services listed, in particular services 142/143 to York as this makes a work commute between Ripon & York impossible & the 56R service. The City Council is also concerned about the lack of consultations at a time when people can attend (i.e after working hours) & that there is no consultation in Ripon. County Councillors should also be asked to raise the matter at County Hall with the appropriate officer.</p> <p>RESOLVED</p> <p>b. North Yorkshire – Reconfiguration of the Library Service – update</p>	

	<p>The City Development Manager spoke on this item</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the Clerk writes to NYCC to ask what they mean by 40% staffing proposal & to seek clarification as to exactly what is intended & that County Councillors Bateman & Horton be asked to represent the City Council.</p> <p>c. Developing a Ripon City Council Business Plan 2015-2020</p> <p>The City Development Manager spoke on this item.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that members agree to the production of a Business Plan 2015-2019 & that this be drawn up in consultation with members with the draft to be brought before the Finance & General Purposes committee in September/October for consideration. The business plan should include a provision for voluntary sector funding & the criteria for such funding.</p>	
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The meeting closed at 7.46pm

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CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY

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