



COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RIPON MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: *Monday 4th December 2017*
Time: *7pm*
Location: *Council Chamber, Ripon Town Hall*

Present: Cllr P Pearson (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr M Chambers
 Cllr P Horton
 Cllr S Hawke
 Cllr S Martin
 Cllr C Powell
 Cllr A Williams
 Cllr P McHardy (ex officio)

In attendance: Cllr LPA Barnes
 Cllr A Gaskin
 Cllr S L Jones
 Cllr M Stanley
 Cllr R Willis
 Mrs P M Benson (The Clerk).

93-17	<p>To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence.</p> <p>Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bate and Morgan.</p>		
94-17	<p>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.</p> <p>None declared.</p>		
95-17	<p>Members of the public are invited to question, seek clarification or make representation to members of the Committee on any agenda item as listed below.</p> <p>None.</p>		
96-17	<p>To approve the Minutes of the last Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting held on 6th November 2017.</p> <p>That the Minutes be approved as a correct record of the proceedings.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Proposed – Cllr Williams Seconded – Cllr Hawke</p> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>		
97-17	<p>To consider passing a resolution under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), that the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.</p> <p>That the above resolution be passed.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin: 5px 0;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="text-align: center;">Seconded – Cllr Hawke</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Hawke
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98-17	<p>To receive legal advice together with an associated report.</p> <p>That the Finance and General Purposes Committee resolve to settle the invoice referred to in the legal advice using LGA 1972 Part VII s.135(4) as the firm in question entered into a contract with the Council in good faith, whilst recognising that the Council has acted ultra vires.</p> <p>That the Council self-refer to PKF Littlejohn as external auditor.</p> <p>That the Internal Auditor's report be received and noted and that it be returned to the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee in January 2018 when a revision in internal process will be considered.</p> <p>The Clerk reminded Council that whilst all members had been involved in discussions only members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee were eligible to vote on this matter.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Proposed – Cllr Williams</td> <td style="width: 50%; padding: 2px;">Seconded – Cllr Martin</td> </tr> </table> <p>RESOLVED by a unanimous show of hands.</p>	Proposed – Cllr Williams	Seconded – Cllr Martin
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With business concluded the meeting was closed at 8:24pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Paula Benson, Clerk to the Council.

SIGNED:

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CHAIRMAN

ACKNOWLEDGED AT FULL COUNCIL MEETING FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

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