

Minutes of the **Policy and Resources Committee** meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, at 7pm on **TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018**.

**PRESENT:** Councillor: J. Cansella (Chair)

**Councillors:** D. Farry, N Jones, J. Makepeace and Z.Roddam

**Officials:** D. Shingleton, Acting Town Clerk

**P&R28.18-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Atkinson, P. Atkinson, L. Smith, R. Smith and J. Lindsay.

**P&R29.18-19 MEMBERS DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensations had been received in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

**P&R30.18-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**P&R31.18-19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**P&R32.18-19 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 7 November 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

**P&R33.18-19 GRANT APPLICATIONS**

Members considered a report from the Acting Town Clerk providing details of the latest audited accounts of the LADDER Centre up to 31 March 2018, together with an analysis of the figures.

Following a detailed discussion, Members considered that more up to date financial information would be helpful in making a decision. In relation to the Council's Grants Policy it was felt that it required a significant update, which should include specific reference to any application for grant funding being accompanied by the latest accounts of the organisation.

**RESOLVED**

That:

- a) the LADDER Centre be asked for a copy of the latest financial information they have available to them; and
- b) a revised Grants Policy be submitted to the next meeting of the Corporate Governance Committee for consideration.

**P&R34.18-19 BUDGET 2019/2020**

Members considered a report from the Acting Town Clerk on the draft budget for the year 2019/2020. Some discussion took place on the proposed rent reviews and it was agreed that the income figures be left as they are currently shown in the budget, pending the outcome of the reviews. A question was asked regarding whether we have a full and complete list of assets and whether the growth requests were based on the condition survey. The Acting Town Clerk would respond in due course. There was a general view that the implications of a rise in Council Tax of up to 2% be considered. It was noted that the Budget would be considered at the meeting of the Full Council on 12 December 2018.

**P&R35.18-19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the date of the next scheduled meeting be Wednesday, 9th January 2019.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8.10pm

**CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD**

**CHAIR**.....

**DATE**.....