

Minutes of the **Policy and Resources Committee** meeting held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Ferryhill, at 7pm on **WEDNESDAY, 16th JANUARY 2019**.

PRESENT: Councillor: J. Cansella (Chair)

Councillors: C. Atkinson, P. Atkinson, D. Farry, N Jones, J. Makepeace and Z.Roddam, A. Smith, R. Smith

Officials: D. Shingleton, Acting Town Clerk

Other: Representatives from LADDER Centre

P&R36.18-19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor J. Lindsay.

P&R37.18-19 MEMBERS DISPENSATION

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

P&R38.18-19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor P. Atkinson declared an interest in Agenda Item 10 as a result of being a Trustee of the LADDER Centre. He would not vote on this item.

P&R39.18-19 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

At this point in the meeting it was agreed to consider Agenda Item 10.

P&R40.18-19 GRANT APPLICATION

Representatives from the LADDER Centre presented details of the work undertaken for a wide cross-section of the people of Ferryhill in support of their application for a grant of £800. They emphasised their success in securing benefits for people, the number of visitors through their door each week and being the only IT hub in Ferryhill. The grant would help fund important IT developments. The representatives were thanked for their attendance and left the meeting. Following detailed discussion it was

RESOLVED

- a) That the grant of £800 be awarded this year; and
- b) As part of approving the final budget for the year 2019/2020 the Council be asked to amalgamate all grant budgets into one heading.

P&R41.18-19 MINUTES OF MEETING ON 4 DECEMBER 2018

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th December 2018 be agreed as a correct record.

P&R42.18-19 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

The Acting Town Clerk informed the meeting that Councillor Lindsay had contacted him stating that the minutes of the Budget Working Review Group were

illegal due to the meeting not being quorate. The Acting Town Clerk had responded pointing out to him that, as it was a Working Group, the normal rules don't apply and, in any case, the notes of the meeting clearly stated that the meeting was not quorate and any decisions taken would need to be ratified at a subsequent meeting. Councillor Lindsay did not accept this and stated he intended to refer the Acting Town Clerk to the "Standards Officer". Members noted the comments and pointed out that officers are not subject to investigation by the Monitoring Officer.

RESOLVED

That the notes of the Budget Review Working Group be received.

P&R43.18-19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

6th March 2019

P&R44.18-19 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

RESOLVED

"That in accordance with the provision of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the public and press for the remaining items of the Agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to public interest."

P&R45.18-19 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meetings of the Personnel Sub-Committee held on 30th October 2018 and 19^h December 2018 be received for information.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm

CERTIFIED AS A TRUE RECORD

SIGNED.....

DATE.....