

# Joint meeting of the Finance & Audit and Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Minutes of a joint meeting held on Wednesday 27 January 2015, at the Town Hall, Royal Leamington Spa at 6.00pm.

**Present:** Councillors Barrott, Mrs Blacklock, Boad, Mrs Bromley, Mrs Bunker, De-Lara-Bond, Dean, Dhillon, Mrs Falp, Gill, Gifford, Heath, Mrs Higgins, Illingworth, Mrs Mellor, Pittarello, Mrs Syson and Weed.

**Also present:** Councillors Caborn and Mobbs (Portfolio Holders).

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs Brookes, Edwards, Guest, Kinson OBE, Pratt and Williams.

## 1. **Appointment of Chairman**

It was proposed and duly seconded that Councillor Barrott be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

**Resolved** that Councillor Barrott be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

## 2. **Substitutes**

Councillor De-Lara-Bond substituted for Councillor Copping, Councillor Weed substituted for Councillor Mrs Knight, Councillor Heath substituted for Councillor MacKay and Councillor Gifford substituted for Councillor Wreford-Bush.

## 3. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 4. **Council Agenda Item 13 – Wednesday 28 January 2015 – Local Plan Submission Draft**

The Committee only considered recommendations 2.4 to 2.9 and the associated paperwork for these in the report.

The Chairman thanked officers for the addendum that was circulated via the addendum.

Some members of the Committee had concerns about the use of Compulsory Purchase Orders in any circumstance and felt this should not be included as a recommendation at this time. However, overall the Committee supported the proposal.

The Committee recommended the Community Infrastructure Levy as stated in the report was the way to proceed to ensure the plan to be set out was achieved.

The Committee supported recommendation 2.8 as a sensible proposal but did raise a concern that the figure of £120,000 may not be sufficient even though this was evidenced through the costs of other examinations in public. The Committee asked for the budget figures for the Local Plan and the additional funds for this and reasons to be passed to all members so they could see the requirements in total.

5. Public and Press

**Resolved** that under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items by reason of the likely disclosure of exempt information within paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, following the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

6. **Council Agenda Item 17 – Wednesday 28 January 2015  
Council Item 17 – Executive Item 7 – Strategic Options  
Proposal**

The Committee considered recommendation 2.3 to 2.11 and the associated paperwork for these from the report.

The Chief Executive explained that the offer could be made to a single club because it was to enable them to relocate to a new site and release their current site for other issues with planning purpose. But the issues outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report needed to be demonstrated as well as the appropriate procurement reports. The Committee also noted that the Council would not be paying for the development of the site. The design, build and funding would be the responsibility of the club although council officers would assist.

The Committee noted Appendix 1 to the report which clearly set out the view of the current position of the club involved.

The Committee welcomed the need for the club, if the proposal went forward, to set out specifically how this proposal would provide a local sports and community hub, that did not simply benefit the club.

The Committee recommended that recommendation 2.11 be amended to say “[...] that **up to** £50,000 is made available [...]”

(The meeting ended at 7.15 pm)