

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING

held in the Council Chamber,  
Council Offices, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012  
(adjourned and reconvened on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012)

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:  
Councillor Everett (Chairman)

Councillors: Mrs. Ackerley, Bannister (22<sup>nd</sup> October only), Beaty, Beesley-Reynolds, Birch, Dr. Bremner, Brodrick (23<sup>rd</sup> October only), Mrs. Burrell, Callis (22<sup>nd</sup> October only), Charlish, Dann, Dewes, Dunton, Evans, Galton, Golding, Hall, Hallam, Dr. S. Hill (22<sup>nd</sup> October only), Holyoak, Johnson, King, Knowles, Liquorish, McHugo (22<sup>nd</sup> October only), Mrs. Page, Pain, Mrs. Robinson, Rook, Mrs. Simpson, Smith, Spendlove-Mason, Tomlin (22<sup>nd</sup> October only), Mrs. Tooley and Mrs. Wood.

Officers: C. Clarke, K. Cowell, A. Graves, J. Holden, B. Jolly, B. Murgatroyd,  
E. O'Neill and V. Wenham.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brodrick (for 22<sup>nd</sup> October only) and Graves.

269 ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman reported that an Errata document (containing corrections to the Property Review report mentioned below) had been tabled prior to the Meeting. To enable Members to have sufficient time to read the document, the Chairman announced a five-minute adjournment.

The Meeting reconvened after a period of five minutes.

270 TOPICAL ISSUES

(a) Changes to Planning Guidance

Councillor Rook reminded Members that central government was proposing to issue new guidance on extensions and other developments. He stated that the Council should provide a formal response to this proposal.

The Chairman requested that Councillor Rook put forward a Motion Without Notice in accordance with Part 4, Section 1, Rule 13 of the Council's Constitution.

(b) Registration of Members' Interests

Councillor Dann reported that a number of Members had failed to return their Register of Interests form. He urged these Members to forward their Register of Interests forms at the soonest available opportunity.

271 MOTION WITHOUT NOTICE

Councillor Rook proposed that the Council should prepare a formal response to central government's consultation on changes to planning guidance. The motion was seconded by Councillor Galton and it was

RESOLVED that: a response to central government's consultation on changes to planning guidance be drafted and brought back to the next Council Meeting for approval.

272 MINUTES

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

#### 273 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

- (i) Councillor Dewes declared a personal and prejudicial interest in Agenda Item 11 (Call-in of Planning Application 12/00851/FUL). The nature of the interest was stated to be that Councillor Dewes' family farmed the land on which the planning application was made prior to the submission of the planning application. Councillor Dewes withdrew from the meeting during the debate and resolution of the item.
- (ii) Councillor Dunton declared a personal and prejudicial interest in the report titled 'Property Review Proposal – Financial Overview' and withdrew from the Meeting for the debate and resolution of the item. The nature of the interest was stated to be that he works for the local library service which will be affected by the outcome of the decision.

#### 274 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced that he would be present at a Remembrance Sunday Service at St. Dionysus Church, Market Harborough on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2012. He added that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mrs. Robinson, would be at a Remembrance Sunday Service in Lutterworth. The Chairman urged all Members to attend one of the two Services.

#### 275 WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None received.

#### 276 REPORT OF THE LEADER OF THE EXECUTIVE

Councillor Rook, Leader of the Executive, presented his report as set out below:

##### "Leader's Report - OCTOBER 2012

Returning to my theme of last month, concerning the enormous weight of work coming forward, Members are feeling the pressures of difficult decision-making at a time of deep economic fallout.

I have made the point several times in previous Leader's Reports, that when it comes to the real issues that the District faces, it is imperative that we all understand these in some depth, and it has become particularly imperative to attend all Councillor Briefings, where we have the opportunity to discuss with officers the risks, issues, and opportunities, of the major decisions coming towards us..

Let's just reflect for a moment ourselves, about some of the decisions we have had to make in a period of intense cut backs on our income, in an era of unprecedented new legislation.

These range from developing a Core Strategy to monitoring control of transformational changes in service delivery and property, Brooklands Gardens, section 106s bonding, strategic savings on service delivery, sharing of services, new ways of handling customer requests, partnership arrangements with county and other districts, new ways of raising taxation, the impact of welfare savings, new models for museum and library working, contact changes with our holistic environmental contractor, the expectations of localism and neighborhood planning, plus a host of other big ticket issue still on the Work Plan, such as housing lettings and affordable housing policy.

A major problem for Members is that many of these issues have never been faced by them before. Most have not considered contract legislation in normal life, many find it very difficult to understand the effect of pooling NNDR on council income, still less understand the complexity of a 10% cut in localisation of council welfare benefits.

Life can be uncomfortable for an administration under these circumstances, but we have a

responsibility to do our part to repair the worst financial crisis any of us have ever seen.

Communication and Member engagement throughout these processes of change are paramount of course. Some we do better than others, but of one thing I am sure, it takes courage to do what is right for everyone, not just sectional interest.

As they say, "There is no making an Omelette without cracking eggs". We can strive to be a proactive Council, or sit back and watch the District disintegrate.

So we move forward to three of the biggest issues we face as Members at Council tonight.

Officers have been working and briefing on all these items for many months now, and I have no doubt in my mind that the Council will make the right decisions in the light of full understanding of those items.

These decisions are not about politics in a run up to an election year, these are about the vision for a long term future and the stability of Harborough District, and it's about courage to do what's right for the whole community we serve.

Cllr Michael Rook (Leader HDC)"

#### 277 SECTION 100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

It was moved by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the public and press be excluded from the meeting, for the duration of the discussion on the following item, on the grounds that the following matters, yet to be discussed, involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

#### 278 PROPERTY REVIEW: BUSINESS CASE FOR MARKET HALL INVESTMENT

At its Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Council asked for a detailed business case for investment in the Market Hall, Market Harborough and its market management services, to develop a commercial management approach for the same.

It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason and seconded by Councillor Rook that:

- (i) the Council agrees that a package of market services improvement measures is required to be implemented in the short- to medium-term to:
- address the negligible value of the Market Hall as a going concern,
  - mitigate the significant risk of the market service incurring an ongoing loss of revenue within two years,
  - deliver and demonstrate through a minimum of 12 months trading accounts (following re-development of Market Hall), a robust financial position to provide flexibility for the Council in respect to the future ownership, management and operation of market trading.
- (ii) the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Head of Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer and in accordance with Council's Contract Procedure Rules, be granted authority to:

- Procure a contract for the provision of interim market management services to oversee the delivery of recommendation 2.2.3 below,
  - Procure a contract/contracts for the design, specification, tender and construction of a scheme of physical improvements to the Market Hall and facilities for outdoor market trading, at an anticipated cost of £410,000,
  - Implement those operational changes to market management necessary to deliver the vision and tenant mix set out in this report.
- (iii) Council note that in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, decisions to enter into contracts in line with recommendations 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 will be subject to approval by either Council or the Executive.
- (iv) Council authorise the Section 151 Officer to draw down or otherwise make available capital and revenue funding to support the above recommendations as set out in the accompanying Property Review Proposals – Financial Overview presented to Council.

Councillor Johnson proposed an amendment to Part (ii) of the motion, as follows:

“The second bullet point be amended to read: Procure a contract/contracts for the design, specification, tender and construction of a scheme of physical improvements to the Market Hall and facilities for outdoor Market trading (substituting the work listed in Option 2 for the reconfiguration of the public toilets for the work listed in Option 1 for the reinstatement of these toilets) at an anticipated cost of ~~£410,000~~ £465,000.”

The proposed amendment was seconded by Councillor Dunton. On being put to a vote it was

RESOLVED that: the motion not be amended.

Councillor Spendlove-Mason's motion became the substantive motion and on being put to the vote it was

RESOLVED that: items (i) to (iv) above be approved.

## 279 PROPERTY REVIEW: BUSINESS CASE FOR HEADQUARTERS REDEVELOPMENT

At its Meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Council requested that a detailed business case for the redevelopment of the Council Headquarters building at Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough (discussed in connection with Minute 608 2011/12).

It was proposed by Councillor Spendlove-Mason and seconded by Councillor Rook that:

- (i) Council approves the implementation of the redevelopment of the Council headquarters building at an anticipated capital cost of £5.750m (as set out in table 2.8.1 below), subject to obtaining the necessary statutory approvals and giving due regard to the affordability assessment for the proposals discussed in the accompanying report to Council, Property Review Implications - Financial Overview prepared by the Section 151 Officer.
- (ii) Council note that:
  1. Previous decisions taken enable the process of procurement for a construction contract, in accordance with the SCAPE/EMPA national framework contract, be proceeded to the receipt of tender stage;
  2. In accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules, and in pursuance of the earliest completion of construction works, either Council or the Executive must, upon receipt of tender, decide whether to enter into the contract, at an anticipated value of £4.775m (excluding any element attributable to the further enhancements of the museum beyond those proposals discussed in this report).

- (iii) Council approves the Lettings Strategy as set out at Appendix A to the report, taking into account the comments of the Scrutiny Task and Finish Group and noting that the following change should be made to the Strategy:

“...In order to support and sustain the unique, diverse and highly successful retail offer in Market Harborough, preference shall be given for independent, local businesses...”

to be amended to read (change shown in bold type):

...In order to support and sustain the unique, diverse and highly successful retail offer in Market Harborough, **where possible** preference shall be given for independent, local businesses...

- (iv) The Head of Legal Services, in consultation with the Section 151 Officer and with due regard to the relevant market valuations and recommendation set out at 2.3 of the report, be granted authority to negotiate agreements to:

1. provide suitable accommodation within the Headquarters building for the provision of office accommodation and library facilities for Leicestershire County Council;
2. provide potential tenants with retail accommodation and/or office units within the Headquarters building;
3. provide accommodation for Harborough museum.

- (v) Council to note that any decision to enter into any agreements as recommended in paragraph 2.4 of the report, will be taken by the Executive.

- (vi) The Chief Executive, in consultation with the portfolio holder for Corporate Services, together with the Head of Legal Services and the Section 151 Officer, be granted authority to:

1. identify and implement measures in the short-term to provide a suitably responsive and flexible Facilities Management Service to support the Council’s activities during the period of decant from the Headquarters building;
2. identify the most appropriate arrangements for the future management and operation of the Headquarters building (following redevelopment);
3. specify and tender contracts for the delivery of the above services should outsourcing be identified as the most appropriate approach.

- (vii) Council notes the project Capital costs as:

Item	Anticipated
	£ 000's
SCAPE Contract costs	£4,775
Non-contract fees (LCC/HDC)	£ 330
Furniture	£ 125
ICT costs	£ 100
Decant	£ 220
Contingency	£ 200
Total	£5,750

and

- Proposed Capital Funding Arrangements as:

Item	Anticipated
	£ 000's
Leicestershire County Council contribution	£1,600
HDC Funding requirement	£4,150
Reserve Asset Acquisition and Development)	£2,200
PWLB Loan (Borrowing)	£1,950
Total funding	£5.750

- (viii) that Council authorise the Section 151 Officer to draw down or otherwise make available Capital funding, at an anticipated value of £4.150m; the source of funds to be considered on balance with other priorities at this time, discussed in the accompanying report to Council, Property Review Implications - Financial Overview (ITEM 10) prepared by the Section 151 Officer.
- (iv) In the event that the contractual costs exceed the sum anticipated in paragraph 2.2.ii above, Council to authorise the Section 151 officer to draw down up to an additional £251k of funding, the total capital costs not to exceed £6,001m (excluding any element attributable to the further enhancements of the museum beyond those proposals discussed in this report).
- (x) There will be additional to capital costs, revenue costs related to decant over 2012/2013 and 2013/2014. It is recommended that these costs estimated at £130,250 are funded from the Council's working balances and the Section 151 Officer is authorised to draw down funding.

#### 280 SECTION 100A LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT

It was moved by the Smith, seconded by Councillor Rook and

RESOLVED that: the public and press be excluded from the meeting, for the duration of the discussion on the following items, on the grounds that the following matters, yet to be discussed, involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972

Report: Land at Welham Lane  
Report: Property Review Proposals – Financial Overview

#### 281 LAND AT WELHAM LANE, GREAT BOWDEN

It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, seconded by Councillor Galton and

RESOLVED that: the report be withdrawn.

#### 282 PROPERTY REVIEW PROPOSAL: FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

The purpose of this report was to bring together the overarching financial implications of the reports to this Meeting on:

- (a) the redevelopment of the Council Headquarters at Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough
- (b) the refurbishment of the Market Hall, Market Harborough.
- (c) the potential acquisition of land at Welham Lane, Market Harborough.

(a) It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, seconded by Councillor Rook and

RESOLVED that: the redevelopment of the Council Headquarters at Adam and Eve St, Market Harborough, including the library and museum at an estimated cost of £5.750m.

(b) It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, and seconded that the refurbishment of the Market Hall in Market Harborough proceed at an estimated cost of £410, 000.

Councillor Mrs. Page moved an amendment to the motion: that the word 'estimated' be removed from (a) above. The amendment was not seconded.

Councillor Dr. Bremner moved an amendment to the motion: that the sum of £410, 000 be amended to £600, 000 to pay for additional works to the Market Hall toilets. The amendment was seconded by Councillor King. On being put to the vote the amendment was lost.

Since the above two amendments had been lost, Councillor Spendlove-Mason's motion became the substantive motion and, on being put to the vote, it was

RESOLVED that: the refurbishment of the Market Hall in Market Harborough proceed at an estimated cost of £410, 000.

(c) It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, seconded by Councillor Knowles and

RESOLVED that: the following actions not be proceeded with: entering into further negotiations with the landowners of the two sites at Welham Lane, Great Bowden, using the combined valuation of £730, 000 contained in the District Valuers report of 3<sup>rd</sup> Septemeber 2012.

(d) It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, seconded by Councillor Rook and

RESOLVED that: the Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Finance, Efficiency and Assets Portfolio Holder, be authorised to draw down the required funding for the projects outlined at (a) and (b) above.

### 283 ADJOURNMENT

The Chairman announced that the Meeting would be adjourned and would reconvene at 6.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012 to conclude the remaining business of the Meeting.

The Meeting reconvened at 6.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012.

### 284 PLANNING APPLICATION 12/00851/FUL

At its Meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the Planning Committee resolved that this application (for Change of use of land to provide HGV and car parking, formation of hardstanding, erection of vehicle maintenance unit, administration building, fuel island and vehicle washing facility, and associated landscaping (revised scheme of 11/01757/FUL) at Land south of and adjacent to Asda George Headquarters, A4303, Magna Park) be approved. On 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 the decision was called-in (the Call-in document is attached at Appendix A to these Minutes). The effect of the Call-in was to remove the delegation to the Planning Committee, resulting in the application coming before this Council Meeting.

Members heard representations from speakers both for and against the application.

Councillor Mrs. Robinson addressed Members in her capacity as Ward Member for the area affected by the application.

As Councillor Knowles had arrived at the Meeting after the start of the debate on this item he asked the Chairman to note that he would not vote on the matter. He asked that his abstention be recorded in this minute.

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the application be APPROVED for the following reason:

Reason

The proposed development, by reason of its location, buildings and hardstanding would impact on the character and appearance of the countryside and would conflict with Core strategy Policies CS7 (f), CS11(c) (iii) and CS17. Notwithstanding and outweighing this potential conflict the proposal has significant merit, including job creation and development of existing business, consistent with the aims and objectives of 'Planning for Growth' and the National Planning Policy Framework and permission should therefore be granted.

285 RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

i) Recommendations from the Executive Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012

CORPORATE COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

RESOLVED that: Council adopts the revised Corporate Complaints Procedure, as set out in the appendix to the report

WHEELED BIN POLICY

It was moved by Cllr Rook and seconded by Cllr Spendlove-Mason that

- (i) the Wheeled Bin Policy is approved and is effective from the date that the three bin system is introduced to the district.
- (ii) future amendments and updates to the Policy are made by the manager responsible for the waste and recycling collection service in conjunction with the relevant Portfolio Holder.
- (iii) Charges will start at the commencement of the new service and reviewed in the normal way with other fees and charges

As an amendment it was moved by Cllr Johnson seconded by Cllr Dunton that ii) be amended to read  
ii) future significant amendments and updates to the policy are reported to the Executive with any recommendations forwarded to Council

On being put to the vote the amendment was carried and it was RESOLVED THAT

The recommendations set out above be approved subject to ii) being amended as set out

Summary of Reasons

The Council requires a policy that informs officers and residents on issues relating to wheeled bins. The policy covers issues relating to bin sizes, presentation of bins and the circumstances in which charges will be made for the provision of new/replacement bins.

The Policy will be assist with the implementation and operation of the Council's new recycling collection system.

ii) Recommendations from the Executive Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012

ARCHIVING OF DOCUMENTS

Consideration was given to the issue of the large amount of paper-based filing held within the Council Offices (currently in excess of 3 million pages). The proposals for the redevelopment of the Council



Offices did not provide for physical on-site document storage which dictates that alternatives need to be provided.

It was moved by Councillor Rook, seconded by Councillor Dann and

RESOLVED that:

(i) budgetary provision of £100,000 be approved to enable a records archiving project and that the Section 151 Officer be delegated to identify the source of the funding.

(ii) the breakdown of figures for the project be presented to Council along with the source of funding, estimates of volumes, costs and the impact on the revenue budget.

#### Summary of Reasons

The office redevelopment project would reduce the amount of floor space available as Council Office accommodation. This will be achieved through greater reliance on use of electronic records and the introduction of new ways of working, including mixed-location working.

The decant process required to facilitate the office redevelopment will place similar pressures on available office accommodation which will focus on provision of office space to accommodate staff members whose duties mean that mixed-location working is suitable for them. Floor space will be at a premium and removing the need to accommodate bulky paper-based filing systems and stores will be essential to the project. These same pressures on office space will remain once the office redevelopment is complete.

The most effective means of reducing the need for office space dedicated to paper-based filing systems is through removing those systems. Where records need to be kept due to legal or operational requirements and where immediate and frequent access is required then document scanning is the most efficient means of achieving this.

#### 286 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE

##### i) Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012

It was moved by Councillor Rook, seconded by Councillor Pain and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

##### ii) Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012

It was moved by Councillor Rook, seconded by Councillor Pain and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2012 be received and adopted.

#### 287 REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SCRUTINY COMMISSION

Councillor Dr. Bremner, Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission, presented his report as set out below:

"Since the last report two Task and Finish Groups completed their work on draft policies for: the new domestic waste rollout "Bins Policy" and on the "Lettings Policy" for the proposed new council offices. I am pleased to report that both groups completed their tasks in an atmosphere of informality and determination to get it 'right'.

Two call-in scrutiny meetings have been heard. Both attracted external interest but overwhelmingly so for the call-in on the Executive's decision on the Masterplan for the Strategic Development Area, NW of Market Harborough. I was heartened by the public's engagement, an example of how scrutiny can impact but looking forward I'd encourage members to view scrutiny as a proactive body, not only reactive.

Personally, it was a tough meeting to chair from a number of points and I was heartened to hear support for the process was received from all quarters.

This report is short by design and I am happy to receive questions from Members now or via email at a later date.

Cllr Paul Bremner  
Scrutiny Commission"

In addition, Councillor Dr. Bremner asked Members to notify Officers of any suggestions for Scrutiny items; received suggestions would be included in the papers for the Meeting of the Scrutiny Commission on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2012.

#### 288 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE RESOURCE AND PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL

##### i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Resource and Performance Scrutiny Panel held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012

It was moved by Councillor Holyoak, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Wood and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Resource and Performance Scrutiny Panel held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

##### ii) Minutes Of The Extraordinary Meeting Of The Resource And Performance Scrutiny Panel held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012

It was moved by Councillor Dr. Bremner, seconded by Councillor Holyoak and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Resource and Performance Scrutiny Panel held on 4<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be received and adopted.

Councillor Knowles asked that his dissatisfaction with the content of these Minutes be noted.

#### 289 MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

##### i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

##### ii) Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012

It was moved by Councillor Liquorish, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning Committee held on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2012 be received and adopted.

#### 290 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

##### Minutes of the Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012

It was moved by Councillor Dr. Bremner, seconded by Councillor Hallam and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 26<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

#### 291 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ETHICAL GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Ethical Governance Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012

It was moved by Councillor Everett, seconded by Councillor Beesley-Reynolds and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Meeting of the Ethical Governance Committee held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2012 be received and adopted.

### 292 SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

It was moved by Councillor Rook, seconded by Councillor Smith and

RESOLVED that: the affixing of the Common Seal of the Council to the documents set out below be ratified:

- Section 106 Agreement Tur Langton lodge, Cranoe Road, Tur Langton between O' Sullivan farms, the Council and S. A O' Sullivan.
- Section 106 Agreement 32 Ridgway West, Market Harborough between JC Goodhind and RA Goodhind and the Council.
- Section 106 Agreement Land at Northampton Road Market Harborough between W and J Parker Limited and Persimmon Homes the Council and Leicestershire County Council.
- Licence for the Broxhill Buildings Theddingworth - Welland Waste Management and the Council.

### 293 BUSINESS RATES POOLING

J. Holden, Section 151 Officer, introduced Members to this report. The report sought authority to enable a pooling mechanism to ensure that additional financial resources were retained in the local sub-region (Leicestershire) to support economic development.

It was moved by Councillor Spendlove-Mason, seconded by Councillor Galton and

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the proposal to pool business rates with Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, all Leicestershire District Councils and Leicester and Rutland Fire Authority be approved.
- (ii) the delegation of authority to both the Chief Executive and the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Leader and the Finance, Efficiency and Assets Portfolio Holder to agree the pooling governance arrangements, including the legal agreement, and to withdraw from the pool if information in the Local Government Finance settlement in December indicates that continuing pooling would not be in the interest of this Council be approved.

### 294 URGENT MATTERS

None received.

The Meeting adjourned at 9.45p.m (22<sup>nd</sup> October 2012)  
and ended at 9.00p.m. (23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012)