

HARBOROUGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

Held in the Council Chamber, The Symington Building, Adam and Eve Street, Market Harborough

COUNCIL

14 December 2015

commencing at 6.30p.m.

Present:

Councillor Rook (Chairman).

Councillors: Mrs. Ackerley, Bannister , Beesley-Reynolds ,Bilbie, Bowles, Brodrick Chapman, Dann, Dunton, Elliott, Evans, Everett, Galton, Graves, Hadkiss, Hallam, Hammond, Dr. S. Hill, Holyoak, Johnson, King, Knowles, Liquorish, Modha, Nunn, Mrs. Page, Pain, Rickman, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Simpson(from 7.20pm), Spendlove-Mason. Tomlin and Mrs.Wood.

Officers: B. Jolly B. Murgatroyd, N. Proudfoot, S. Riley and V. Wenham.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs. Burrell and Hall

339: CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman welcomed the newly-elected Councillor for Logan Ward: Cllr Barbara Johnson

340: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Cllr Galton announced that he had a personal interest in the item on Leicestershire County Council electoral review. The nature of the interest was that he was a County Councillor. Cllr Galton would remain and vote on the item

Cllr Dr Hill announced that she had a personal interest in the item on Leicestershire County Council electoral review. The nature of the interest was that she was a County Councillor. Cllr Hill would remain and vote on the item

The Chairman of the Council announced that all County Councillors who were also District Councillors would be affected by the item on Leicestershire County Council Electoral Review and would have a personal interest in this item

341: MINUTES

- i) It was moved by Cllr Rook and seconded by Cllr Mrs Ackerley and

RESOLVED that: the minutes of the Council meeting held on 2 November 2015 be received and adopted

- ii) It was moved by Cllr Ackerley and seconded by Cllr Pain and

RESOLVED that: the minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 26 November be received and adopted

342: TOPICAL ISSUES

Cllr Knowles raised a topical issue on a concern he had about figures quoted in a recent press release from the Council on housing supply figures

343: SEALING OF DOCUMENTS

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

- Grant Agreement Pension Apprenticeship the Council and Leicester City Council
- Environmental Services Contract 4th Variation Agreement the Council and FCC Environment Services (UK) Ltd
- Tree Preservation Order Evergreen Field Farm Pincet Lane North Kilworth
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Broughton Astley
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Kibworth Beauchamp
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Great Bowden
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Fleckney
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Market Harborough
- Road Closure Order Remembrance Day Houghton-on-the-Hill
- Licence – Use of Office Space The Symington Building the Council and Prospects Services
- Agreement relating to the withdrawal from the Welland Partnership of the Council between East Northamptonshire District Council, Melton Borough Council, Rutland County Council and the Council
- S106 Agreement 15/00525/OUT Wistow Road Kibworth D Briggs, F Briggs, JE Briggs, the Council and Leicestershire County Council
- Section 106 Agreement 15/01000/VAC and 14/01168/FUL Bulls Head Shangton Road TU2 Langton
- Footpath Diversion Order The Grey Goose Gilmorton
- Tree Preservation Order and Notice Farmyard House 42a Main Street Foxton
- Section 106 Agreement Manor Farm Mulberry Property Developments Ltd, Close Brothers Ltd and the Council

344: REPORT OF THE LEADER

Combined Authority

Members will be aware that, in November, the Executive recommended supporting countywide plans to create a Combined Authority to promote growth, investment & skills. To date, nearly all of the Leicestershire authorities have officially backed this proposal. I look forward to further debate about this issue at Full Council. Although some consider the proposal small in geographic terms, I believe that the main benefit of the Leicester and Leicestershire bid is that we can make this proposal work in practice; however, we accept that it will be up to national Government to decide whether to take this forward in the long term.

Positive step for hospital

I was delighted to be invited by the NHS to the turf cutting ceremony as the building of the multi-million pound St Luke's Hospital gets underway. This project has been dogged by delays and I was pleased to be able to share in some good news for local residents that this is now moving forward. We have been told the community hospital should be completed in January 2017. It is almost inevitable that projects of this size and spend may encounter obstacles along the way. I just hope that the Contractor and the NHS deal with these, if and when they do arrive, in a positive and constructive way. It is a shame that the start of this project has been slightly overshadowed by some negativity around the turf cutting ceremony but this is an NHS project, not a council project, and I hope the council as a whole focuses on the positives of this exciting project for our residents.

Parliament Week

This is the first Full Council since Parliament Week. For those members who have not heard about Parliament Week, it is a programme of events that encourages interest in democracy, including young people. A while ago I suggested we encourage people to note and celebrate the anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta and the 750th anniversary of the De Montfort Parliament where elected members of the shires and boroughs came together for the first time. The council contacted local schools to encourage them to get creative and I am delighted to see that local children from South Kilworth Church of England School have designed a colourful flag – depicting the Old Grammar School – to represent their constituency. The flag has already been flown in Parliament Square in London and in Runnymede in the presence of the Queen for the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. Well done to all involved.

By-election Result

Last Thursday, there was a by-election within the Logan ward, Market Harborough, following the passing of Cllr Pete Callis. I would like to pass my congratulations on to Cllr Barbara Johnson and welcome her back from her hiatus as a district councillor. I know that Cllr Hadkiss is very much looking forward to working with her in the interests of all the residents that live within this two member ward.

Festive season

What a wonderful turnout there's been for the many Christmas events across the district. It's been great to see families enjoying themselves and getting into the festive spirit. I'm proud the council has been a part of some of these occasions. I've put it on record that, although I'm delighted we've had a record amount of shops displaying Christmas trees above their premises in Market Harborough.

I am hugely disappointed that the majority of the national chain stores have not joined in. What a shame for the town, its residents and for visitors to the district. I am pleased however that the council has been able, once again, to offer free parking on Saturdays up to Christmas in all council-owned car parks across the district, to encourage people to 'shop local' and visit the district.

All our independent retailers in Market Harborough, Lutterworth, Broughton Astley and neighbouring villages put in such a great effort at this time of year to get their shops looking festive. I hope their reward is ringing tills. I also had the pleasure of attending the Chairman's carol concert. The musical talent – from local school children to professional singers – was outstanding and Cllr Rook should be congratulated for what was a joyous festive occasion.

On this note, I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all our council officers for their hard work throughout the year and wish all my fellow elected members, and the public, a very Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year.

Discussion took place on the arrangements for the turf cutting ceremony at St Luke's Hospital

345: RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

i) CHARGING FOR STREET NAMING AND NUMBERING

It was moved by Cllr Liquorish seconded by Cllr Bannister and

RESOLVED that the charging policy (attached) and scale of charges for street naming and numbering services set out above be approved

Summary of Reasons

The Council carries out its street naming and numbering functions in compliance with the provisions of the Town Improvement Clauses Act 1857 and the Public Health Act 1925 under its adopted Street

Naming and Numbering Policy (adopted 20th April 2009). As these are adopted powers, rather than mandatory, the Council is able to levy charges under Section 93 of the Local Government Act 2003 (charging for discretionary services).

Street naming and numbering processes involve a considerable amount of resource in terms of staff time and associated costs and it is right and proper in the current financial climate that the Council looks to recover such costs from the service user.

ii) PROPOSED LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY

It was moved by Cllr Pain, seconded by Cllr King and

RESOLVED THAT

- i) the Scheme for the Combined Authority (“the Scheme”) be approved
- ii) the Governance Review be approved;
- iii) the publication of the Scheme and its submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government be authorised;
- iv) the Corporate Director Community Services, following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to make any final amendments to the Scheme and Governance Review prior to their submission to the Department for Communities and Local Government in December 2015 or January 2016;
- v) the Corporate Director – Community Services following consultation with the Leader, be authorised to enter into discussions with the Department for Communities and Local Government and such other Government departments and other persons as are considered necessary by the Corporate Director to agree the terms of Order establishing the Combined Authority and to approve the final form of the Order on behalf of the District Council; and
- vi) the Corporate Director – Community Services, following consultation with the Leader be authorised:
 - (a) To negotiate, agree and execute all ancillary documents in support of the operation of the Combined Authority, including (without limitation) the constitution of the Combined Authority; and
 - (b) To take all decisions and actions necessary to enable the establishment of the Combined Authority.

Summary of Reasons

The Scheme and Governance Review documents are both requirements under the Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 for any area wishing to establish a combined authority. Approval from all the constituent councils is required before the Government will consider making an Order to establish the Combined Authority.

The nine councils in Leicester and Leicestershire are considering the Scheme, Governance Review and outcome of the consultation during November and December 2015. It may be necessary to make some minor amendments to the Scheme or Governance Review as a result of this process. In addition to the Order, the Combined Authority will require a full constitution and other operational documents.

346: MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE MEETING

It was moved by Councillor King, seconded by Councillor Hallam and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Executive Meeting held on 19 October 2015 be received and adopted.

347: MINUTES OF CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Bannister, seconded by Councillor Everett and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Constitutional Review Committee Meeting held on 22 October 2015 be received.

348: MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF LICENSING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Everett and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Licensing Committee held on 27 October 2015 be received and adopted.

349: MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF REGULATORY COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Wood, seconded by Councillor Everett and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Regulatory Committee held on 27 October 2015 be received and adopted.

350: MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Holyoak, seconded by Councillor Mrs Ackerley and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Planning Committee held on 3 November 2015 be received and adopted.

351: MINUTES OF GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

It was moved by Councillor Nunn, seconded by Councillor Hadkiss and

RESOLVED that: the Minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 19 November 2015 be received and adopted.

352: LEICESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTORAL REVIEW

The Council considered the Local Government Boundary Commission for England's (LGBCE) draft recommendations in respect of the Electoral Review of Leicestershire County Council insofar as it related to the District of Harborough.

The LGBCE is conducting an electoral review of Leicestershire County Council as the Council currently has high levels of electoral inequality where some councillors represent many more or many fewer voters than others.

The electoral review has considered council size (the number of councillors) and the boundaries of electoral divisions.

No change was proposed to the overall size of the Council, remaining at 55 councillors.

The Harborough district contains 7 divisions, each represented by a single county councillor. No change is proposed to this arrangement although changes to the boundaries of the 7 divisions within Harborough are proposed.

The proposed changes are set out below:

<u>Division</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Changes</u>
<u>Broughton Astley</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Broughton Astley</u> <u>Dunton Bassett</u> <u>Ashby Magna</u> <u>Ashby Parva</u> <u>Leire</u> <u>Frolesworth</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Broughton Astley</u> <u>Dunton Bassett</u> <u>Ashby Magna</u> <u>Ashby Parva</u> <u>Leire</u> <u>Frolesworth</u>	<u>No change</u>
<u>Bruntingthorpe</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Willoughby Waterleys</u> <u>Peatling Magna</u> <u>Peatling Parva</u> <u>Bruntingthorpe</u> <u>Arnesby</u> <u>Fleckney</u> <u>Shearsby</u> <u>Knaptoft</u> <u>Mowsley</u> <u>Husbands Bosworth</u> <u>North Kilworth</u> <u>South Kilworth</u> <u>Kimcote and Walton</u> <u>Gilmorton</u> <u>Misterton with Walcote</u> <u>Cotesbach</u> <u>Shawell</u> <u>Catthorpe</u> <u>Swinford</u> <u>Westrill and Starmore</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Willoughby Waterleys</u> <u>Peatling Magna</u> <u>Peatling Parva</u> <u>Bruntingthorpe</u> <u>Arnesby</u> <u>Fleckney</u> <u>Shearsby</u> <u>Knaptoft</u> <u>Mowsley</u> <u>Husbands Bosworth</u> <u>North Kilworth</u> <u>South Kilworth</u> <u>Kimcote and Walton</u> <u>Gilmorton</u> <u>Misterton with Walcote</u> <u>Cotesbach</u> <u>Shawell</u> <u>Catthorpe</u> <u>Swinford</u> <u>Westrill and Starmore</u> <u>Saddington</u> <u>Laughton</u> <u>Gumley</u> <u>Theddingworth</u>	<u>Add parishes of:</u> <u>Saddington</u> <u>Laughton</u> <u>Gumley</u> <u>Theddingworth</u>
<u>Gartree</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Wistow and Newton</u> <u>Harcourt</u> <u>Great Glen</u> <u>Burton Overy</u> <u>Kibworth Harcourt</u> <u>Kibworth Beauchamp</u> <u>Smeeton Westerby</u> <u>Tur Langton</u> <u>Carlton Curlieu</u> <u>Stonton Wyville</u> <u>Shangton</u> <u>Noseley</u> <u>Rolleston</u> <u>Goadby</u> <u>Glooston</u> <u>Cranoe</u> <u>Slawston</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Wistow and Newton</u> <u>Harcourt</u> <u>Great Glen</u> <u>Burton Overy</u> <u>Kibworth Harcourt</u> <u>Kibworth Beauchamp</u> <u>Smeeton Westerby</u> <u>Tur Langton</u> <u>Carlton Curlieu</u> <u>Stonton Wyville</u> <u>Shangton</u> <u>Noseley</u> <u>Rolleston</u> <u>Goadby</u> <u>Glooston</u> <u>Cranoe</u> <u>Slawston</u>	<u>Add parish of:</u> <u>Tugby and</u> <u>Keythorpe</u> <u>Remove</u> <u>parishes</u> <u>of:</u> <u>Billesdon</u> <u>Frisby</u> <u>West Langton</u> <u>East Langton</u> <u>Thorpe Langton</u>

	<u>Welham</u> <u>Illston on the Hill</u> <u>Little Stretton</u> <u>Kings Norton</u> <u>Gaulby</u> <u>Frisby</u> <u>Billesdon</u> <u>East Langton</u> <u>West Langton</u> <u>Thorpe Langton</u>	<u>Welham</u> <u>Illston on the Hill</u> <u>Little Stretton</u> <u>Kings Norton</u> <u>Gaulby</u>	
<u>Launde</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Stoughton</u> <u>Thurnby and Bushby</u> <u>Houghton on the Hill</u> <u>Scraptoft</u> <u>Keyham</u> <u>Hungarton</u> <u>Cold Newton</u> <u>Lowesby</u> <u>Marefield</u> <u>Owston and Newbold</u> <u>Tilton on the Hill</u> <u>Skeffington</u> <u>Withcote</u> <u>Launde</u> <u>Loddington</u> <u>East Norton</u> <u>Allexton</u> <u>Hallaton</u> <u>Horninghold</u> <u>Stockerston</u> <u>Blaston</u> <u>Medbourne</u> <u>Nevill Holt</u> <u>Great Easton</u> <u>Drayton</u> <u>Bringham</u> <u>Tugby and Keythorpe</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Stoughton</u> <u>Thurnby and Bushby</u> <u>Houghton on the Hill</u> <u>Scraptoft</u> <u>Keyham</u> <u>Hungarton</u> <u>Cold Newton</u> <u>Lowesby</u> <u>Marefield</u> <u>Owston and Newbold</u> <u>Tilton on the Hill</u> <u>Skeffington</u> <u>Withcote</u> <u>Launde</u> <u>Loddington</u> <u>East Norton</u> <u>Allexton</u> <u>Hallaton</u> <u>Horninghold</u> <u>Stockerston</u> <u>Blaston</u> <u>Medbourne</u> <u>Nevill Holt</u> <u>Great Easton</u> <u>Drayton</u> <u>Bringham</u> <u>Billesdon</u> <u>Frisby</u>	<u>Add parishes of:</u> <u>Billesdon</u> <u>Frisby</u> <u>Remove parish of:</u> <u>Tugby and Keythorpe</u>
<u>Lutterworth</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Lutterworth</u> <u>Bittewell with Bittesby</u> <u>Ullesthorpe</u> <u>Claybrooke Magna</u> <u>Claybrooke Parva</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Lutterworth</u> <u>Bittewell with Bittesby</u> <u>Ullesthorpe</u> <u>Claybrooke Magna</u> <u>Claybrooke Parva</u>	No change
<u>MarketHarborough West and Foxton</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Saddington</u> <u>Gumley</u> <u>Laughton</u> <u>Theddingworth</u> <u>Foxton</u> <u>Lubenham</u> <u>District Wards:</u> <u>Market Harborough Logan</u> <u>Market Harborough</u> <u>Welland</u>	<u>Parishes of:</u> <u>Foxton</u> <u>Lubenham</u> <u>District Wards:</u> <u>Market Harborough Logan</u> <u>Market Harborough Welland</u>	<u>Remove parishes of:</u> <u>Saddington</u> <u>Gumley</u> <u>Laughton</u> <u>Theddingworth</u>

	<u>Welland</u>		
<u>MarketHarborough East</u>	<u>District Wards:</u> <u>Market Harborough</u> <u>Great Bowden and Arden</u> <u>(incl. parish of Great Bowden)</u> <u>Market Harborough</u> <u>Little Bowden</u>	<u>District Wards:</u> <u>Market Harborough</u> <u>Great Bowden and Arden</u> <u>(incl. parish of Great Bowden)</u> <u>Market Harborough</u> <u>Little Bowden</u> <u>Parishes of:</u> <u>West Langton</u> <u>East Langton</u> <u>Thorpe Langton</u>	<u>Add parishes of:</u> <u>West Langton</u> <u>East Langton</u> <u>Thorpe Langton</u>

RESOLVED that

- i) the contents of the report be noted.
- ii) Council supports the draft recommendations as outlined in paragraph 5.5 of the report and set out above

353: SCRAPTOFT NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was reported that the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Development Plan (Neighbourhood Plan) was submitted to the Council on 13th March 2015, and following a statutory publicity and consultation period (23 March 2015 to 11 May 2015) proceeded to Independent Examination. As part of the Examination a public hearing was deemed not required. The Examiner's report has now been received and recommends that the Neighbourhood Plan proceeds to referendum, subject to a number of modifications set out in the report.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the Independent Examiner's recommended changes to the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan be accepted as set out in schedule at Appendix A to the report and notes the recommendation that the amended Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan should proceed to a Referendum of voters within the Parish of Scraftoft.
- ii) the holding of a Referendum for the Scraftoft, Neighbourhood Plan be approved, to include the Parish of Scraftoft, provisionally on Thursday 11th February 2016.

Summary of Reasons

The Council is committed to supporting the neighbourhood planning process in Harborough. Helping communities wishing to carry out neighbourhood plans is identified in the Corporate Plan 2013-2015 as a way to deliver the priority 'to develop places in which to live and be happy'.

The Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan ('the Plan') has been produced by the Scraftoft Neighbourhood Plan Group, led by the Parish Council, in conjunction with the local community. The Plan provides for

housing levels within the minimum requirement of the Core Strategy and also deals with the issues of community provision, affordable housing, design, transport and countryside and landscape.

Taking into account the written consultation responses received during the submission Plan consultation, the Examiner's report into the Plan was received in November 2015. The report recommends to the Council that, subject to the modifications proposed, the Plan should proceed to a Referendum.

The legislation sets out that the Council must consider each of the recommendations made by the report, including the reasons for them, and decide what action to take in response to each recommendation (see Appendix A). It is considered that the recommended modifications should be approved so as to ensure that the Plan meets the basic conditions and comprises a user-friendly document. On this basis, the Plan should then proceed to Referendum in Scraftoft Parish to determine if local people support it.

354: MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT

Council received an update on Treasury Management and the Prudential indicators. It was noted that Investment income is currently in line with the budget estimate. The prudential indicators have been revised to take account of the capital projects that have been re-profiled from 2014/15 to 2015/16.

RESOLVED that:

- i) the position relating to Treasury Management and the Prudential Indicators be noted.
- ii) the revised Prudential Indicators set out in Appendix B to the report be approved.

Summary of Reasons

The Prudential indicators have been revised to take account of the decision to re-profile the capital projects from 2014/15 into 2015/16, and these now require an additional approval.

355: COUNCIL TAX BASE

The Local Government Finance Act 1992, as amended, requires the Council to fix the Council Tax base for 2016/17 between 1 December 2015 and 31 January 2016.

The calculation has been prepared in accordance with the Regulations 'Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 2012 (SI: 2012:2914)' which came into force on 30 November 2012, to enable local authorities to calculate the tax base for the financial year 2016/17.

The Council Tax Base is defined as the number of Band D equivalent properties in a local authority's area. An authority's tax base is taken into account when it calculates its council tax, and when central government calculates allocations of formula grant.

The annual tax base is also used by Parish Councils and Parish Meetings to calculate their parish precepts. For 2016/17 the setting of the tax base in December allows Parish meetings to set their precepts in January and to notify the Council in time for formulating the Council Tax resolution in February..

RESOLVED that

- (i) the calculation of the Council Tax base for the year 2016/17 be approved;

- (ii) in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 SI 2012/2914, the amount calculated by Harborough District Council as its Council Tax base for the year 2016/17 shall be 32,787.5 and
- (iii) the Council Tax base for individual Parishes for 2016/2017 be calculated in accordance with the same principles as the Council's overall Council Tax Base as detailed in Appendix A.

Summary of Reasons

To set the Council's tax base for 2016/17.

The following item was added to the agenda with the consent of the Chairman as a decision was needed before the next meeting of the Council

356: APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT PERSONS

It was reported that the Council undertook a joint recruitment with the other Leicestershire authorities during 2012 and appointed a panel of independent Persons in July 2012. These appointments are due to expire in May 2016 and it has been suggested that a joint recruitment be commenced in early January 2016.

The Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Person to assist with complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct. The legislation and associated regulations specify that the recruitment process to be followed.

The Council appointed a panel of eight Independent Persons in 2012 following a joint recruitment. In accordance with the Council's adopted procedure for dealing with complaints, an independent person is appointed to assist in the initial consideration of the complaint and to liaise with the member the subject of the complaint. Appointing more than one independent person avoids any potential conflicts of interests.

It has been suggested that to allow sufficient time for the recruitment to be completed in readiness for May 2016, the recruitment should be commenced in early January 2016. This was agreed at the meeting of Monitoring Officers which took place on 7 December 2015, after the despatch of the agenda for this meeting.

The positions will be advertised and an interview panel, consisting of three monitoring officers will carry out the interviews on behalf of all the authorities. The recommendations of the panel will be submitted to each Council for consideration who will make any subsequent appointments.

RESOLVED that:

- i) agreement be given to undertake a joint recruitment of Independent Persons with other district and borough councils in Leicestershire; and
- ii) the Head of Legal and Democratic Services be authorised, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services to take such actions that are necessary to progress the joint recruitment process and submit the recommendations to Council for its consideration.

Summary of Reasons

The Council is required to appoint at least one Independent Person as part of the revised standards regime which was implemented in July 2012. The Localism Act 2011 requires at least one person, independent of the council be appointed to assist with complaints regarding alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct.

The Meeting ended at 7.36 p.m.