

BRACKNELL TOWN COUNCIL
STRATEGY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE
2nd February 2016

Present: Chairman Cllr: Chris Turrell.
Cllrs: Paul Bidwell, Gill Birch, Peter Heydon, Iain McCracken
Isabel Mattick, Mark Phillips, Sanjeev Prasad (from 7.45pm).
Apologies: Cllrs: Malcolm Tullett.
No Contact: Cllrs: Marc Brunel-Walker
In Attendance J Burgess (OSM), R Reeve (TC).

The meeting opened at 7.30pm and closed at 8.05pm

1255 Declarations of Interest.

There were no declarations of interest

1256 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th November 2015 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

1257 Matters arising out of the minutes not to be discussed elsewhere

1186 – Brooke House. An update will be brought to Full Council on 23rd February 2016

1187 – Internal Audit 2015/16 has now been completed with no matters of significance noted.

1188 – Town Guide. Proofs are expected by the end of next week.

1258 Budget Monitoring Group Report.

The Committee NOTED the minutes of the BMG of 12th January 2016 and the report of income and expenditure for months 1 to 9. NOTED

1259 Fees and Charges 2016/17 year: The committee AGREED to recommend that proposals outlined for fees and charges increases across the Council's services be submitted to Full Council for approval, based on a baseline increase of around 2% with some exceptions suggested for hall hire and a larger increase for fun fairs. Proposed by Cllr I McCracken and seconded by Cllr Mrs G Birch.

1260 Budget – 2016/17.

Following a discussion the following proposal was put to the Committee by Cllr C Turrell

'The final proposal is for a 3.99% increase in the level of precept from the £75.64 per band D household which applied in the 20105/16 year end of £78.66 for the 2016/17 year.' Cllr I McCracken seconded the proposal to 'recommend for 2016/17 budget and a band D levy of £78.66 to the Full Council Meeting on 23rd February 2016 for approval. This proposal was approved unanimously.

Officers were thanked for the excellent work on reworking the budget following the loss of the CTRS grant.

1261 Risk Management and Health and Safety

Good progress has been made following the Health and Safety review. Cllr Tullett is working with the Town Clerk to arrange to meet all staff to discuss Health and Safety. The Corporate Risk assessment was NOTED

1262 Quality Council

Officers were congratulated on BTC achieving the Local Council Quality Standard at 'Foundation Level', the first Council in Berkshire to achieve this. Officers from BALC will be attending the next Full Council to award the Certificate. NOTED. BTC will work towards the Gold Level as and when this fits with other priorities.

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1263 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.

The two changes to the Standing Orders (Page 4 & 8) were recommended for Approval at Full Council. The Committee did not see any need to change any of the Financial Regulations but this will be discussed further at Full Council.

1264 Great Hollands Pavilion Working Group

The Invitation to Tender is now being drawn up and the budget available will be reflected in the plans at the upcoming design stage. The update was NOTED.

1265 Neighbourhood Plan

Progress is being made in producing a draft Neighbourhood Plan and the working group are working with the Consultant to make sure all required information is obtained.

The meeting finished at 8.05pm.

Next Meeting 26th April 2016 2015 at 7.30pm

SignedDated