## MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE COUNCIL HELD AT THE COUNCIL OFFICES, WIGSTON ON WEDNESDAY 22 JANUARY 2014, COMMENCING AT 7.15 P.M.

## **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Councillor F Broadley - Mayor

Councillor Mrs S A Dickinson – Deputy Mayor

Councillors: L Bentley, G Boulter, J W Boyce, Mrs L M Broadley, D Carter, M Charlesworth, Mrs E Connell, M L Darr, B Dave, Mrs L Eaton, R F Eaton, Mrs J Gore, Mrs S Z Haq, Mrs R Kanabar, J Kaufman, Mrs L Kaufman, Mrs H E Loydall, K J Loydall, Mrs S B Morris, R E R Morris, P Swift.

Officers in Attendance: M Hall, Mrs A Court, J Dickson and I Dobson

Min Ref	Narrative	Officer Resp
53.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
	M Chamberlain, D Gamble, R Thakor	
54.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
	None.	
55.	CALCULATION OF COUNCIL TAX BASE	
	Prior to consideration of this item, the Mayor offered the Council's condolences to the families of Geoffrey Smith and George Moss, who had passed away recently.  The Council considered the report of the Interim Head of Customer Services as set out in report pages 1 – 2, which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document.  RESOLVED: That	
	<ol> <li>Council approve the Council Tax Base as 16,461.76 band D equivalents for 2014-15</li> </ol>	
	2. approval be given for the calculation of the council tax base to the section 151 officer for 2015/16 and future years so that it can be set and communicated to all precepting authorities in a timely manner.	
56.	COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT SCHEME – UPDATE	
	The Council considered the report of the Interim Head of Customer Services as set out in report pages 3 – 13 which should be read in conjunction with these minutes as a composite document	

The Council considered a supplementary document setting out details of the Discretionary Council Tax Support fund.

The Chief Financial Officer informed Members that increasing the cap on a minimum council tax contribution from 8.5% to 15% is necessary to sustain funding for the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.

A Member stated that any future surplus in the Discretionary Council Tax Support fund at year end could be placed in a special reserve for future years in order to assist vulnerable local residents.

**RESOLVED:** That the Local Council Tax Support Scheme of 15% for 2014/15 be approved.

The Meeting Closed at 7:30 p.m.