# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE POLICY, FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD AT THE COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNCIL OFFICES ON TUESDAY, 23 JULY 2019 COMMENCING AT 7.00 PM

#### **PRESENT**

D A Gamble Chair
Dr I K Ridley Vice-Chair

#### **COUNCILLORS**

N Alam

G A Boulter

J W Boyce

Mrs L M Broadley

M L Darr

R F Eaton

Mrs L Eaton JP

Miss P V Joshi

J Kaufman

Mrs L Kaufman

K J Loydall JP

D W Loydall

#### **OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

S Hinds Deputy Chief Executive

G Patterson External Auditor

C Raymakers Head of Finance, Revenues and Benefits

S Tucker Democratic & Electoral Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer

#### **OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE**

G Patterson Grant Thornton UK LLP

# 14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor L A Bentley.

#### 15. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

# 16. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Councillors G A Boulter and K J Loydall JP declared a non-pecuniary interest with regard to item 9 of the agenda, insofar as they were associated with Oadby and Wigston Senior Citizens Group.

# 17. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

Policy, Finance and Development Committee (Audit Submissions & Statutory Reports)

Chair's Initials The minutes of the previous meeting held on 11 June 2019 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

# 18. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

The Action List arising from the previous meeting held on 11 June 2019 be noted.

# 19. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

# 20. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT ISA 260 GOVERNANCE REPORT (2018/19)

The Committee gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 6-8 of the agenda and pages 1-164 of the agenda update, which asked it to approve the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2018/19.

It was moved by J W Boyce, seconded by the Chair and

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

- (i) The Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 be reviewed and approved;
- (ii) The Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2019 be approved; and
- (iii) In order to comply with the Council's statutory obligations, it be confirmed that the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2019 can be published by 31 July 2019 and the Section 151 Officer be authorised, following consultation with the Chair of the Policy, Finance and Development Committee, to make any changes to the accounts that may be agreed with Grant Thornton LLP, the Council's External Auditors.

# 21. COLLECTION AND WRITE-OFF OF MISCELLANEOUS DEBTORS (Q4 2018/19)

The Committee gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 9-12 of the agenda, which asked it to note the levels of debt owed to the Council at the end of 2018/19.

The Committee noted that the introduction of Universal Credit had been particularly challenging for the Rent team and requested that a detailed update on its impact be provided to a future meeting of Service Delivery Committee.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and

# **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

The contents of the report be noted.

# 22. THIRD SECTOR AND COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUNDING REQUESTS (Q4 2018/19)

The Committee gave consideration to the report as set out on pages 13-18 of the agenda, which asked it to note the financial position of the Borough's three Resident Forums after the final quarter of 2018/19.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by the Vice-Chair and

#### **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:**

The contents of the report and appendices be noted.

# THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.33 PM

<b>∠</b>
Chair
Tuesday, 10 September 2019

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