

Minutes of the proceedings of Finance and General Purpose Committee held on Monday 24 November 2008 at 8.00pm at Knightwood Leisure Centre Valley Park

Present: Councillor A Dowden (Chairman) and Councillors C Anderson (Vice Chairman), G Compton and Mrs A Dyde.

An Apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs C Dowden.

Action

1 Appointment of Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor A Dowden be appointed Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

2 Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Resolved:

That Councillor C Anderson be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the Council year.

3 Minutes

Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2007 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

4 Budget 2009/2010

The Committee considered the budget for 2009/2010. The total amount which needed to be raised for 2009/2010 was £66,270. However, having regard to the level of balances which was necessary for next year and to the deep financial troubles of the Country which appeared to be having its effect on the public, the Committee considered that it would be prudent to raise just £45,000 which represented approximately a 10% decrease on 2008/2009.

Recommended:

That the budget as set out in the annex to these minutes be adopted and that a Council Tax Precept of £45,000 be raised for 2009/2010.

Action

5 2008/2009 National Salary Award For Local Council Clerks

The Clerk advised the Committee that the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had reached an interim agreement on rates of pay as from 1 April 2008 (an increase of 2.45%). Consequently the National Association of Local Council Clerks and the Society of Local Council Clerks had jointly recommended that the salary scales of Local Clerks be increased by 2.45%.

Recommended:

That the Clerks remuneration package be increased by 2.45% and back dated to 1 April 2008.

Clerk

The meeting closed at 9.15pm