FINANCE, RESOURCES AND PARTNERSHIPS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 2nd November, 2016 Time of Commencement: 7.00 pm

Present:- Councillor C Spence – In the Chair

Councillors Frankish, T Hambleton, Loades, Pickup, Proctor, Spence,

Waring, Wilkes and Wright

Officers

Jayne Briscoe (Scrutiny Officer) and Executive Director

Apologies (Resources and Support Services) - Kelvin Turner

1. APOLOGIES

An apology was received from Councillor Winfield.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2016 be

agreed as a correct record.

4. DRAFT SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES

The Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) presented this report which provided an opportunity for members to scrutinise the draft proposals of the scale of fees and charges to apply from 1 April 2017.

Members asked for further information to be presented for consideration by this Scrutiny Committee regarding the annual levels of income against each of the budget headings; they also requested that officers undertake a further review with a view to increasing charges to maximise income; and there were specific requests for further information in respect of charges for car park enforcement, the hire of rooms and pitch hire.

It was agreed that an additional meeting of the committee would be held to consider these issues.

5. **REVENUE BUDGET 2017/18 - FIRST DRAFT SAVINGS PLAN**

The report was presented by the Executive Director (Resources and Support Services) and informed members of the Scrutiny Committee of the current proposals being considered to balance the 2017/18 revenue budget.

It was noted that there was a budget gap for 2017/18 of £2.731m and the Committee was asked to suggest any further areas of savings. In response it was suggested that:-

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The Reporter cease publication

Full details of the vacant post review to be submitted to this Committee for information.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

7. **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no Urgent Business.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that a further meeting be held to consider additional information in respect of fees and charges.

9. **DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following matter because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act, 1972.

10. TRADE REFUSE SCALE OF FEES AND CHARGES 1 APRIL 2017 TO 31 MARCH 2018 WASTE

That assurance be sought that the level of income from the Trade Refuse Collection Service was at the optimum level bearing in mind market forces

Councillor C Spence Vice Chair in the Chair

Meeting concluded at 8.15 pm