



## **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS) HELD ON 26th JANUARY 2016**

**PRESENT:** Councillors J Oates (Chair), J Chesworth, T Clements, A Couchman, M Couchman, J Faulkner, M Gant, J Goodall, S Goodall, M Greatorex, G Hirons, A James, R Kingstone, A Lunn, T Madge, M McDermid, K Norchi, M Oates, S Peaple, T Peaple, R Rogers, E Rowe, P Seekings and P Standen

**CABINET** Councillors D Cook, S Claymore, S Doyle and M Thurgood

The following officers were present: John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services) and Stefan Garner (Director of Finance)

### **1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

**RESOLVED:** That Councillor J Oates be appointed as Chair

*(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor E Rowe)*

### **2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M Clarke

### **3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record.

*(Moved by Councillor M Greatorex and seconded by Councillor A James)*

### **4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no Declarations of Interest.

### **5 DRAFT BUDGET AND MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2016/17 TO 2020/21**

The Report of the Cabinet regarding the budget proposals and medium term financial strategy for General Fund (GF) Revenue, the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and the Capital Programme was considered.

There was a discussion regarding the proposed policy change to cease provision of Mayoral hampers. It was noted that the purpose of the change was to ensure that the purpose behind the Mayoral hamper scheme remained – that assistance is received by those citizens most in need. It was considered that was not being achieved at present. It was noted that members wished to keep this budget intact and a cross party working group is to be formed comprising 6 former Mayors (or alternative nominations), 3 from each party to look at the current process, make suggestion for amendment and feed back the findings to Cabinet.

**RESOLVED:** That the budget proposals as contained within the report were considered.

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Chair