



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE JOINT SCRUTINY (BUDGETS) HELD ON 22nd JANUARY 2013

PRESENT: Councillor A James (Chair), Councillors L Bates, M Clarke, T Clements, C Cooke, M Couchman, J Faulkner, K Gant, M Gant, J Garner, G Hirons, R Kingstone, K Norchi, S Peuple, S Pritchard, E Rowe, P Seekings, P Standen, D Cook, R Pritchard, S Claymore and M Greatorex

CABINET Councillors D Cook, R Pritchard, S Claymore and M Greatorex

The following officers were present: Anthony E Goodwin (Chief Executive), John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance) and Lara Allman (Democratic & Election Services Officer)

6 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor A James be appointed as Chair.
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor T Clements)

7 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Foster, A Lunn, M McDermid, R McDermid and M Thurgood and Cabinet Members Councillors S Doyle and J Oates.

8 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 January 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor C Cook)

9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

10 DRAFT BUDGET & MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2013/14 TO 2017/18

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.

A motion was made to request that the Leader write to Staffordshire County Council to seek clarification on the liability implications for businesses and home owners spreading grit outside their properties.

(Moved by Councillor M Couchman and seconded by seconded by Councillor S Pritchard)

The Leader agreed that he would write to the County.

RESOLVED:

That:

- 1 The budget proposals, as detailed within the report were considered, and;
- 2 Views on the budget proposals and council tax strategy, taking into account the prioritisation of resources were discussed.

Chair