

EAST HAMPSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 5 February 2015

Present

Councillor: A Williams (Chairman)

Councillors: H Ayer, A Carew, R Harris, A Joy, P Marshall, Y Parker-Smith and I Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

25. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillors D Ashcroft, D Evans, L Evans, M Harvey and G Stacpoole.

26. Chairman's Announcements

There were no Chairman's Announcements.

27. Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2015 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

29. Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015-16

The committee scrutinised the Draft Revenue and Capital Budgets 2015-16 report. Jane Eaton, S.151 Officer, Simon Little, Service Manager Finance and Kevin Harlow, Corporate Accountancy Team Leader were present to answer questions.

In response to a question on the New Homes Bonus, it was explained that the existing percentage of this grant, within its six year period, would still be paid even if no further houses were built, as the grant was paid annually for a period of six years.

The committee discussed new business ventures and the political ambition for the council to not be reliant on grant funding.

Following the discussion it was RESOLVED that it be reported to Council that the Draft Revenue and Capital Budget 2015-16 had been scrutinised and the following issues identified:

- Paragraph 4.2 of the report – further detail to include the percentage reduction of Council Tax Support Scheme claimants;

- Paragraph 6.4 of the report – correct Alton Leisure Centre to Alton Sports Centre;
- The second paragraph 6.4 of the report to be renumbered 6.5;
- Appendix C – contributions to capital be amended to accord with the figures in Appendix B; and
- Appendix D – all Fees and Charges to be reviewed and confirmed as correct.

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 8.52 pm

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Chairman