



Minutes of a meeting of the **RESOURCES SCRUTINY PANEL** held in the Council Chamber, Catmose, Oakham, at 7.30 pm on Wednesday, 14 January 2015.

Present: Mr J M Lammie - Chairman (in the Chair)
Mr S Asplin
Mr R Clifton
Mr W J Cross
Miss G Waller

In attendance: Mr T C King Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance
Mr M D A Pocock Portfolio Holder for Places (Environment and Transport) and Resources

Officers present: Mrs D Mogg Director for Resources
Mr A Merry Finance Manager - Technical
Miss S Croad Corporate Support Officer

Apologies: Mr D C Hollis
Mr C A Parsons
Mrs C L Vernon

619 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made in respect of the items on the agenda for this meeting.

620 PETITIONS, DEPUTATIONS AND QUESTIONS

No petitions, Deputations or Questions had been received from Members of the public.

621 QUESTIONS WITH NOTICE FROM MEMBERS

No questions had been received from members.

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622 BUDGET 2015-16, MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME

Report No. 14/2015 from the Director for Resources was received.

The Portfolio Holder for Places (Development) and Finance introduced the report, the purpose of which was to agree detailed budget proposals for 2015/16 for consultation and to inform Members of the estimated position of the Collection Fund at 31 March 2015.

During the discussion the following points were noted:

- i. Members emphasized that the report should focus on income generation just as much as savings;
- ii. That the proposal for the fire tender will include first responder;
- iii. That the proposal to increase the minimum reserve from £2m to £3m was for the Members to decide at the next Full Council meeting;
- iv. It was not certain if the increase in the reserve was going to take place and that the circumstances for having to use this fund were rare;
- v. That there were monies available in the revenue budget to replace IT equipment as and when it was required but some upfront investment is likely to be required and a bid may be made to the invest to save reserve;
- vi. That the future aim for IT would be to invest early and deliver savings in the future;
- vii. That it is the intention to review the Business Manager post and commence a recruitment process (cost centre 3705);
- viii. Members stated that it would be helpful to see more information in regards to key facts, figures and a head count on departments and services delivered;
- ix. That cost centre 3718, Training, Confs & Seminars, had made a saving of £20,000 partly due to the introduction of the e-learning system;
- x. That the cost of the Parliamentary election in May 2015 will be claimed back through Melton Borough Council.

AGREED:

- i. That the panel noted the contents of Report No. 14/2015.

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The Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.29pm

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