

**CABINET MEETING – 10 NOVEMBER 2022**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I**

**Title of Report:**

MINUTES, PART I

**Author(s):**

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**Purpose of Report:**

Presents the minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 13 October 2022, Part I.

**Action Required:**

To confirm the minutes as a correct record.



At a Meeting of the **CABINET** held in **CITY HALL (COMMITTEE ROOM 1)** on **THURSDAY 13 OCTOBER 2022** at **10.00a.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor G. Miller in the Chair

Councillors Farthing, K. Johnston, Rowntree, Stewart and Williams

**Also present:-**

Councillors F. Miller, Scott and P. Walker – Deputy Cabinet Members  
Councillor Edgeworth

Prior to the commencement of the business of the meeting, Councillor Rowntree introduced the Council's new Director of Environmental Services, Marc Morley, and Cabinet Members welcomed him to his first meeting.

**Part I**

**Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 8 September 2022, Part I (copy circulated) were submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Cabinet meeting held on 8 September 2022, Part I, be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Declarations of Interest**

The following declarations of interest were made:-

Agenda Item 12 –  
International Advanced  
Manufacturing Park Area  
Action Plan (IAMP AAP)  
Review

Councillors G. Miller and C. Rowntree together with Patrick Melia, Chief Executive and Peter McIntyre, Executive Director of City Development, declared interests as the Council representatives on the board of IAMP LLP. They indicated that they would withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the report.

## **Apologies for Absence**

An apology for absence was submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Chequer and Price.

## **Honorary Freedom of the City**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to consider recommending to Council that the Honorary Freedom of the City be conferred upon Gary Bennett MBE, Stephanie Darby MBE (Steph Houghton) and Jill Scott MBE as persons of distinction who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chair highlighted the report and advised that in the case of Gary Bennett, it was proposed that he was made a Freeman of the City in recognition of the example of commitment and achievement he set in combatting racism in football and as an ambassador of Sunderland and role model for young people.

Cabinet Members were advised that in relation to Stephanie Darby and Jill Scott, the proposal was to recognise the example of commitment and achievement they had set in women's sport and as role models for young people in Sunderland.

The Chair reported that the Council had traditionally honoured those people who had made significant positive contributions to the reputation and wellbeing of the city and its residents by conferring the Honorary Freedom of the City upon them. He reminded Cabinet Members of the hugely positive impact on the city and our residents which resulted when the Honorary Freedom of the City was conferred upon the 1973 FA Cup winning team in January this year.

Cabinet Members were advised that as set out in the report, these three individuals, who it was now proposed should receive the Honorary Freedom, were highly respected, inspirational footballing figures, who through hard work and commitment had achieved great things, and as a result, all held a special place in the hearts of the people of Sunderland.

In relation to Gary Bennett, Councillor Farthing highlighted that he, like many other former Sunderland AFC players, was also a long-standing foster carer and had been very supportive to Together for Children with events.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that:-

- (i) in accordance with the provisions of Section 249 of the Local Government Act 1972
  - Gary Bennett MBE
  - Stephanie Darby MBE (Steph Houghton); and
  - Jill Scott MBE

as persons of distinction who have, in the opinion of the Council, rendered eminent services to the city, be admitted as be Honorary Freemen of the City; and

- (ii) authority be given for the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leader of the Council, to agree all appropriate arrangements for the formal ceremony at an extraordinary meeting of the Council to be held at the earliest opportunity.

### **Performance Report – Quarter 1 of 2022/23.**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide performance information in relation to Quarter 1 of 2022/23.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Stewart highlighted that the report set out the progress made during Quarter 1 of 2022/23 against a City Plan that spanned an eleven-year period through to 2030. He explained that as usual, the report had been aligned to the three key themes of the City Plan (Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City) as well as including additional Council indicators for Organisational Health.

Councillor Stewart drew the attention of Cabinet Members to the number of cases where the Council was supporting families through crisis. He reported that the level had increased significantly, and it was the highest the city had ever seen. He commented that this increase could only be due to the impact of Government policies on residents in the city. He noted that nationally the use of credit cards by families was at the highest level since the banking crisis in 2009. He was thankful that the Moneywise Credit Union was established in the city to support residents.

Councillor Williams was pleased to highlight that under the Vibrant Smart City section, there had been an increase in the number of events, particularly the successful Tour Series Cycling event which brought a significant number of spectators into the city. She congratulated officers on the organisation of the events and was pleased that residents and visitors were regaining confidence in attending events in the city. She reported that attendance at the Empire Theatre and Fire Station venues would need to continue to be monitored to see if the cost-of-living crisis had any impact on ticket sales.

Councillor Williams referred to the Warm Spaces Project which would be delivered with partners. She reported that the scheme would open up the facilities across the city to a new audience by offering a range of activities. She congratulated Council officers for their work on the scheme which would help support residents over the winter.

Councillor Farthing highlighted the need to involve social prescribers, as part of the Warm Spaces project and also at food banks, to assist residents facing budgeting problems. She also noted that Trussell Trust Food Banks were struggling to provide food basics and toiletries due to the increased demand. She reported that the current government created cost of living crisis was severely impacting the most vulnerable residents. She advised that the free school meals scheme desperately needed to be extended as there were more vulnerable families in the city than there were coming forward for help. She realised that the Council could ill afford to widen the scheme but this should be an area to be addressed soon if the Government does not come forward with proposals. She noted that only one council, London Borough of Islington, had implemented a universal free school meals system.

Councillor Farthing then enquired on the progress of the removal of Glyphosate in weedkilling and was advised by the Director of Environmental Services that a report on the weedkilling strategy was being developed following the completion of the pilot scheme at the end of September 2022.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the performance information in relation to Quarter 1 performance of 2022/23 be accepted and noted.

### **Capital Programme Second Review 2022/2023 (including Treasury Management)**

The Assistant Director of Finance submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided details of:-

- (i) the outcome of the Second Capital Review for 2022/2023; and
- (ii) progress in implementing the Treasury Management Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2022/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Stewart highlighted the report and drew the attention of Cabinet Members to the anticipated capital spend this financial year which had reduced by £103.8 million since the first capital review was reported. He explained that the overall reduction included:

- the reprofiling of £104.4 million expenditure into future years because of:
  - External influences outside of the Council's control, including as a result of ongoing impacts from Covid-19 and the Ukrainian war, or
  - Internal influences within the Council's control including realignment of projects to ensure best value was achieved and/or a more realistic consideration of the expected project delivery timescales; and

- the addition of new schemes or variations to schemes of £0.7 million within the Capital Programme.
- Technical adjustments, which decreased the Capital Programme in 2022/2023 by £0.1 million.

These variations were set out in Appendix A of the report. The revised capital investment budget would still see investment of nearly £240 million in the city this year.

Moving on to the Treasury Management aspects of the report, Councillor Stewart reported that the Council remained fully compliant with the Treasury Management prudential indicators. He advised that due to the overall financial position and the underlying need to borrow for capital purposes, new borrowing of £50 million was undertaken during August 2022 at an interest rate of 2.79% and this was considerably lower than current interest rates.

Cabinet Members were advised that there continued to be positive performance in investments with returns above the benchmark rate thereby making an additional contribution to the revenue budget whilst adhering to the prudent policy agreed by the Council.

Councillor Williams was pleased to see the number of capital schemes despite the financial pressures faced by the Council. She highlighted in particular the exciting schemes coming forward in her portfolio including Culture House and the F Pit Museum improvements and Visitor Centre.

Councillor Farthing cautioned that some developments might become curtailed or have to be reconsidered due to the increasing costs of materials such as steel and the difficulties being experienced in the supply chains. She commented that the inability to plan too far forward was due to the Government's inconsistent local government funding.

Councillor Stewart reported that the supply chain issues were already being experienced for many of the contracts and the Council was mitigating as far as it could. He referred to a comment made by a former councillor on the progress the city was making by viewing the number of cranes on development sites. He added that he had never seen so many cranes in Sunderland in his life and commented that Cabinet Members and officers should congratulate themselves on the significant transformation the city was undergoing.

The Chair agreed that the financial environment was becoming an increasing challenge and that difficult choices would have to be made. Despite that he commended the report and the Finance team for its excellent treasury management and advised that the whole point of the Council's City Plan was to continue to drive and develop the city.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) in respect of the second capital review for 2022/2023, the inclusion of additional schemes or variations to existing schemes for 2022/2023 detailed at Appendix A, as a variation to the Capital Programme be approved; and
- (ii) in relation to the Treasury Management Strategy, the progress in implementing the 2022/2023 Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators be noted.

### **Second Revenue Budget Review 2022/2023**

The Assistant Director of Finance submitted a report (copy circulated) to detail the outcome of the Revenue Budget Second Review for 2022/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

In highlighting the report, Councillor Stewart drew attention to section 3 which summarised the significant financial pressures arising in a number of budget areas. He explained that global factors such as the emergence from covid and Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, coupled with high inflation was fuelling the cost-of-living crisis.

Cabinet Members were advised that significant financial strain was being experienced by residents and businesses and the Council was facing the same soaring energy prices and record inflation levels. Additionally, children's and adults' social care continued to see significant demand and specific cost pressures whilst the cost of the proposed pay award was also impacting on the Council's budget position alongside inflation and energy cost increases.

Councillor Stewart drew the attention of Cabinet Members to the table in paragraph 3.1.3 of the report which highlighted that in overall terms net revenue pressures of £8.545 million were forecast at this stage in the financial year, which was largely driven by social care, energy and forecast pay pressures. Full details by Portfolio were set out in Appendix 1.

Councillor Stewart reported that this forecast overspend position took into account some savings arising from Treasury Management activity which was linked to capital programme expenditure reprofiling and increased investment returns, as noted at section 3.6 of the report. He reminded Cabinet Members that that some specific funding was set aside as an 'Energy and General Inflation Reserve' as part of last year's outturn and this £5.75 million was proposed to be fully utilised to help support the in-year position. He added that given the current volatility in the financial markets, uncertainty around the cost of borrowing and the impact on inflation following the Chancellor's Fiscal Statement, this financial forecast was the best estimate on information known at this time.



Cabinet Members were advised that the budget for this year was reliant on the inclusion of £5.8 million worth of savings initiatives. As noted in paragraph 3.3.2, of these savings plans, 67% of had been delivered, 30% were making good progress and at this stage 3% were considered undeliverable as planned and were factored into the budget forecast position. In summary, the Council would continue to seek to mitigate the forecast overspend where possible, whilst ensuring it continued to play its full part in supporting residents and businesses through the cost-of-living crisis.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

5. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the contents of the report be noted; and
- (ii) the contingency transfers proposed at Section 3.4 be approved.

### **Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 – 2026/2027**

The Assistant Director of Finance submitted a report (copy circulated) to:-

- identify the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term and set out the budget planning framework for the Council for 2023/2024;
- set out the headlines and context for the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2023/2024 to 2026/2027;
- set out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2023/2024; and
- seek a recommendation to Council for the approval of the updated Capital Strategy.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Stewart reported that the Medium- Term Financial Plan was summarised at section 3 of the report, including current best estimates of government funding over the period. He advised that areas of uncertainty in the funding system remained for next year and beyond. He explained that this included the Government's prior commitment to a two-year local government settlement in December and also the long-awaited fair funding review and associated business rates reform. He added that none of those would appear at this stage to be delivered in the short term and added to this, there remained the need for further clarity on the financial implications for local authorities of Social Care Reform and the required additional funding to deliver this.

Cabinet Members were advised that planning was based on the best information available at this time. There remained the risk that the Council would lose out under the fair funding review but planning assumptions were currently that any changes would be financially neutral.

Councillor Stewart reported that notwithstanding this, the combined impact on the Council from pay, energy and general inflation pressures alongside ongoing demand and increasing cost pressures within social care, meant the Council would need to deliver further significant ongoing savings in next year and beyond. Front line services would be protected wherever possible, but the levels of savings required would make this a difficult task as the Council had a statutory duty to balance its books each year.

Councillor Stewart commented that after taking account of these pressures and reflecting assumed council tax and business rate increases for planning purposes, the funding gap stood at £61.1 million over the four years to 2026/27, including a budget gap of £21 million in 2023/24. He explained that the scale of this gap laid bare the continued underfunding of local authorities after over a decade of cuts by the Government, coupled with the significant inflationary pressures the Council was now facing.

Cabinet Members were advised that savings proposals to address the 2023/24 gap were being developed which would be considered later in the budget planning process. However, it was recognised that given the size of the gap, uncertainty of Government funding and high inflation levels that a further use of earmarked reserves might be required to support the position in the short-term. Whilst the Medium-Term Financial Plan included assumptions in relation to council tax increases, decisions in respect of the level of increase in core council tax and any social care precept would be considered as part of the final budget proposals in February 2023. Work would also continue to identify a suite of proposals to address the remaining significant budget gap into future years.

Councillor Stewart then drew attention to the proposed approach to consultation and communication set out at section 6 of the report. He reported that feedback arising through that process, together with the outcome of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement anticipated for December would feed into the Council's revenue budget decisions in the New Year.

Councillor Farthing reported that she had never known a situation before where the Bank of England was at odds with the Government, and she feared that the Council could have even worse financial challenges ahead. She commented that the current Government seemed to be lurching from one crisis to another and the worry was that the identified £60 billion public sector cuts could be targeted on local government.

Councillor Williams drew attention to the challenges faced by the Council with the unfunded pay awards and increased utility costs. She reported that all services relied heavily on utilities and the increasing costs were having a devastating effect on running services as well as to residents. She implored the Government to make the right choices and manage the financial situation.

Councillor Stewart agreed that the economy was in chaos and stated that it was the first time he had known the Bank of England and the International Monetary Fund (IMF) to act in the way they have. He advised that the Government needed to have a sound economic plan in place as the impact of the current situation made it difficult to plan ahead.

The Chair reported that the current actions of the Government were not mandated and it was not acting on the pledges in the manifesto it was elected on, putting the country in chaos. He added that despite all that, the Council's Budget Policy Framework remained strong and the medium-term financial plan recognised the situation. He thanked the Finance team for the report.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

6. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) it be noted that the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and the full MTFP 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2023;
- (ii) the proposed Budget Planning Framework set out at section 4 of the report, which will guide the preparation of the Revenue Budget for 2023/2024, be approved;
- (iii) the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2023/2024, as set out at section 6 of the report, be approved; and
- (iv) it be recommended to Council to approve the Council's Capital Strategy.

### **Playing Pitch Plan**

The Executive Director Health Housing and Communities and the Executive Director City Development submitted a joint report (copy circulated) to present an updated Playing Pitch Plan (PPP) for adoption that would be used as a strategic planning document for sport playing pitches in the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Williams reported that in 2018, the Council drafted a PPP that examined the key elements for the demand and supply of playing pitches in the city. She advised that this plan had served the Council well in terms of assessing playing pitch developments and applying for external funding which included a Football Foundation grant to develop the Sunderland Football Hubs. She added that however, the strategy was now outdated and required updating.

Cabinet Members were advised that the updated PPP set out a clear 'vision' for playing pitches and provided a framework from which to guide future provision, investment, resources and subsequently increase participation levels in football, cricket, rugby, hockey, tennis and bowls. Further, the PPP examined two key elements:

- a) Supply issues, i.e. the quantity, quality and accessibility of sports pitches; and
- b) Demand issues, i.e. who used sports pitches, when were they used and were the pitches overplayed.

The PPP would provide a framework from which to guide investment and attract external funding and would also form part of the evidence base for the Council's Local Plan.

Councillor Farthing welcomed the report and explained that the delay in bringing the report forward was to review the impact of the original Football Hubs after a return to normal use following the Covid-19 pandemic. She added that this enabled the Council to develop a framework for investment in other sports as a range of sports were underplayed in parts of the city. She commented that as part of the review, the Council should also examine parking and traffic management around the different locations to prevent congestion.

Councillor Stewart having assured Cabinet that any playing pitches deemed to be surplus to requirements would be prioritised for alternative community uses, it was:-

7. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Playing Pitch Plan be adopted as a citywide document; and
- (ii) the proposed Action Plan and priorities outlined in the PPP be endorsed.

### **Review of Policy and Process for Kinship Carers Allowances in Children's Services**

The Director of Children's Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Cabinet with information relating to the review completed in relation to the Special Guardianship Support Policy by Together for Children for carers who have Special Guardianship Orders, Child Arrangement Orders and Residence Orders. This Policy related to allowances paid to extended family members, who had obtained an Order through the Court to care for a child, when their parents had been assessed as unable to care for their child safely. Following the review, some changes were proposed to be made to update the existing Policy and process in line with developing best practice.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Farthing highlighted that the Local Authority was required to have a Special Guardianship Support Policy and one had been in place, through delegation, to Together for Children for a number of years. She reported that a decision was taken within Children's Services to review the Policy in June 2022 and a working group was established to progress this work.

Cabinet Members were advised that the proposed Policy largely remained the same as it was established as a result of the following legislation:

- The Special Guardianship Regulations (2005)
- The Special Guardianship (Amendment) Regulations (2016)

Councillor Farthing reported that the Working Group had concluded that some aspects of the process required further strengthening and amended the Policy accordingly. She advised that to ensure that the needs of the family continued to be met, as well as making efficient and effective use of resources, it was proposed that over alternate years, a review of the carers' and child's needs would also take place alongside the financial assessment. She explained that this would commence from Year 2 post Order and would apply to all Special Guardianship Orders, Child Arrangement Orders and the remaining Residence Orders, for the duration that the child remained on an Order with the family.

Cabinet Members were advised that as part of the review, an additional section had been created to support the Policy in relation to Adaptations. This was to ensure that the Council was fully compliant with Regulation 6(2)(d) regarding adaptations to carers' homes to enable them to have a child living with them. The Regulations were clear that a lack of suitable accommodation for a child, in itself, cannot preclude a child living with a carer. It had been custom and practice to agree adaptations, which were increasingly directed by the Family Justice Court. A system had been established to manage any such requests but there had not been a formal policy in place that carers and their legal advisors could refer to. The addition of an Adaptations Policy strengthened the overall approach to determining support required to meet the child's needs, which was provided to families and their legal representatives.

Councillor Farthing advised that meeting the needs of the child were the most important part of the policy as in many cases the child was moved at short notice. She added she was pleased that all the services provided from Together for Children including therapeutic, addressing any special needs and adaptations had been reviewed for all settings so that no one would miss out.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

8. RESOLVED that the revised Special Guardianship Support Policy 2022 be approved for implementation by Together for Children, such Policy to be reviewed every 2 years to ensure it remains compliant with national Regulations and good practice.

### **Winter Service Policy 2022/23**

The Director of Environmental Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to seek approval to adopt and publish the Winter Service Policy Statement 2022/23

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Rowntree reported that the Council had a legal duty under the Highways Act 1980 and the Traffic Management Act 2004 to introduce systems to ensure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic by ensuring, so far as was reasonably practical, safe passage along the highway without danger from snow or ice. She advised that to achieve this the Council had reviewed the Policy that was in place for 2021/22 and made some slight changes and improvements. She explained that the newly developed Winter Service Policy 2022/23 provided a clear outline on how the Council would manage and respond to winter weather that adversely impacted upon the highway and other priority areas.

Cabinet Members were advised that the proposed policy statement provided a range of winter services to the highway network and priority pedestrian areas. This would ensure as far as reasonably practicable, that designated roads and footpaths were treated, and snow was removed through the 2022/23 winter period.

Councillor Williams reported that the provision of winter services was a difficult service to manage as it was difficult to predict where snowfall levels would be at their worst. She commented that whilst some residents expected the snow to be cleared on estate roads, the Council was strategically planning the best service it could by keeping the main routes clear.

Councillor Farthing highlighted that she had previously requested that consideration be given to the inclusion of the village bus link routes in Washington and asked that this be reviewed. The Director of Environmental Services agreed to examine the routes in question.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

9. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the Winter Service Policy 2022/23 be approved and adopted; and
- (ii) the publication of the Winter Service Policy 2022/23 on the Council's Website be approved.

At this juncture, Councillors G. Miller and Rowntree together with Patrick Melia, Chief Executive and Peter McIntyre, Executive Director of City Development, withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the following report as they had declared interests as representatives on the board of IAMP LLP.

Councillor Stewart took the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

### **International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan (IAMP AAP) Review**

The Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide an overview of a Plan Review undertaken for the IAMP AAP.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Stewart reported that following an Examination in Public, Sunderland City Council and South Tyneside Council had formally adopted the International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan (IAMP AAP) on 30 November 2017. He explained that it allocated 150 hectares of development land to facilitate the delivery of up to 392,000 square metres of employment floorspace for Principal and Supporting uses on the IAMP.

Cabinet Members were advised that the IAMP AAP formed part of the adopted development plans for both Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils and set the planning policy framework against which applications within the IAMP area were assessed. However, in order to ensure that local planning policies remained effective and up to date, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) required policies within Local Plans to be reviewed, and where necessary updated, at least every five years. As the IAMP AAP was adopted on 30 November 2017, this required the policies of the plan to be reviewed prior to the 30 November 2022.

Councillor Stewart reported that in order to meet the statutory requirements set out within the NPPF, a review had been undertaken to determine whether the policies of the IAMP AAP were effective, consistent with national policy and whether there were any other prevailing circumstances present which would warrant the policies being updated. He advised that as detailed within the review, it was considered that the policies had been broadly effective in achieving the overall vision and objectives of the AAP and had supported the delivery of early phases of development within the IAMP area. He added that it was also considered that the policies of the IAMP AAP remained broadly consistent with the NPPF and supporting Planning Practice Guidance (PPG).

Cabinet Members were advised that with regard to any changes in prevailing circumstances which have taken place since the adoption of the plan, consideration had been given to the IAMP AAP Interim Position Statement (IPS) and it was considered that the AAP remained an appropriate policy tool to support emerging proposals on the site.

Councillor Stewart reported that subject to Cabinet approval, it was proposed that both Councils would publish the IAMP AAP Review on their respective websites and confirm in writing to the Planning Inspectorate that a review had been undertaken and the outcome of this assessment.

Consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

10. RESOLVED that:-

- (i) the findings of the IAMP AAP Review (Appendix 1) be endorsed and also that it continues to be up to date for the purposes of managing development within the IAMP area;
- (ii) publication of the review on the Council's website be approved and notification of the review outcome to the Planning Inspectorate be authorised; and
- (iii) it be noted that South Tyneside Council's Cabinet are scheduled to consider a similar report on 5 October 2022.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

At the instance of the Chairman, it was: -

11. RESOLVED that in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006 the public be excluded during consideration of the remaining business as it was considered to involve a likely disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, Paragraph 3). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(Signed) G. MILLER,  
Chair.

P. STEWART,  
Chair.

### **Note:-**

The above minutes comprise only those relating to items during which the meeting was open to the public.

Additional minutes in respect of other items are included in Part II.