

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER,  
SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE  
ON MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> DECEMBER 2019 AT 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN A WATSON (CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Liddell, S Simpson, D Howarth, K J Duffy, S McDonnell  
& L Fenwick

Messrs:- S Miles, G Carne, T Duffy, S Franklin, S McGlen, R Kyle &  
C Watkins

52. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies had been submitted and accepted R Moore, A C Long, S Kirkup and S Meikle.  
**RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted at the meeting for absence received from the Councillors listed, and their apologies for absence be recorded.**
53. To receive declarations of interest  
Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. Councillor D Howarth declared an interest in the bid by Sun Shine Day Nursery, Councillor L Fenwick in the item relating to a Christmas Gift and Councillor S McGlen in the item relating to the Armed Forces Covenant.
54. Internal Audit Progress Report  
The Chair welcomed Steve Carter Audit Manager, DCC to present his report advising Members on work undertaken by Internal Audit between 1 April 2019 and 31 March 2020. Mr Carter gave a summary of his report and Members were asked to consider the outturn position on progress made in delivering the internal audit plan for 2019/20 together with that made by managers in responding to the work of the internal audit to gain assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment. There were several questions asked and answered and it was **RESOLVED the report be accepted.** The Chair thanked Mr Carter for his attendance and report.
55. Former Bowling Green Site, Lowhills Road  
The Chair welcomed representatives from The Sunshine Day Nursery, to present their proposal to the meeting. The representatives explained they had been established as a nursery provider for 18 years and whilst they had different sites, on some of them they were vulnerable and had only short leases. They felt this site at Lowhills Road may be able to offer them more security of tenure and even spoke about a new built or pre fabricated units (in their business plan).

**RESOLVED a Special Meeting be convened to consider all valid applications and agree the way forward.**

56. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Members approved the content of the draft minutes as a true and correct record of the last meeting of this Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Matters Arising

Minute Number 48 – Experimental Order for prohibition of Motor Vehicles – O’Neill Drive, Peterlee

Members were provided with progress with this matter. In considering the response from DCC it was asked if a copy of the correspondence could be provided to the Chair for his/her information and this was agreed. **RESOLVED further progress with feedback given on the Order from DCC, be awaited. FURTHER RESOLVED the Chair be copied into official correspondence arising from resolutions when made.**

57. Report of the Finance Sub Committee of the 18<sup>th</sup> November 2019 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, was agreed.

58. Neighbourhood Engagement Project

(i) Applications

Prior to the application being discussed, advice was sought from the Clerk if any award made would be in breach of purdah regulations. After discussion with all Members in attendance at the meeting, the Chair concluded any application could breach purdah regulations and as such removed the item. It was **RESOLVED this item be withdrawn.**

(ii) 6 Month Grant Report received from East Durham Partnership

Circulated for Members, for information providing feedback following a grant made by PTC. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**

**Powers used:- Under the power of GPC, The Localism Act 2011, s 1-6.**

(iii) Update following concessionary use - Function held on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

The Deputy Town Clerk reported on the bar sales and the income from catering at this event. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted**

(iv) Peterlee Youth Sessions Report

Members had been circulated with a copy of the progress report received from Groundwork NE and Cumbria. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted and regular update reports be awaited.**

59. Armed Forces Covenant

It was reported this item had been discussed at a recent meeting of the Larger and Smaller Local Council's Forum, in the hope parish & town councils would consider supporting and signing up to this initiative, a copy of which had been circulated. **RESOLVED the Town Council sign up to the Armed Forces Covenant.**