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HELD IN THE BRANDLING SUITE, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 18TH DECEMBER 2017 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN M A CARTWRIGHT(CHAIR)

Mesdames:- K Hawley, K J Duffy, S Simpson, A C Long, S McDonnell,

Messrs:- G Carne, T Duffy, R Moore, S D McGlen, S Miles, S P Franklin, J Robinson, C Watkins, S Meikle, S Kirkup, R Kyle & A Watson,

95. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been submitted from Councillors A C Long.....**RESOLVED the Council approve the reasons submitted for the absences received on the grounds where given above, and the Councillors' apologies for absence be recorded.**

96. Public Participation Session

A public participation session was held to allow members of the public an opportunity to put questions to the Council.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for their attendance and participation.

97. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on the agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise.

98. POLICE UPDATE

*Apologies had been received from the Police who were unable to attend the meeting. Following a motion proposed by Cllr A Watson and seconded by Cllr R Moore, it was **RESOLVED that the Town Clerk right to Inspector Blakelock to inform him of the importance placed on Police attendance and participation at Council meetings, and to request attendance at future meetings if at all possible.***

The Town Clerk circulated a draft monthly police crime statistics sheet for Peterlee, which had been developed from police stats taken from the Police website: <https://www.police.uk/durham/154/>

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Members confirmed that it was useful to see these monthly statistics, and that they should be presented as part of this standing agenda item in the future.

99. The Minutes of the Council Meeting of the 27th November 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

100. The Minutes of the Resources Committee of the 4th December 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

The minutes of the previous meeting were attached for consideration and approval as a true and correct record.

101. The Minutes of the Community & Environment Committee of the 11th December 2017 a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were approved.

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(attached)

102. Matters Arising from the Minutes

103. 2017/2018 Financial Year – second quarter budget summary report

Members were provided with a budget summary report to the end of the second quarter of the 2017/2018 financial year, a copy of which had been previously circulated to each Member.

104. Key Budget Principals for the 2018/19 Financial Year

Members received a presentation from the Town Clerk on the key budget principles affecting the Town Council's budget for 2018/19.

105. Peterlee Cricket Club update

RESOLVED consideration of this item be deferred.

106. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED in view of the confidential nature of the items to be discussed, the committee passed the formal resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1961 & the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, Part 1, paragraphs 2 & 8.

107. Approval of an ex gratia payment to a Member of Staff

Members were asked to approve an ex gratia payment to a member of staff in recognition of additional duties and responsibilities whilst covering an unfilled post.

108. Interior design – Shotton Hall

Members were updated on a number of issues relating to revenue generation by the Town Council and asked to approve the award of an interior design contract for Shotton Hall.

109. Consideration of legal opinion on the issue of future Horden Cemetery contributions

A verbal report from the Town Clerk on initial legal opinion received on future contributions to Horden Parish Council relating to Horden Cemetery was given. **RESOLVED the information given, be noted and a further report to come to Council for decision in due course.**

110. Spokesperson of the NEP Member's Report

111. Spokesperson of the Labour Political Party's Report

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