

LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL

RESOURCES AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7pm at Loughton Library & Town Hall.

Present:

Councillors: J Jennings (in the Chair)
J Jogia J Mahoney S Murray
A Omer J Angold-Stephens (as substitute for Cllr Pewsey)

Also present:

Councillors: D Wixley

Officers: E Walsh (Town Clerk)
B Smith (Assistant Town Clerk)
P Hoy (Services Manager)

1 member of the public

RG153 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Pewsey. The Town Clerk reported that Cllr Angold-Stephens had been nominated as Cllr Pewsey's substitute for this meeting. Cllr Dalton had telephoned his apologies but these were received too late to be included at the meeting.

RG154 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were received.

RG155 Confirmation of Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 5 December 2018 were CONFIRMED as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

RG156 Public Representations

None were received.

RG157 Matters for Report

157.1 Internal Audit Report

The report from internal auditors from their interim inspection at the Council Offices on 6 December 2018 previously circulated to all councillors was NOTED.

Members congratulated the Town Clerk and her staff on the excellent report.

157.2 Financial Assistance Working Group

The Committee appointed Cllr Angold-Stephens as the third member to this working group to join Cllrs Jennings and Murray in consideration of the applications.

RG158 Council-wide Priorities

The Committee reviewed the lists of priorities from the spending committees and AGREED that the Council-wide high priority list should be as shown below:

Ranking	Committee	Activity
1	Environment and Heritage / Planning and Licensing	Neighbourhood and Local Plans
2	Recreation	Roding Valley Recreation Ground improvements
3	Recreation	Playgrounds
4	Recreation	Community Safety

RG159 Estimates for 2019/20

The Committee considered the report and NOTED the increase in the tax base from the 2018/19 figure of 12,408.9 to 12,580.6.

After considering the estimates, the Committee AGREED that £25,000 could be taken from General Reserves to reduce the net requirement whilst leaving the General Reserves at approximately 62.41% of the net running costs to meet the Reserves Policy.

The Committee also AGREED to the proposed budget revisions with the exception of that for the Roding Valley Recreation Ground play area where £10,000 new money towards the refurbishment project remained.

The Committee RECOMMENDED to Council that the precept for 2019/20 be set at £719,000 with the budget details as follows:

Committee	Income		Expenditure	Expenditure inc re-charges
	£	£	£	£
Resources & General Services	35,515		458,981	180,981
Recreation	127,778		536,000	682,000
Environment and Heritage	18,075		119,960	216,960
Planning and Licensing	0		45,200	80,200
	181,368	181,368		
Interest	6,000	6,000		
Use from earmarked reserves				
Resources & General Services	14,000			
Recreation	133,250			
Environment & Heritage	36,500			
Planning and Licensing	45,000			
	228,750	228,750		
Total income/expenditure		416,118	1,160,141	1,160,141
Less money from general reserves		25,000		
Net requirement		719,023		
Rounding		719,000		

Signed
Date: 6 February 2019