

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
LEISURE SERVICES COMMITTEE
HELD IN ARDEN HALL, CASTLE BROMWICH
ON WEDNESDAY, 21ST JANUARY 2015
AT 7.30 PM**

Those present:

Chairman Cllr I Hiley
Councillors Cllr Mrs. P Allen Cllr Mrs. A Haywood Cllr M Rashid
 Cllr M Hayes [Item 5 only]
 Cllr J Riordan
Officers: Mrs. C Tibbles, Clerk to the Council/RFO
Public: None.

1. Apologies.

The apologies from Cllr E Hicks and Cllr E Knibb were noted for the reasons given. Cllr A Terry and Cllr Miss J Ward were absent.

2. Declarations of pecuniary or conflict of interests.

None declared.

3. Dispensations.

None requested.

4. Questions from the Public.

Under Standing Order 70, the Chairman prepared to temporarily suspend standing orders for this item but there were none present.

5. Budget Planning 2015/2016.

The Chairman reminded members of the previous discussions at the last meeting when the budget was not agreed because of ideas put forward. A lengthy discussion had subsequently taken place between Cllr Hayes, Cllr Riordan, the Chairman and the Clerk. Members noted the report received from the Clerk clarifying the basis of the draft budget calculations that had been under previous consideration. Following extensive discussion and consideration, members debated the opposing views expressed and everyone agreed compromise figures accordingly. The Chairman felt that although the proposed salary costs were similar to existing ones, it did absorb increased pension expenditure, as required by changing legislation. **ON THE PROPOSITION** of the Chairman, **SECONDED** by Cllr Rashid, **IT WAS RESOLVED** that the revised budget considered all circumstances and should be accepted as the best option in the time available. It was further **AGREED** that the Clerk be delegated authority to adjust the projected year end figures as necessary to reflect the latest known expenditure. **IT WAS FURTHER RESOLVED** that the council should include a review of the LSC salaries, in line with the decision of the Finance and General Purposes Committee resolution the previous week, and that the Hall Manager should report monthly to the Committee if extra hours had been worked over/under the contracted/costed budget. This would include variation against budget and number of hours scheduled on rota, together with hire income received against budgeted income (report format to be agreed by Committee).

Following further consideration, **IT WAS AGREED** to recommend to Council that the Staff Working Party meet at 6.45 pm in the Council Office before each Leisure Services Committee meeting for six months to review across the board all business operations to recommend smarter working initiatives to implement in permitted timescales.

ACTION

Clerk
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Clerk
24/1

Hall Mgr
04/15

Council
28/1