

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND FINANCE COMMITTEE  
HELD AT THE SESSIONS HOUSE, EASTGATE, LOUTH  
ON TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Present** Councillor D. Turner (DT) (in the chair)

**Councillors:** Mrs. S. Crew (SC), J. Garret (JG), C. Green (CG), D.J.E. Hall (DJEH), D. Hobson (DH), G.E. Horton (GEH), R. Jackson (RJ), A. Leonard (AL), M. Locking (ML), Mrs. S.E. Locking (SEL), Mrs. J. Makinson-Sanders (JMS), Mrs. M. Ottaway MBE (MO), F.W.P. Treanor (FWPT) and D.E. Wing (DEW)

**Councillors not present:** L.M. Stephenson (LMS), Mrs. D. Blakey (DB), Mrs. L. Harrison-Wiseman (LHW), Mrs. P.F. Watson (PFW), Mrs. E. Ballard (EB), Mrs. J. Speed (JS)

The Town Clerk, Mrs. L.J. Blankley and her Secretary, Mrs. L.M. Phillips were also present.

**243. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs. EB, Mrs. DB, LMS, Mrs. LHW, Mrs. JS and Mrs. PFW who would be late.

**244. Chairman's Remarks**

The Chairman warned that the meeting would probably need to go into closed session and have standing orders suspended in order to discuss an item not on the agenda.

**245. Declarations of Interest**

- a. Cllrs. FWPT, CG, Mrs. JMS and RJ – Cattle Market – as members of ELDC.

**246. Minutes**

Following a proposal by Cllr. CG, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SEL it was **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

**247. Town Clerk's Report on Matters Outstanding**

The Town Clerk had no outstanding matters to report on.

**248. Annual Return**

The Committee noted that the period of inspection closed on 14<sup>th</sup> July 2017 and the External Auditor had requested clarification on a transposed figure carried forward from last year and obtained a budget variance report.

**249. Financial Reports and Contracts**

The Committee noted that this item was deferred to the meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

**250. Suspension of Standing Orders**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. AL, it was **RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders in order that the Cattle Market (an item not on the agenda could be discussed).

**251. Exclusion of Public and Press**

Following a proposal by Cllr. DEW, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting should move into closed session in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed in relation to the following matters: Legal Advice

**252. Cattle Market**

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. MO, seconded by Cllr. Mrs. SC it was **RESOLVED** that cash limited professional advice should be sought assisted by an outside donation, delegated to be progressed by Town Clerk and Cllr AL. Cllrs. RJ and JG abstained.

Following a proposal by Cllr. Mrs. SEL, seconded by Cllr. DT it was **RESOLVED** to move back into open session.

**253. Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the date of the next scheduled meeting was 17<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

The Meeting Closed at 8.37pm.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Chairman)

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

Draft For Approval 17th October 2017