

At a Special Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2010, at the Civic Offices, Wellington Road Community Centre, Rhyl commencing at 6.00pm.

### **PRESENT**

Councillor D. A. J. Thomas (Chair)

Councillors J. B. Bellis, B. Blakeley, J. Butterfield, Mrs J. Butterfield, Mrs P. M. Butters, Mrs J. Chamberlain-Jones, M. C. Espley, Ms D. Hannam, Miss M. A. Jones, Mrs M. McCarroll, Mrs W. M. Mullen-James, G. J. Pickering and W. N. Tasker.

Mr G. J. Nickels	-	Town Clerk
Mr P. M. Thomas	-	Finance Officer
Miss H. J. Windus	-	Personal Assistant & Secretary

### **177. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for non-attendance were received on behalf of Councillors C. Davies (other commitment), Mrs L. M. Edwards (work commitment), I. A. Gunning (work commitment), Ms G. A. Jones (indisposed), Mrs P. M. Jones (indisposed), D. W. Lee (work commitment) and G. Williams (family illness).

### **178. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

***RESOLVED** that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for consideration of the following items of business in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, on the grounds of confidentiality.*

### **179. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2010/2011**

Further to Minute No.123 of the meeting of Special Council held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010, the Finance Officer submitted for Members' consideration his confidential report (circulated with Agenda). He requested Members to confirm their previous decisions in respect of the draft budget considered and also to determine the Council's precept for the financial year 2010/11, following queries raised by Members at the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010.

The Finance Officer's report gave advice on the implications of taking £10,000 from the Community Development Fund and applying it specifically so that the precept requirement for 2010/11 was correspondingly lower. His report further identified how this could be achieved by reducing the previously budgeted £20,000 revenue contribution to the Fund in 2009/10 to £10,000 and that this would then

increase the revenue balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 and that it would then be available for 2010/11 accordingly.

The Finance Officer then responded to Members questions.

**RESOLVED** that:

- a) *the following recommendations previously made at the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2010 be reconfirmed for submission to Council :*
  - i) *the probable figures for 2009/10 and the Budget figures for 2010/11 be approved as set out in Appendix D.*
  - ii) *the existing expenditure commitments and indicative allocations for the Community Development Programme be noted as set out in Appendix A and B.*
  - iii) *with regard to the South West / East Rhyl Renewal Area study to be undertaken by Denbighshire County Council a contribution of £8,000 be made.*
  - iv) *with regard to the Enforcement of Environment Crime initiative managed by Denbighshire County Council no contribution be made.*
  - v) *the appointment of the Internal Auditor for work related to the financial year 2010/11 be approved.*
  - vi) *the Balances Policy Statement be approved as stated "Following approval of the Budget and Precept for the financial year 2010/11 the projected level of revenue balances as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2011 will be circa £140,000 and considered in aggregate with the Council's other expenditure commitments and proposals from its Community Development Programme are deemed appropriate for an authority of this size".*
  - vii) *the Town Council's Investment Strategy as set out in Appendix F of the report be approved.*
  - viii) *authority for the Town Clerk to act with regard to the Budget and Community Development Programme to spend such sums as approved without further reference back, be confirmed.*
- b) *the budgeted £20,000 revenue contribution to the Community Development Fund in 2009/10 be reduced to £10,000 in order that the revenue balance as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2010 can be increased accordingly.*

- c) *the Council levies a precept of £390,000 (Three Hundred and Ninety Thousand Pounds) upon Denbighshire County Council for the financial year commencing on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, Denbighshire County Council to be advised accordingly*

**180. CLOSURE OF MEETING**

There being no further business the Chair declared the meeting closed.

Chair: .....

Date: .....