SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Strategy Committee** held on
Wednesday 26th November, 2014 at 7.40pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr M Graves (Chairman)
Cllr M Suffield (Vice Chairman)
Cllr J Mathieson
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford
Cllr G Jackson
Cllr H Lorimer
Cllr M Allan
Cllr P McCallum
Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr D Suiter
Cllr K Dolby
Cllr G Titmus

In attendance: Council Officers Mrs M Waddingham and Mrs L Savage. Press (1)

The Chairman welcomed all present and opened the meeting at a slightly later time due to Cllrs Meeting with the prospective Town Crier.

F&S.1 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies, with reasons had been received from Councillors J. Titmus, D Birks and S Fields. These were accepted.

F&S.2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**. To receive any Disclosable interests. There were none.

Cllr G Jackson entered the meeting.

F&S.3 **MINUTES.** Notes of the meeting 8th October 2014 had been circulated. ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** the notes from the meeting be accepted as Minutes of this meeting. Vote: 11 For and 1 Abstentions. The Resolution was carried.

F&S.4 **CHAIRMAN's REPORT**. – The CPO Working Group has lodged an objection against the CPO & Side Road Order. This was noted.
The Chairman explained that a revised budget had been handed out on the night. Noted.

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F&S.5 **CLERK's REPORT**.
5.1. Action Log – there was nothing further to report.
5.2 Sleaford Shop Improvement Scheme – The response from NKDC dated 5th November 2014 was noted.

F&S.6 **RFO REPORT.** The RFO had nothing to report.

F&S.7 **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**
7.1 Finance Report. The report was noted.
7.2 F&S Budget 2015/2016 - The Chairman explained that a revised budget had been taken back to the Personnel Committee. With this amendment a revised

budget was required for the F&S Committee which had been circulated on the evening for consideration.

The Chairman explained that no confirmation about had yet been received from NKDC as to the precept and Community Support Grant.

The Sleaford Shop Improvement Scheme - no budget provision had been made. Expenditure will either need to come out of Capital Programme budget line, or wait until the confirmation has arrived from NKDC which may enable the figures to be amended slightly.

IT WAS PROPOSED THAT, the revised F&S budget go to the Full Council on 10th December along with a report from the RFO and Project Lead with the finalised budgets for 2015/2016. Vote: unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

7.3 **Internal Auditors Report** – Following discussion and clarification, this report was noted.

F&S.8 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME – LRSP LAUNCH – To Note that the Working Group has not met yet. Cllr M Allan to ring the office to arrange a date for the meeting.

F&S.9 RESOLUTION TO MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION.
IT WAS RESOLVED THAT "in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw". Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried

F&S.10 OFFICE PREMISIES.

Taking into consideration the confidential nature of the business, **IT *WAS RESOLVED*** that

1. A viewing should be arranged.
2. A Service Team specification report be prepared.
3. Funding information be obtained.

Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8:41pm.

Responsible Financial Officer
Sleaford Town Council
27th November 2014