SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Finance and Strategy Committee** held on
Wednesday 28th January, 2015 at 8.10pm
at The Source, Southgate, Sleaford

PRESENT: Cllr M Graves (Chairman)

Cllr M Suffield (Vice Chairman)	Cllr S Fields
Cllr J Mathieson	Cllr K Fernandes
Cllr B Dunbar-Beckford	Cllr D Suiter
Cllr G Jackson	Cllr K Dolby
Cllr H Lorimer	Cllr G Titmus
Cllr M Allan	Cllr J Titmus
Cllr C Darch	Cllr D Birks

In attendance: Council Officers RFO and Project Lead.

The Chairman welcomed all present and apologised for the delay in opening the meeting, as the previous meeting had over-run.

F&S.1 **APOLOGIES.** Apologies, with reasons had been received from Councillor P McCallum. These were accepted.

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

F&S.3 **MINUTES.** Notes of the meeting 26th November 2014 had been circulated. ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** the notes from the meeting be accepted as Minutes of this meeting. Vote: 14 For and 1 Abstention. The Resolution was carried.

F&S.4 **CHAIRMAN's REPORT**. – The Chairman explained Item 7, new Budget figures for 2015-2016 and advised that any Councillors' comments or amendments would be considered at this meeting. These Budgets will go to Full Council 11th February 2015 for authorisation only. This was Noted.

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F&S.5 **CLERK's REPORT**. - Nothing to report.

F&S.6 **RFO REPORT.** –

6.1 CAB's accounts have been received.

6.2 Action Log updated, a few amendments still required.

F&S.7 **FINANCIAL MATTERS.**

7.1 Finance Report. The report was noted. Future reports will be to month/period end to enable year on year comparisons.

7.2 F&S Final Budget 2015/2016 –This has been revised following receipt of Direct Grant Fund notification from NKDC and Shop Front Scheme.

IT WAS RESOLVED THAT, the revised F&S budget be accepted, and subsequently the Precept be approved on Full Council on 11th February 2015. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

7.3 ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** future Financial Budget Comparison will be reported in a quarterly format. Vote: 14 for and 1 against. The Resolution was carried.

7.4 All other Committee Budgets 2015/2016 – Have been finalised.
IT WAS RESOLVED , therefore that the Precept figure be put on the Full Council Agenda, 11th February 2015, for final approval. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

7.5 ***IT WAS RESOLVED THAT*** the Final Budget and Precept, Appendix 1 be submitted to Full Council on 11th February 2015 for approval. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

F&S.8 **COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH SCHEME – LRSP LAUNCH** – Working Group to meet 6th February 2015 and report back to the next Finance & Strategy meeting on 18th March 2015.

F&S.9 **DISASTER RECOVERY PLAN –** It was noted that the Clerk was to draw up the initial plan which would be reported back to F&S in due course.

F&S.10 **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.11 **CCTV –** Initial report by the Clerk was distributed. The Chairman took questions from various Councillors, and suggested that a visit to a CCTV station could give answers ; this was thought to be useful.

F&S.12 **OFFICE PREMISES –** Update report was submitted by the Project Lead; two viewing sessions had taken place.

Taking into consideration the confidential nature of the business discussed, ***IT WAS RESOLVED,*** that the Project Lead would proceed, as instructed by the Council and in conjunction with the business case. Vote: Unanimous. The Resolution was carried.

There being no further business, the Chairman thanked all for attending and closed the meeting at 9.30pm.

Mrs L Savage
RFO
27th November 2014