

**BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**

**18TH NOVEMBER 2015 AT 6.00 P.M.**

PRESENT: Councillors C. J. Spencer (Chairman), H. J. Jones (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, S. R. Colella, B. T. Cooper, R. J. Deeming, G. N. Denaro, R. L. Dent, M. Glass, J. M. L. A. Griffiths, C.A. Hotham, R. E. Jenkins, R. J. Laight, P. Lammas, L. C. R. Mallett, K.J. May, C. M. McDonald, P. M. McDonald, S. R. Peters, S. P. Shannon, R. D. Smith, C. B. Taylor, P.L. Thomas, M. Thompson, L. J. Turner, S. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker.

62\15 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C. Allen-Jones and M. A. Sherrey.

63\15 **MINUTES SILENCE FOR EVENTS IN PARIS**

Those present stood in silence in honour of those people who had been killed or injured during the terrorist incidents in Paris the previous week.

Reverend Ray Khan informed Council of a Joint Act of Prayer and Remembrance organised by the Bromsgrove Muslim Community and the Parish of Bromsgrove which was to take place at St. Johns Church on Sunday, 22nd November. Members of all faiths and no faith were very welcome to attend.

64\15 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declaration of interest was made:

**Item 7 – Recommendation from the Cabinet on Bleak House Farm S106 Funding**

Councillor G. N. Denaro declared a disclosable pecuniary interest as a Trustee Governor of Woodrush High School Academy. Councillor Denaro stated that he would be leaving the room for this item.

65\15 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 23rd September 2015 and 7th October 2015 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meetings of the Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2015 be approved as a correct record.

(Councillor M. Thompson referred to Minute No 53/15 (Refugee Families) and requested an update on any progress. Councillor C. B. Taylor was unable to provide further information at the meeting).

66\15     **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN**

The Chairman referred to the forthcoming local events which she would be attending:

- 20th and 21st November – Bromsgrove Christmas Market in conjunction with St Johns Church. As part of this event the Christmas Lights would be switched on in the High Street on 21st November, including the Primrose Hospice Tree of Lights.
- 24th November – Chairman's Charity Curry Night in Bromsgrove.
- 28th November - Rubery Christmas Lights Switch on, including the Primrose Hospice Tree of Lights.
- 16th December - Community Carol Service organised jointly with Churches Together in Bromsgrove.

The Chairman invited all Members to support these events if possible.

67\15     **TO RECEIVE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE LEADER**

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader Councillor C. B. Taylor reported on a number of meetings which Councillor M. A. Sherrey had attended over the past few weeks, in particular in relation to the situation regarding the future provision of services including Maternity Services at the Alexandra Hospital in Redditch.

The Leader was unable to attend Council this evening as together with the Leader of Redditch Borough Council and the two Local Members of Parliament, she was attending a meeting with the Secretary of State for Health Jeremy Hunt for further discussions on the future of Health Services in Worcestershire.

Councillor Taylor also reported that the Leader had recently attended the Annual Conference of the Worcestershire Local Enterprise Partnership.

Councillor L. C. R. Mallett welcomed the work the Leader was undertaking in respect of the future of Health Services in Worcestershire.

Councillor Mallett requested details of progress following the decision recently taken by Council to welcome refugee families to Worcestershire.

Councillor Taylor referred to the joint work being undertaken with other Councils in Worcestershire and in particular the anticipated announcement regarding funding from Central Government.

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**TO RECEIVE COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR PETITIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman announced that two petitions were to be presented regarding the proposed redevelopment of the Leisure Centre. In addition there were a number of public questions which all related to the decision to not include a Sports Hall within the replacement Leisure Centre. The Chairman stated that Councillor R. J. Laight as Portfolio Holder for Leisure would respond to these questions.

The petitions were presented by Ms Sharron Kibble and were phrased as follows:

Petition 1 : “To prevent the downgrading of sports facilities and the destruction of local community groups”

Petition 2: “We the undersigned petition Bromsgrove District Council to keep a sports hall attached specifically to the planned new Leisure Centre”

The petitions were passed to the Monitoring Officer in accordance with the Council’s petitions protocol.

**Questions from Members of the Public**

From Mr C. Barnett

“Why is the Council spending £426,939 on spa facilities, £128,000 on a climbing wall and £200,000 on a moveable floor, a total of £755,939 on features that were not identified in their consultation, and are already available in other venues within easy reach of Bromsgrove Town Centre; but claim that a sports hall, which was one of the key demands of the public consultation, makes the scheme unaffordable”?

Councillor Laight welcomed the attendance of the public at the Council meeting and the fact that a number of residents had submitted questions under the procedure recently introduced.

In response to the question, Councillor Laight made the following points:

- the plans had not changed since the decision was taken in July 2014 to implement a scheme for the new Leisure Centre which did not include a sports hall;
- the new Centre would be Bromsgrove’s “jewel in the crown” and would be a “fantastic” facility for residents;
- within the budget available the Council was seeking to provide a broad range of facilities and activities which reflected changing leisure habits

and participation and would encourage new users to visit as well as catering for those already engaged in sport and physical activity ;

- there had been detailed needs analysis and close consultation with National Governing Bodies of sports and Sports England had been involved in determining the mix of facilities.
- the sports hall provision across the District had increased significantly since the Dolphin Centre was built, including the four court sports hall at North Bromsgrove High School completed in 2013. The intention was to enable these assets to be used by the community and to ensure that the capital cost of the project was at an affordable level;
- it was felt that the facilities to be offered would extend the overall offer of affordable, state of the art, sport and leisure facilities for the wider community and increase participation rates during a period of budget pressure;
- whilst it was accepted that there would be some displacement of daytime users and this had been referred to in the report of July 2014, it was intended this would be minimised by the use of other facilities.

From Mr P. Ganner

“Will the Council accept the failures of their past judgements and guarantee to review the decisions previously taken to remove a facility that Bromsgrove has had for 25 years”?

Councillor Laight responded that whilst the Council understood the concerns behind the question and had some sympathy, it was not accepted that there had been a failure of judgement. The issues were known when the original decision was taken and there was no intention to alter the plans for the new leisure centre which would be open in 2017.

From Mr P. Rendell

“In view of how unpopular demolishing the sports hall and selling land for housing will be with the community, for the dubious benefit of even more running machines and spin machines in Bromsgrove, could I plead with the Council to look again at options to keep the sports hall”?

Councillor Laight felt this question was similar to the previous question. Councillor Laight referred to the comments of Sports England and other consultants that sports hall provision was high in Bromsgrove. Discussions were on going to ensure there were facilities available for all parties although there would inevitably need to be some changes in times of use.

From Mrs L. Humphries

“What does the new leisure centre offer in terms of variety of sporting and fitness activities for our children that will replace the current provision the Dolphin Centre offers”?

Councillor Laight listed the current facility mix proposed for the new leisure centre. Councillor Laight stated that it was the intention to work with current service users to build their needs wherever possible into the new programmes for the site. If current sessions couldn't be accommodated it was the intention to work with users to find alternative venues. It was accepted that there may be groups which would be displaced with potentially no alternative venue being available.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CABINET HELD ON 4TH NOVEMBER 2015**

**Bleak House Farm – Use of Section 106 Funding**

Councillor G Denaro declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in this item and left the room during its discussion and determination.

- (i) The recommendations from Cabinet were proposed by Councillor R. L. Laight and seconded by Councillor P. J. Whittaker.

During the debate some Members referred to a need for further details of the proposed Community Use Agreement particularly in relation to the available times and level of community access to the facility. The view was also expressed that the proposed facilities were welcomed by the community.

Councillor Baxter requested reassurance that this Council would only be required to contribute £134,000 of S106 funding towards the cost of the fitness equipment fit out and that there would not be a gap which would require further Council funding.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett and seconded by Councillor C. J. Bloore that the matter be deferred and that further information be sought on the proposal, in particular details of the proposed community use of the facility.

On being put to the vote the voting on the amendment was tied. The Chairman cast her vote against the amendment and therefore the amendment was defeated.

It was **RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the Council's Capital Programme 2015/16 be increased by £134,000 to fund the fit out of the new Health and Fitness facilities at Woodrush High School Academy to be funded by the Section 106 payments applicable to the Bleak House farm site.;

- (b) that the Section 106 funds be released to the school only when they are received from the developer;
- (c) that authority be delegated to the Head of Leisure and Cultural Services to enter into a suitable legal arrangement and contract management process to protect the Council's funding in this matter;
- (d) that the Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Service be authorised to prepare and complete the necessary documentation in respect of the agreements referred to in (c) above.

(Councillor S. R. Peters requested that it be recorded that he had voted against the recommendations).

(ii) **Bromsgrove Centres Management**

The recommendation from Cabinet was proposed by Councillor R. L. Dent and seconded by Councillor R. D. Smith.

During the debate, a number of Members welcomed the report and the proposals to provide support to a number of Centres across the District. In response to a query the Councillor Dent confirmed that the Post Holder would be working with Local Members across the District to address issues and promote the local centres.

It was **RESOLVED**:

that the funding of an unavoidable budget pressure in respect of a new Town Centre Management function be approved for inclusion in the Medium Term Financial Plan assumptions as follows:

2016/17 - £16,000

2017/18 - £41,000

2018/19 - £43,000

(iii) **Medium Term Financial Plan 2016/17 – 2018/19 – Budget Assumptions**

The recommendations from Cabinet were proposed by Councillor G. N. Denaro and seconded by Councillor S. A. Webb.

In proposing the recommendations Councillor Denaro referred to the proposal not to increase fees and charges (except in particular circumstances) in view of the current inflation rate of 0% together with the underspend transferred to the Council's balances at the end of the financial year 2014/15.

Councillor S. J. Baxter queried the recent increase in the charge for the Green Waste Collection in the light of this current recommendation.

Councillor L. C. R. Mallett raised concerns that if there was no increase, then income from fees and charges would not keep pace with potential shortfalls in the budget. It was suggested that to increase fees and charges may be preferable to potentially increasing Council Tax and that decisions did not need to be taken at this stage.

Councillor Denaro reminded Members that detailed information was still awaited from Central Government on funding.

It was **RESOLVED**:

that the revenue budget assumptions as set out in section 3.7 of the report be approved with the exception of the paragraph in relation to Fees and Charges with the amended assumption to be as follows:

“That it be assumed that the existing schedule of Fees and Charges for Council services will not be increased for 2016/17, with the exception of increases to any Statutory Charges, or any instances where the responsible Heads of Service demonstrates particular circumstances to justify an increase. In such cases the increase would need to be approved by Council.”

70\15     **TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE CABINET HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2015 AND 4TH NOVEMBER 2015**

The minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet held on 7th October 2015 and 4th November 2016 were received for information.

Councillor S. R. Colella queried the future policy regarding New Homes Bonus arrangements. Councillor Denaro responded that in his view it was premature to decide on this before Central Government had announced its policy for the future.

71\15     **REPRESENTATION FROM THE COUNCIL ON THE ARTRIX**

Members considered a report on Appointments to the Bromsgrove Arts Centre (Operating Trust) – Charitable Company.

Councillor G. Denaro drew attention to the changes to the governing documents for the Bromsgrove Arts Centre Trust which had resulted in the Council's representation on the Trust being 2 rather than 5.

During the debate members raised a number of issues including:

- the importance of Council representatives attending the Trust meetings and for attendance details to be provided to the Council;
- concern that the Council representation was to be reduced in view of the level of public funding provided since the opening of the Artrix;

- the need for change since the inception of the Trust in 2004, which would afford the opportunity for the Board to recruit representatives from a wider sphere who would be able to provide particular skills and a wide range of experience.
- It was suggested and generally agreed that all outside bodies to which the Council made appointments be asked to supply attendance details for the Council's representatives.

The following Members were proposed as the Council's Representatives:

- Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths
- Councillor R. E. Jenkins
- Councillor S. P. Shannon
- Councillor C. J. Spencer

Following a vote on the matter it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the changes to the Articles of Association for the Bromsgrove Arts Centre Trust - Charitable Company be noted; and
- (b) that Councillor J. M. L. A. Griffiths and C. J. Spencer be appointed as this Council's representatives on the Bromsgrove Arts Centre (Operating) Trust – Charitable Company.

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**REPORT FROM THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT , REGENERATION AND THE TOWN CENTRE**

As the Portfolio Holder for Economic Development, Regeneration and the Town Centre, Councillor R. L. Dent presented a report on the areas covered by her Portfolio.

Members considered the report and raised a number of issues including the link between the regeneration of the Town Centre and improved prosperity across the rest of the District and the importance of improved connectivity in terms of both Transport and Digital services.

There was also discussion on the possible changes to the retention of Business Rates and the importance of working with businesses and schools to understand what skills were required and how these could best be provided.

Councillor Dent undertook to reply in writing to the following:

- Councillor Shannon concerning the level of investment in apprenticeship schemes and number of apprentices involved;
- Councillor Baxter regarding plans to improve transport connectivity in Wythall.



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**THE GOVERNMENT'S DEVOLUTION AGENDA - WORCESTERSHIRE DEVOLUTION DEAL**

Members considered a report on the proposals to secure a devolution deal for Worcestershire.

Following discussion it was

**RESOLVED:**

- (a) that the report and summary document on Worcestershire's emerging case for devolution be noted;
- (b) that the direction of travel as set out in the summary document be supported; and
- (c) that a further report be received in 2016 to determine the Council's approach to devolution.

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**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE**

**Question submitted by Councillor H. J. Jones**

Can I ask the Leader as Portfolio Holder for Health will she be stepping in to do all she can to bring back maternity services to the Alexandra Hospital as soon as possible and do we have confidence that there are ambulances to cope with the extra strain caused by mothers not being able to get to other hospitals to give birth?

Councillor C. B. Taylor responded on behalf of the Leader that everything possible was being done to ensure Maternity Services were re-established at the Alexandra Hospital and that stable and safe Health services were available in North Worcestershire.

**Question submitted by Councillor P. M. McDonald**

In light of Worcestershire County Council withdrawing Trading Standards from Worcestershire Regulatory Services (WRS) how does this affect the future of the service?

Councillor P. J. Whittaker responded that the County Council's decision would have no long term impact on the viability and sustainability of WRS. Worcestershire Shared Services Partnership had invested considerable time and effort in reviewing the business model to meet the financial challenges and ensure the long term future of WRS. A new partnership had been set up comprising the six Worcestershire Districts which would work with the County Council under a Service Level Agreement.

Transitional financial arrangements had been put in place to ensure that the loss of income from the new partnership undertaking would not impose any additional burdens upon Districts. The changes would not affect the role of this Council as the host Authority of the new partnership.

**Question submitted by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett**

To ask the Leader, further to the requests made by Members at the last three Council meetings and the failure of her administration to provide the answer despite promises to the contrary. What is the full cost of the months of delay in moving to Parkside including staff costs, additional meetings and the delay of the promised annual savings Parkside would accrue (previously claimed as £200k per annum), what steps has she taken to recover this loss from WCC and the Contractors and does she agree with me that this huge delay represents a significant failure of project management?

On behalf of the Leader Councillor G. N. Denaro responded that there was a saving of £250,000 included in the budget projections for a full year from the move to Parkside and it was anticipated that some of this saving would be realised following the move in December. A reserve was currently set aside for £105,000 from last year to fund any office moves which would be used to offset the reduction in savings for 2015/16.

Councillor Denaro added that having reviewed the financial position at the end of October and projecting this forward, it was anticipated that the year end position would be £25,000 overspent. This excluded any potential rebate in relation to the delays.

Councillor Denaro reported that this Council was working with the County Council to ensure that where appropriate any costs of the delay were recovered in accordance with the contract. Whilst the delays were regrettable, there were often various delays and complications when managing large listed building projects and it was rarely one person's responsibility to manage the delays.

**Question submitted by Councillor S. P. Shannon .**

Can the Leader of the Council confirm that the new council offices building at Parkside will have incorporated lifts to the first floor that will be fully accessible to all wheelchair users including powered models?

On behalf of the Leader, Councillor G. N. Denaro responded that the lifts all conformed to the required accessibility standards.

**Question submitted by Councillor C. A. Hotham**

In view of the Planning Inspectorate's latest letter (2/11/15) in which he states "I must re-emphasise the importance of being able to demonstrate a five year housing land supply" and "any failure to be able to demonstrate such a supply would amount to a serious soundness concern"; please can the Portfolio Holder explain how Bromsgrove expects to achieve this five year requirement?

Councillor C. B. Taylor responded that up-to-date information would be supplied as required by the Inspector's letter.

**Question submitted by Councillor M. Thompson**

The new railway station is well anticipated by commuters. The building of the new train station is, however, causing disruption for commuters currently using the existing one. In order to find a parking space commuters are now turning up hours in advance and waiting in their cars. Inevitably, commuters with other commitments who cannot do this are resorting to parking on streets some distance away, despite having already paid for parking through their season ticket. To make matters worse, the alterations around the island on the approach to the station will soon take away further parking spaces. In view of this disruption and the unwillingness of the Council to financially compensate, or find alternative parking arrangements for these residents, will the Council review their policy of £4 per day parking to a more realistic and affordable price for real working families?

Councillor P. J. Whittaker responded that he shared some of the concerns regarding parking at Bromsgrove Station, however there was no evidence that the car park construction was affecting parking on side streets as this had been on going for a number of years due to the success of the station.

The new car park was a joint venture between Centro and the County Council. In the New Year, planned highway alterations which had been allowed on appeal would have further implications and officers were working with the County Council to try to progress any improvements and mitigate the impact of this.

In relation to the costs of parking, Councillor Whittaker referred to the cost of a season ticket which would equate to £1.42 per day.

**Question submitted by Councillor S. R. Colella**

I read with interest that our MP and the Leader of the County Council only seem to have grave concerns with the traffic congestion in Bromsgrove Town. Does the Leader agree with this Group that there are traffic problems with other areas across the District and whilst we appreciate that discussions are taking place in respect of Whitford Road and other town centre problems, the whole of the Districts road infrastructure require urgent immediate review?

On behalf of the Leader, Councillor C. B. Taylor responded that it was acknowledged there were problems with traffic in other parts of the District as well as within Bromsgrove Town. High level talks had commenced between a Group which had included the MP and senior officers and Members at County and District Authorities together with representatives of the Bromsgrove Society. Over the forthcoming months the Group would be discussing a range of potential options.

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**NOTICE OF MOTION - DOLPHIN CENTRE REGENERATION**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor C. J. Bloore:

“Council notes the outpouring of public concern about the removal of the sports hall from the current Dolphin Centre redevelopment.

Council notes the current and growing number of names to a local petition asking for a sports hall to be part of the redevelopment of the Dolphin Centre.

Council notes the changes in business rates proposed by the Chancellor George Osborne that could give the Council more income than first thought to build a leisure centre.

Council notes the lack of evidence presented to Councillors proving there is no need for a sports hall as part of the redeveloped Dolphin Centre.

Council believes the lack of indoor sports facilities in Bromsgrove and the shortage of available court and pitch spaces in all weather facilities across Bromsgrove will limit the ability of local people to stay fit and for clubs to train.

Council believes there is real difficulty for local residents to have access to privately run sports hall facilities in Bromsgrove.

Council believes that the intended Olympic legacy of the London 2012 games was to promote sports participation and healthy living through the maintaining and improvement of sporting facilities in local communities.

Council believes that Bromsgrove’s residents deserve a regenerated leisure centre that meets the needs of its residents. A leisure centre that includes an onsite sports hall open to the public.

Council resolves to suspend all activities to build a leisure centre that does not contain an onsite sports hall.

Council resolves urgently to revisit and review the financial plan to redevelop the leisure centre to include the building of an onsite sports hall as soon as possible.

The motion was moved by Councillor Bloore and seconded by Councillor L. C. R. Mallett.

In proposing the motion Councillor Bloore referred to the importance of a wider strategic vision in line with the Olympic legacy as opposed to designing a facility to fit a pre decided “ financial envelope”. Councillor Bloore felt that the Sports England report had been used selectively and with a lack of context. Planning Policy also indicated the importance of a sports hall. Whilst there may physically be alternative facilities in the District there would inevitably be a difficulty in availability at peak times and in particular for block bookings.

During the debate the view was expressed that the plans for the new leisure centre were the same now as those agreed in July 2014. A key issue in deciding the facility mix had been affordability. The basic position had not changed in that under prudential borrowing rules the inclusion of a sports hall in the capital costs of the project would mean there would be insufficient funding to progress the remainder of the scheme.

Councillor Laight reported that officers were continuing to work with North Bromsgrove High School and BAM FM to provide peak and off peak usage. There would need to be flexibility on both sides as times may need to change slightly and “like for like” bookings could not be guaranteed. Recently additional facilities had become available such as Bromsgrove School and the all-weather facilities at Bromsgrove Tennis and Hockey Club.

The scheme had been supported by Sport England at regional and national level and by the Amateur Swimming Association.

The view was also expressed that the significant cost of the project was funded by all Council Tax payers but not all would be able to benefit from it. On this basis the motion was welcomed as an opportunity to reconsider the project.

It was also suggested that whilst there had been consultation, it appeared this may not have been sufficiently robust. Concern was expressed regarding the financial modelling and business case which relied upon an increase in the membership in the face of competition from private sector providers.

During the debate, the financial basis of the proposed facilities was queried. It was suggested that the current proposals would result in a “down graded” leisure centre due to the lack of a sports hall and the limited capacity to host events such as swimming galas.

On a requisition under Council Procedure Rule 18.3, the following details of the voting were recorded:

For the Motion: Councillors S. J. Baxter, C. J. Bloore, M. T. Buxton, S. R. Colella, C. A. Hotham, R. E. Jenkins, L. C. R. Mallett, C. M. McDonald, S.P. Shannon, M. Thompson and L. J. Turner (11)

Against the Motion: Councillors B. T. Cooper, G. N. Denaro, R. L. Dent, M. Glass, J. M. L. A. Griffiths, H. J. Jones, R. L. Laight, P. Lammas, K. J. May, R. D. Smith, C. B. Taylor, P.L. Thomas, S. A. Webb and P. J. Whittaker (14)

Abstentions: Councillor S. R. Peters (1)

(Councillors R. J. Deeming and P. M. McDonald had left the meeting at this stage)

The Chairman therefore declared the motion to be LOST.

76\15     **NOTICE OF MOTION - COUNCIL PROCUREMENT**

Members considered the following motion submitted by Councillor S. P. Shannon:

“This Council notes that the UK Government has taken steps to tackle the issue of tax abuse by companies seeking to secure government contracts for the supply of goods and services and has issued Policy Note 03/14: promoting tax compliance.

Subject to BDC officers reviewing the practical implementation issues, we request that Council incorporate Procurement Policy Note 03/14 into all procurement procedures including tenders, also this motion calls for the Council’s procurement policies to be amended to ensure that all bidders for Council contracts self-certify that they are fully tax compliant in line with central government practice.”

The motion was moved by Councillor Shannon and seconded by Councillor C. M. McDonald.

Councillor Shannon referred to the importance of the Council only using companies and suppliers who were compliant with taxation legislation in line with central government practice.

Councillor G. N. Denaro stated that Policy Note 03/14 referred to in the motion applied to central government contracts over £5m and therefore could not be adopted by this Council. Councillor Denaro reported that the Finance Team were currently reviewing all contract procedure including procurement and these would be considered by Members in the new financial year. However, he was sympathetic to the sentiment of the motion.

Following discussion it was suggested that as a slight amendment the words “the principles of” be inserted into the second paragraph of the motion between the words “incorporate” and “Procurement Policy Note 03/14”. This was accepted by the proposer and seconder.

On being put to the vote the Chairman declared the motion as amended to be CARRIED.

77\15     **NOTICE OF MOTION - ANIMAL WELFARE**

As the time allowed within the Constitution for the consideration of notices of motion had expired, this motion was deferred until the next meeting of the Council.

78\15     **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

**RESOLVED** that under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the

Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part being as set out below, and that it is in the public interest to do so:-

<u>Minute No</u>	<u>Paragraph</u>
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80/15	3

79\15 **TO RECEIVE THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE CABINET HELD ON 7TH OCTOBER 2015**

The confidential minutes of the Cabinet held on 7th October 2015 were received for information.

80\15 **CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL**

The confidential minutes of the Council held on 7th October 2015 were submitted.

**RESOLVED** that the confidential minutes be approved as a correct record.

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

Chairman