

## STRATEGY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

15 June 2016

7.00 pm – 8.30 pm  
Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Stroud

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### Minutes

#### Membership:

Councillor Steve Lydon(Chair)	P	Councillor Steve Robinson	P
Councillor Doina Cornell (Vice-Chair)	P	Councillor Mattie Ross	P
Councillor Nigel Cooper	P	Councillor Tom Skinner	A
Councillor Stephen Davies	P	Councillor Ken Tucker	P
Councillor Nick Hurst	A	Councillor Martin Whiteside	A
Councillor Keith Pearson	P	Councillor Debbie Young	A
Councillor Simon Pickering	P		

P = Present                      A = Absent

#### Other Members in attendance:

Councillor George Butcher                      Councillor Tom Williams  
Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy

#### Officers Present:

Chief Executive                                      Head of Internal Audit and Risk  
Accountancy Manager                              Principal Policy Officer

#### SRC.001                      APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Nick Hurst, Tom Skinner, Martin Whiteside and Debbie Young.

#### SRC.002                      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

#### SRC.003                      MINUTES

**RESOLVED**                      **To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 April 2016.**

**SRC.004****PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received.

**SRC.005****WORK PROGRAMME****RESOLVED**

To circulate a draft work programme for comment and discussion at the next meeting.

**SRC.006****APPOINTMENTS FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2016-17****(a) Performance Monitoring Representatives****RESOLVED**

That Councillors Nigel Cooper and Keith Pearson were appointed to represent Committee.

**(b) Stroud Concordat****RESOLVED**

That Councillor Simon Pickering was appointed as the Council's representative on Stroud Concordat.

**(c) Planning Review Panel****RESOLVED**

That Councillors Miranda Clifton, Gordon Craig, Jim Dewey, Nick Hurst, Haydn Jones, Sue Reed, Nigel Studdert-Kennedy, Ken Tucker and Tom Williams represent their political groups at future meetings of the Planning Review Panel. Substitutes could be appointed as required.

**(d) Housing and Development Panel****RESOLVED**

That Councillors Nigel Cooper, Doina Cornell, Jonathan Edmunds, Nick Hurst, Steve Lydon, Keith Pearson, Mattie Ross, Tom Skinner, Martin Whiteside represent their political groups at future meetings of the Planning Review Panel. Substitutes could be appointed as required.

**(e) Member Development Task and Finish Group****RESOLVED**

That Councillors Chris Brine, George Butcher, Catherine Braun, Karen McKeown, Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Debbie Young. Substitutes could be appointed as required. Councillor Chris Brine was elected as Chair.

**(f) Constitution Working Group****RESOLVED**

That Councillors George Butcher, Doina Cornell, Norman Kay, Steve Robinson, Nigel Studdert-Kennedy and Debbie Young are appointed to the Constitution Working Group. Councillor Doina Cornell was elected as Chair.

**SRC.007****HOUSING REVENUE ACCOUNT OUTTURN 2015-16 –  
SUMMARY OF VARIANCES, RESERVES AND BALANCES**

The Accountancy Manager referred to paragraph 6 of the report and gave his personal apology for the fact that the HRA opening balance previously reported to committee had been overstated by £909K. Members had already been informed of the situation in an internal audit report which had been instigated by the Chief Executive as soon as he became aware of the reporting error. The Head of Internal Audit & Risk gave her reassurance that she would be working with the Audit & Standards committee to ensure that the recommendations made in the Audit report were fully implemented. Rather than debate the matter in detail members agreed to await the outcome of discussions at Housing and Audit & Standards Committees. They asked for a further update report to be brought to the next meeting in July.

- RESOLVED**
- (a) To note the headline outturn position on the HRA for 2015/16.**
  - (b) To approve the movements on HRA balances and reserves set out in Table 3.**

**SRC.008****GENERAL FUND REVENUE AND CAPITAL OUTTURN  
REPORT 2015-16**

The Accountancy Manager explained that due to a change in the financial reporting schedule, members would not receive the usual detailed report until the next meeting in July. Further changes in year end reporting would require a fundamental change in accounting processes and a greater reliance on accurate estimates being provided by services in the future.

- RESOLVED**
- (a) To note the General Fund revenue and capital outturn for 2015/16, as shown in Table 1 and Table 4.**
  - (b) To approve the transfers to and from earmarked reserves for the year, as set out in Appendix A.**
  - (c) To approve the budgets to be carried forward to 2016/17, as set out in Table 3 and Table 5.**

**SRC.009****DEVOLUTION UPDATE**

The Chief Executive updated members, explaining that the current position remained as last reported to the committee. All successful bids nationally had included provision for an elected mayor, with the exception of Cornwall - however, this may still have to be addressed in the next round of negotiations.

Leadership Gloucestershire had appointed KPMG to carry out a review of the Gloucestershire bid and present their recommendations by October 2016. Discussions were ongoing with Government, voluntary and community groups and businesses. The key question was whether Gloucestershire would be willing to opt for an elected mayor if this was the only governance arrangement the Government would accept. Members were concerned that no decisions should be made without full and proper consultation with all district councillors and the wider community.

**SRC.010**

**MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**

There were none received.

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

Chair