

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**23rd JUNE, 2010**

At a Special Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 23rd June, 2010:

**PRESENT** The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors V. Black, R.M. Biggs, S.C. Hosford and Trevor Jones (Chairman).

In attendance:  
Councillor R.B. Potter.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Councillors M.A. Allwood and T.C.N. Harries.

### 1. **FINAL ACCOUNTS – 2009-10**

The Committee considered the Final Accounts for 2009-10 in the light of the comments of the Financial Services Provider and of the Council's Internal Auditor who had carried out a cursory examination of them and whose report was circulated to those attending.

Members had questions which the Financial Services Provider was unable to answer and it was

#### **RESOLVED**

That this meeting be reconvened prior to 30th June and that the Financial Services Provider be requested to prepare a narrative report explaining the substance of the Accounts and the reasons for the level of deficit.

### 2. **FUTURE LEVELS OF COUNCIL TAX**

The Committee gave preliminary consideration to the Council's response to the announcement in the budget speech yesterday that the Government would provide additional funds to other precepting bodies to enable their council taxes to be frozen. Town and parish councils did not receive any funding direct from central government and it appeared unlikely that they would do so in future although final details of the practical issues were not yet available.

Following discussion it was

#### **RECOMMENDED**

That the Council's financial planning for 2011-12 assumes that there will be no increase in the Band D charge and that officers and the Financial Services Provider be instructed accordingly.

Chairman