

# **DORCHESTER TOWN COUNCIL**

## **POLICY COMMITTEE**

**28th JUNE, 2010**

At the Reconvened Special Meeting of the Policy Committee held on 28th June, 2010:

**PRESENT** Councillors V. Black, T.C.N. Harries, C.M. Hebditch and Trevor Jones (Chairman).

In attendance:  
Councillor R.B. Potter.

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from The Mayor (Councillor L.M. Phillips) and Councillors R.M. Biggs and S.C. Hosford.

### 3. **FINAL ACCOUNTS – 2009-10**

In accordance with Minute 1 the Committee gave further consideration to the Council's Final Accounts for 2009-10 in the light of the report of the Financial Services Provider who answered Members' detailed questions about the Accounts.

The required format for the presentation of the Accounts had changed from the Statement of Recommended Practice (SORP) to Financial Reporting Standards for Smaller Entities (FRSSE) which had necessitated the re-statement of the Accounts for 2008-09 to allow comparison and the report of the Financial Services Provider explained the impact of the changed regime.

The Financial Services Provider also had available copies of the Cash Flow Statement which was no longer required to be included in the published Final Accounts.

The outturn deficit was less than the original estimate almost entirely as a result of transfers into the General Account from earmarked reserves which, in accordance with the Council's usual practice, had not been taken into account during the preparation of the Budget. The remainder arose from additional staffing costs in the Municipal Buildings to cover the protracted sickness absence of a permanent member of staff.

It was

### **RESOLVED**

- (1) That the draft Final Accounts for 2009-10 as now submitted be approved and certified appropriately.

Arising from the consideration of the Balance Sheet it was also

### **RECOMMENDED**

- (2) That the Town Clerk and the Financial Services Provider be requested to submit a report to the next Meeting of the Committee

on the origins of the sum of £56,271 arising from a Section 106 Agreement and the Council's obligations under the Agreement.

Chairman