

## **QUESTION TIME**

To receive questions from members of the public for a period not exceeding ten minutes.

## **AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES**

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007.

### **3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive any announcements the Chairman wishes to make.

### **4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

To confirm and sign minutes of a meeting of the Committee held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2009 (R&R/5/2009-2010). Copy previously circulated.

### **5. INTERIM UPDATE REPORT 2009-2010**

Report from Stuart J Pollard, Director, Auditing Solutions Ltd, detailing the interim visit made on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

A copy of the report is attached, *Appendix A*.

The Committee is asked to note the report.

## **6. BUGS / COMMUNITY PLANNING**

Following the last meeting of the Revenue and Resources Committee, the appointed Working Party met and a plan was agreed. This has been written up by Councillor Paul Heaphy who will present it to the meeting.

The initial plan envisages a Saturday morning networking event at which guest speakers could include Karen Scott; to report on Area Board Grants and Gillian Barber; to talk about Landfill Tax Funding. It is thought that such an event will actively engage with the community.

In order to promote this group, it is suggested that the Town Council offer the group a start up grant of £1,000 to be made available from the project fund in the General Reserve. It is understood that the group will be asking the Area Board to match fund this amount.

The Committees instructions are sought in respect of this request.

## **7. CIVIC CENTRE – RETAINING WALL**

Letter from Mr Gordon Haslett, architect, Aricab, detailing the condition of the retaining wall fronting Station Road. Copy attached, *Appendix B*.

The Council became aware of this problem during the budget cycle and commissioned a report from Gordon Haslett. Temporary traffic lights were needed in order to carry out the survey but due to the severe weather conditions this had to be delayed.

An amount of £20,800 plus an additional contribution of £10,000 will be made available in the periodic maintenance fund, to last until March 2011 and at budget time it was this funding that was earmarked for the purpose of repairing the wall.

Given the uncertainty of the Civic Centre, it is recommended that we accept the lower cost estimate to make safe the wall, which will effectively buy the Council more time.

The Committees instructions are sought.

**8. PRESS RELEASES**

The Committee is asked to consider whether it would like any Press Releases issued in respect of the Committee Agenda items.