

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

Report of the meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held in the Normanby Room, Whitby Museum, Pannett Park, Whitby on Tuesday, 9th December 2008 at 1pm.

Present: Councillors M D Murphy (Chair), Mrs S Boyce, T N Carson, Dr S M Daniels, J Dickinson, T Jennison, J McEachen, R G Sigsworth and S R Smith.

Mr E N Birch, Town Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer (RFO).

53. **MINUTES**

MOVED by Councillor Smith, seconded by Councillor Dickinson and

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee held on the 18th November 2008, having been circulated, be taken as read and confirmed as a correct record (previously circulated).

54. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

GENERAL PURPOSES

55. None.

FINANCE

56. **FINANCIAL REPORT**

The current financial report was presented to the Committee by the RFO.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor Jennison and

RECOMMEND that the Financial Report be received.

57. **STAFF SALARIES**

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor Dickinson and

RECOMMEND that the increase in staff salaries wef 1 Apr 08 of 2.45% as recommend by The National Joint Council for Local Government be approved.

58. **PROPOSED PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR (FY) 2009/10**

The proposed setting of the Precept for the FY 2009/10 was considered in much depth in view of the current financial climate.

An increase in electricity charges for the new FY is necessary, external building repairs are now urgent and also planned alterations to the front entrance are now a priority.

MOVED by Councillor Dr Daniels, seconded by Councillor McEachen and

RECOMMEND that the proposed Precept for the Financial Year 2009/10 (see attached) be set at £180,000. This constitutes a 17% increase from the previous year - which equates to an increase of £4.31p/year on a Band C property or 0.36p/month.