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13 November 2013

Dear Sir or Madam

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the **Finance & General Purposes Committee** will take place on **Tuesday 19 November 2013** at the **Offices of Biggleswade Town Council, Saffron Road, Biggleswade** commencing at **7.00pm** in order to transact the undermentioned items of business.

Yours faithfully



R D McGregor
Town Clerk

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Cllr B Rix
Cllr Mrs W Smith

Cllr S Watkins
Cllr G Wilson
Cllr T Woodward (Vice Chair)

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive Statutory Declarations of Interests from Members in relation to:

- (a) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in any agenda item
- (b) Non-pecuniary interests in any agenda item

3. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION

A period of up to 15 minutes is permitted to allow members of the public to ask questions.

4. MINUTES OF MEETINGS

- a. For Members to receive and approve the minutes of the Finance & General Purpose meeting held on 16 July 2013.

5. MATTERS ARISING

- a. From the Finance & General Purpose meeting held on 16 July 2013.

6. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

a. Council Tax Support Grant (CTS Grant)

Correspondence has been received from CBC regarding the CTS Grant for 2014/15. The Government has issued a provisional Settlement for 2014/15. This did not separately identify any amount for CTS Grant and overall the Settlement amount for CBC was £5.438m, or 7.7%, lower than that for 2013/14.

Since the publication of the provisional Settlement, the June Spending Review outlined a further 1% cut to Local Government funding. There are also other changes to funding currently being discussed, the impact of which is not yet known, but which may also be adverse for CBC.

Following helpful feedback on the Precept Request forms, the format of these has been revised and should be circulated to Town Council during November. The revised format has been designed to make as explicit as possible the full effect on Council Tax that Town Councils proposed precept would have.

A copy is attached to this agenda.

b. Budgets

To consider budgets for 2013/2014.

c.. Financial Risk Assessment and Review

For members to consider and review the Financial Risk Assessment.

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