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**BRISTOL CITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2013 AT 9.30 AM**

A Councillor Abraham  
P Councillor Brain (in the Chair)  
P Councillor Hassell  
P Councillor Naysmith  
P Councillor Wright  
A Councillor Vacancy  
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Also in attendance -

Councillor Gollop - Assistant Mayor

**RC**

**100.1/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCES, SUBSTITUTIONS AND  
RESIGNATIONS**

Apologies were received from Councillor Abraham.

The Commission noted the resignation of Councillors Janke and Watson following their respective appointments to the Cabinet as Assistant Mayors.

**RC**

**101.1/13 PUBLIC FORUM**

None received.

**RC**

**102.1/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None declared.

**RC**

**103.1/13 WHIPPING**

None declared.

**RC**

**104.1/13 MINUTES - RESOURCES (BUDGET) SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
- 14TH JANUARY 2013**

**RESOLVED - approval deferred until the next meeting  
on 22 February 2013.**

**RC**

**105.1/13 MINUTES - RESOURCES (BUDGET) SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
- 16TH JANUARY 2013**

**RESOLVED - approval deferred until the next meeting  
on 22 February 2013.**

**RC**

**106.1/13 MINUTES - RESOURCES (BUDGET) SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
- 21ST JANUARY 2013**

**RESOLVED - approval deferred until the next meeting  
on 22 February 2013.**

**RC**

**107.1/13 CHAIR'S BUSINESS**

None.

**RC**

**108.1/13 WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

Having regard to scrutiny in 2013/14 it was suggested that the Commission undertake more in depth work, eg housing benefit, treasury management, public health. This could be done by the less formal style of presentation to the Commission followed by discussion.

With regard to treasury management a separate briefing could be given outside the formal scrutiny process for Councillors Brain, Naysmith and Hassell, if it was felt necessary.

**RESOLVED - that the work programme for 2012/13 be  
noted.**

**DEVOLUTION OF S.106 MONIES TO NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTNERSHIPS AND IMPACT OF COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY**

The Commission considered a report of the Service Director – Planning and Sustainable Development (agenda item no. 8) setting out the progress made in respect of devolved Section 106 monies since devolution took effect on 1 April, 2011 and the impact the introduction of CIL would have on Section 106 receipts, including the level of ‘meaningful proportion’ of CIL that would be devolved to Neighbourhood Partnerships following a recent announcement by the Planning Minister.

Members of the Commission asked questions to clarify issues. The points arising are summarised below –

- With regard to ‘meaningful proportion’ it was confirmed that this meant that 15% of the CIL would go toward the local neighbourhood area. If a Neighbourhood Development Plan, secured by the consent of local people via a referendum, was in place then it would increase to 25%;
- The 75%/85% CIL remaining would form part of the Capital Programme & Investment Framework as set by Council;
- Administration of CIL would not require additional resources however up to 5% of receipts could be used for administration costs which would probably be needed for the first five years and less thereafter. Extra employees would not be required;
- CIL could also be used to deliver Park & Ride scheme and maintain existing schemes that were not commercially viable;
- CIL could be used to fund community projects such as a local school or a community bus;
- CIL payment would be made at commencement of development although for large developments a phased payment could be made.

- RESOLVED -**
- (1) that the progress in respect of spending devolved Section 106 monies be noted;**
  - (2) that the impact of CIL on Section 106 monies be noted;**
  - (3) that the government announcement, regarding the level of the "meaningful**

**proportion" of CIL to be passed to local communities, be noted;**

- (4) to note that Neighbourhood Partnerships would have more flexibility in how CIL receipts were spent than was currently the case with Section 106 monies.**

**RC**

**110.1/13**

**LOCAL AUTHORITY MORTGAGE SCHEME - ADDITIONAL FUNDS**

The Commission considered a report of the Strategic Director Neighbourhoods and City Development (agenda item no. 9) setting out the progress of the LAM scheme with approved lenders and to comment on allocating additional funding of £3m to enable the scheme to be extended to more first-time buyers who want to take part in the scheme.

The Commission welcomed the success of the scheme to date and the seeking of an additional £3m of funding to expand the scheme to more first-time buyers. There was consensus that the scheme should be extended wherever it was practical to do so.

**RESOLVED - that the report be noted.**

**RC**

**111.1/13**

**BUSINESS RATE DISCOUNTS IN THE TEMPLE QUARTER ENTERPRISE ZONE**

The Commission considered a report of the Strategic Director Neighbourhoods and City Development (agenda item no. 10) setting out the Business Rate Discount Scheme agreed by the Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone.

It was noted that the Government would fund the discount for a maximum of five years and any growth in the business rate would be retained by the Council.

**RESOLVED - (1) that the report be noted.**

**RC**

**112.1/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Noted that, due to the cancellation of the 8 February 2013 meeting, the next meeting of the Resources Scrutiny Commission would be held on 22 February 2013 at 9.30 am.

**CHAIR**

(The meeting ended at 11.20 am)