

## COUNTY DURHAM AND DARLINGTON FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

At a **MEETING** of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held at Service Headquarters, on **Thursday 30 January 2020 at 10.00am**

**PRESENT:** Cllr Alison Batey in the Chair  
**DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL:** Cllrs R Bell, D Freeman and J Shuttleworth  
**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL:** -  
**OFFICERS:** T Hope

<b>PART A</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b><u>Apologies</u></b>
	Apologies were received from Cllr H Crumbie and C Potts.
<b>2</b>	<b><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u></b>
	The minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2019 were agreed as a true record.
<b>3</b>	<b><u>Forecast of Outturn 2019/20 Quarter 3</u></b>
	<p>T Hope introduced the report which provided an indication of the Service's revenue and capital financial outturn position based upon expenditure and income to the 31 December 2019. The forecast revenue outturn position to the 31 March 2020 is an underspend of £0.226M.</p> <p>Members discussed the additional expenditure and T Hope noted the income position of £207,000 in excess of budget.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members <b><u>noted</u></b> the forecast revenue and capital outturn position.</p>
<b>4</b>	<b><u>Short Term Investments 2018/19 Quarter 3</u></b>
	<p>T Hope introduced the report which provided an update on the performance of the Authority's Short Term Investments for the period ended 31 December 2019.</p> <p>Members queried who the debt management office was and T Hope confirmed it was the Treasury.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Members <b><u>noted</u></b> the current position regarding the Authority's Short-Term Investments.</p>
<b>5</b>	<b><u>Revenue and Capital Budgets 2020/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan</u></b>
	T Hope introduced the report which set out details of the local government finance settlement for 2020/21 and requested consideration of the revenue and capital budgets and medium-

	<p>term financial plan (MTFP) to agree a firm recommendation on the budget and council tax to the meeting of the Fire Authority on 25 February 2020.</p> <p>Members discussed the council tax increase the lease of HQ building and the capital expenditure for Darlington Station.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) Members <b><u>considered</u></b> the information in the report.</li><li>(ii) Members <b><u>considered</u></b> the level of council tax for the 2020/21 financial year.</li><li>(iii) Members <b><u>noted</u></b> the risks that have been identified as part of the budget setting process</li><li>(iv) Members <b><u>agreed</u></b> to a 2% increase in council tax for 2020/21 and <b><u>agreed</u></b> to a firm recommendation to the Combined Fire Authority meeting on 25 February 2020.</li></ul>
	<p><b>Time and Date of Next Meeting: 20 July 2020</b></p>