

## SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT PANEL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING of the Scrutiny Management Panel held on Thursday, 7 February 2013 at 4.00pm in Conference Room A, Civic Offices, Portsmouth.

(NB These minutes should be read in conjunction with the agenda for the meeting, which can be viewed at [www.portsmouth.gov.uk](http://www.portsmouth.gov.uk))

### Present

Councillor Michael Andrewes (Chair)  
Councillor Peter Eddis (Vice Chair)  
Councillor Phil Smith (deputising for Councillor Darron Phillips)  
Councillor Sandra Stockdale  
Councillor Matthew Winnington  
Councillor Rob New  
Councillor Mike Park  
Councillor Jim Patey

### Officers

Chris Ward, Head of Finance and s 151 officer

#### 1 Apologies for Absence (AI 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Darron Phillips. Councillor Phil Smith attended the meeting today as his standing deputy.

#### 2 Declarations of Members' Interests (AI 2)

There were no declarations of members' interests.

#### 3 Minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2012 (AI 3)

**RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 8 November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

#### 4 Presentation by Head of Finance and s 151 Officer on the Budget 2013/14 (AI 4)

(TAKE IN SLIDES)

The Head of Finance and S151 officer, Mr Chris Ward, gave the presentation which it was also intended to be given to full Council at the budget meeting.

The presentation outlined the aims of the budget 2013/14, explained the financial background and explained the ongoing savings requirements. The S151 officer also explained that there would be a further budget meeting in Spring intended to address at least £2.4m (relating to Early Years provision).

In response to questions, the following points were clarified

- With regard to the reduction in the port income the downturn of the Euro has been a contributory factor.
- The estimated cost of a referendum on council tax would be around £39k
- 98.7% of council tax due is collected by PCC which is higher than average when compared with our statistical neighbours.

**5 Date of next meeting (AI 5)**

Members asked for a change to the start time of the next scheduled meeting to avoid clashes and this was agreed. The start time of the scheduled meeting on 21 March would be 3pm.

The meeting ended at 5.50pm.

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Chair

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