

**POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**  
**24<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2008**

- \* Cllr. A.P. Watts (Chairman)
- \* Cllr. Mrs. P.C. Brooks
- \* Cllr. Mrs. R. Gadsby
- \* Cllr. A.L. James
- \* Cllr. S.C. Pryde
- \* Cllr. W.J. Pryor

\* Denotes Members present.

Also present: Cllr. Clark and Cllr. Collier and Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou.

In attendance: Town Clerk and Recreation and Amenities Manager.

774. **Apologies for Absence:** All Members being present there were no apologies.
775. **Declarations of Interest:** There were no Declarations of Interest.
776. **Fees and Charges 2008/09:** Members referred to the list of Fees and Charges showing recommended fees for the Financial Year 2008/09 against the current year charges. The Chairman explained that most increases were in line with the rate of inflation and the Town Clerk went on to say that allotment rents were to be increased to bring them more in line with adjoining authorities. Members instructed that a letter of explanation be sent to all plot holders. Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou referred to a previous suggestion that improvements be made to the kitchen facility at the Town Hall and that an additional charge for kitchen hire be included in the Fees and Charges. The Town Clerk explained that this would be discussed at a future Licensed Bars & Catering Management Sub-Committee and recommendations would be made to the Policy & Resources Committee. Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT Fees and Charges for the Financial Year 2008/09 be as set out at Appendix A to these Minutes.

777. **Precept 2008/09:** The Chairman referred to the Draft Budget for the Financial Year 2008/09 previously circulated to all Members and thanked the Town Clerk for his work in preparing this document. The Chairman then went on to explain that the Best Value regime was being removed from Local Government requirements and as a consequence the Council would no longer receive the £30,000.00 Annual Government Grant towards the cost of conforming to this legislation. The Chairman went on to say that together with Mayor and Leader of Council the Members capital items ‘Wish List’ had been considered and the following amendments had been made;

❖ Speed Indicator Display Reduced to One Unit Saving	£2,000.00
❖ Market Stalls Transferred to Revenue Saving Nil	
❖ Fence Repairs Transferred to Revenue Saving Nil	
❖ New Gates at Larsen Recreation Ground Deleted Saving	£3,000.00

❖ Digital Mapping System Reduced to £2,500.00 Saving	£ 500.00
❖ Replacement Truck Deleted Saving	<u>£,8000.00</u>
Total Saving	£13,500.00

Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou referred to the deletion of the new gates at Larsen Recreation Ground and suggested that as the provision had been to improve security and prevent vandalism an application should be made to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel for Grant Aid towards this cost. It was moved by Cllr. Mrs. Stavrou, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Town Clerk make application to the Crime and Disorder Reduction Panel for Grant in the sum of £3,000.00 towards the cost of new gates at Larsen Recreation Ground.

It was further moved by the Chairman, seconded and

RESOLVED – THAT the Officers arrange for a new gear box to be fitted to the Nissan Truck.

Following further discussion it was moved by the Chairman and

RESOLVED – THAT subject to the above the Council at its meeting later this evening be recommended to instruct the Town Clerk to issue a Precept upon Epping Forest District Council in the sum of £727255.00 (Seven Hundred & Twenty Seven Thousand Two Hundred & Fifty Five Pounds) for the Financial Year 2008/09.

**A.P. WATTS - CHAIRMAN**

