



HAVERHILL  
TOWN COUNCIL

## HAVERHILL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at 8.15 pm

In The Studio, Haverhill Arts Centre, High Street, Haverhill

**Present:Chair – DeputyTown Mayor: E McManus**  
**Town Councillors: S Bowes, L Burgess, M Byrne,**  
**L Carr, A Gower, P Hanlon,**  
**P McManus, M Marks (except items**  
**1-4)**

**Also present: No members of the public.**

### MINUTES

1. **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs Ager, Mrs Mary Martin, Price, Richardson, Samuels and Woodward.
2. **Declaration of Interests**  
No Members declared an interest in matters on the agenda.
3. **To confirm Minutes of Meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009**  
The minutes of the meeting held 24<sup>th</sup> March 2009 signed as a true record.
4. **To deal with any urgent matters arising from the Minutes not covered by this agenda**  
There were no urgent matters not covered by the agenda.

Action

*Cllr Byrne proposed and Cllr Hanlon seconded, all being favour, that, in accord with the Provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted*

5. **To consider the recommended actions from the Suffolk Association of Local Councils**

The Council considered the issues raised in the report and agreed that:-

- a) In preparation for recruiting a new Town Clerk when the present incumbent retires, the matter of the Clerk's salary be considered at the next Personnel Committee meeting
- b) Expert advice be sought in the phrasing of questions to be put to the public regarding future services and levels of Council Tax
- c) A survey be undertaken regarding support for public services delivered and levels of funding required by the Town Council
- d) The Finance Committee undertake detailed reviews of budget lines
- e) Groups receiving Town Council grants attend an annual meeting to

outline how the monies received contributed to the well-being of the town

- f) Until the outcome of research into levels of support for existing services is known, the Arts Centre Working Party be disbanded
- g) The Borough Council Cabinet Member with the Haverhill Portfolio be invited to attend and speak at every Full Council meeting
- h) The Personnel Committee receive a full report on current staffing, including job descriptions, salary banding and sample working rotas
- i) Suffolk County Council be advised that, in considering greater devolution of powers, funding and management, the priorities for consideration by the Town Council are:-
  - a) services to youth, particularly youth club, detached youth worker, and existing youth provision
  - b) services to older adults, including day care support and provision, and Community Transport
  - c) management control of Community Centres, including the Burton Centre and the Chalkstone Centre

6. **Closure**

The meeting was closed at 9.45 p.m.

