TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

FULL COUNCIL MEETING

<u>Tuesday 21st January 2003 at 7.00 p.m.</u> <u>At Bevan House, Camps Road, Haverhill</u>

PRESENT:	Town Mayor:	Councillor Mrs Mary Martin
	Councillors:	M Dane, E Goody, M Graham, P Hanlon, E Jarred, L Kiernan, Maggie Lee, C Pinker, and M Woodley

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk to the Council – Gordon Mussett

MINUTES

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received and were accepted from Cllrs Dunning, French, Gerry Kiernan, Smith and Trewartha.

2. Declaration of Interests

Cllrs Hanlon, Larry Kiernan, Maggie Lee and Mrs Martin declared an interest in the Arts Centre as Members of St Edmundsbury Borough Council and thus, be default, Trustees of the Arts Centre.

Cllr Goody proposed, and Cllr Hanlon seconded, all being in favour, that in accordance with section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that the matters to be discussed will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the Act.

3. Management of Town Hall Arts Centre from 1st April 2003

The Clerk reported that St Edmundsbury Borough Council had invited Haverhill Town Council to manage the Town Hall Arts Centre on its behalf from 1st April 2003 until the Charity Commissioners formally approved the transfer of Trusteeship. The Clerk advised the Council that it had the powers to take on the management of the Town Hall Arts Centre from the Trustees, and that it would aid the transition to transfer of Trusteeship if they did so from 1st April. The Council considered the report prepared by the Clerk detailing other issues arising from assuming management control from 1st April 2003. The Council welcomed St Edmundsbury Borough Council's approach. Cllr Maggie Lee proposed and Cllr Hanlon seconded, all being in favour, that:-

- a) The Town Council manage the Town Hall Arts Centre on behalf of St Edmundsbury Borough Council from 1st April 2003 until transfer of Trusteeship.
- b) That Haverhill Town Council seek quotations for a full structural survey of the building
- c) The Town Clerk be authorised to accept the lowest quotation for a structural report of the building provided that this is not in excess of £10,000
- d) In the event of an unsatisfactory structural report, provided agreement is agreed with the existing trustees regarding resolution of the defect(s), the Town Clerk be instructed to confirm the Council's intent to take on the Trusteeship of the Town Hall
- e) In the event of a satisfactory structural report the Town Clerk be instructed to confirm the Council's intent to take on the Trusteeship of the Town Hall Charity.
- f) That the post of Technical Officer be advertised by the Town Council, on an initial 6-month fixed term basis starting 1st April 2003, to be reviewed after 6 months with a view to a permanent appointment subject to transfer of trusteeship.
- g) That a working group comprising two Labour Group Members and one Haverhill Representative Alliance Member.
- h) That the Town Clerk be instructed to agree with the Working Group a schedule of alterations for approval by Full Council in March, and to obtain planning, listed building, and building regulation approval on the proposed works, together with competitive tenders in accordance with Standing Orders.

4. <u>Closure</u>

The meeting was closed at 7.22 p.m.