

**POLICY COMMITTEE**

18th March 2015

**Present** – The Chairman (Foster) and Councillors Barrett, Beck, Brockbank, English, Heseltine, Kerwin-Davey, Lis, Moorby, Mulligan, Myers, Place, Quinn, Sutcliffe and Turner.

**Officers** – Director of Services, Strategic Manager, Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer, Asset and Project Manager and Member Services Manager.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbron, Lis and Myers .

Start: 8:30pm

Finish: 9.20pm

**EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That, in accordance with the Council's Access to Information Procedure Rules, the public is excluded from the meeting during consideration of Minute POL. 659 (marked \$) below on the grounds that it is not in the public interest to disclose the Category 3 exempt information (financial or business affairs of any particular person including the Council) and Category 5 (legal professional privilege in proceedings) .

POL.657      **AUDIO RECORDING OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Members Support Manager submitted a report of the Corporate Head of Business Support on a proposal to introduce audio recordings of the Council and Committees and to publish the recordings on the Council website.

**Resolved-**

- (1) The audio recording of public meetings of the Council and Committees and the publishing of the recordings on the Council website be approved.
- (2) Recordings to commence from the Annual Meeting of the Council.
- (3)The retention period be a minimum of five years from the date of the meeting.

POL.658      **CRAVEN SPATIALPLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Resolved** – That the Minutes of the Craven Spatial Planning Committee held on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2015 be noted.

\$POL.659      **SKIPTON TOWN HALL -LETTINGS**

The Director of Services submitted a report updating members on the progress made in the marketing of the large retail unit (Unit 1) in Skipton Town hall and seeking authorisation to progress the terms of a lease on one of the two offers made.

Members expressed their opposition to outside seating use associated with the lease.

In making the resolution below members considered that the approved offer best supported the retail mix within the town centre.

**Resolved -**

- (1) To approve Waterstones, as the preferred option to progress heads of terms with the intention of negotiating and agreeing a suitable lease between the Council and Waterstones for the leasing of a large unit (shown as Unit 1 in Appendix of the report) within Skipton Town Hall.
  
- (2) Authorise the Director of Services in consultation with the Leader or Deputy Leader, Lead Member Asset Management to agree the terms of the lease following conclusion of negotiations.
  
- (3) Request a further report to Policy Committee should the terms of lease not be successfully negotiated with Waterstones.

Chairman