



STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MEETING

I hereby give notice that an Extraordinary meeting of the Stanley Town Council will be held on Tuesday, the 4th August 2015 at 6.30pm at Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley, Co. Durham, DH9 0NA.

TO ALL MEMBERS of STANLEY TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend an **EXTRAORDINARY MEETING** of the Stanley Town Council to be held in **Stanley Civic Hall, Front Street, Stanley**, on **Tuesday the 4th August 2015 at 18.30** in order to transact the following business:

Yours sincerely,

Cllr Joan Nicholson
Chairman
28th July 2015

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A G E N D A

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To **RECEIVE** any apologies and reasons for absence.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are invited to **DECLARE** disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests, along with the nature of those interests, in relation to any item on this agenda.

3 PROCEDURAL AND APPROPRIATE ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

To **RECEIVE** announcements from the Chair or Town Clerk.

4 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An adjournment will be allowed at the direction of the Chairman to allow for public comment and response in relation to items on this agenda or to consider written questions from the public submitted in advance of the meeting (*Individuals will be permitted a maximum of three minutes each. Total time for this session is limited to fifteen minutes*).

5 REQUEST FOR GRANT FUNDING**(ATTACHMENT A)**

Statutory Basis: Local Government Act 1972, s.137

The statutory spending limit for grant assistance under section 137 is the statutory amount multiplied by the number of electors in the Parish on 1st April each year. The spending limit for 2015/16 is £175,204.80. (£.7.36 x 23,805)

Durham Money Advice Centre

Amount Requested: £15,000

Background

A submission for funding under the Member's Initiative Fund (MIF) for Durham Money Advice Centre was submitted with the support of 10 members of Council, namely Cllrs Bell, Charlton, Ferris, Harrison, Mills, Nicholson, Nixon, Thompson, Tully & Walker. £5,000 has already been committed to the project by County Councillors from their Neighbourhoods budget.

It was not possible to progress this application under the MIF because £10,070 of the funding required has been identified as salary costs. Council's policy on Grants & Donations (Adopted June 2015, Minute #STC.38-15) states that "Funding will not normally be made in respect of on-going staff, employee or other running costs". Therefore the application must be considered by a full sitting of Council. Due to the recess, this would mean the application not being considered until 22nd September 2015.

Council is requested to **CONSIDER** this matter and **DECIDE** how to respond.

DECISIONS REQUIRED:

- (i) Whether or not to make a grant award,
- (ii) The amount of any award; and
- (ii) Which budget heading any authorised expenditure will be funded from.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting. Members of the public will only be permitted to speak at the beginning of the meeting during Public Question Time.