

Minute extract

Meeting: **Scrutiny**
Date: **3 February 2014**

22 General Fund Revenue Budget 2014/15 and Capital Programme 2013/17

(N.B. paragraphs summarising content budget report omitted. Please refer to the minutes of the meeting.)

Councillor Heaps, Cabinet Portfolio Holder, was in attendance to answer questions relating to Tourism and Leisure Services including catering.

The Senior Head of Infrastructure provided members with an update on the Waste Contract, Calls to the Council, Grounds Maintenance costs and Five Acre field railings. Members requested further information regarding 'mixing' of recyclables frequency of street cleaning. The Senior Head of Infrastructure agreed to provide following the meeting. A copy of the briefing note is appended to the minutes.

The Chairman asked if there were any measures included in the proposed budget to assist with the creation of jobs, assistance for new business start-ups or attracting established businesses to Eastbourne. The Chief Finance Officer advised that aside from the capital programme, which did contain some direct and indirectly beneficial effects on the local economy, there were no new proposals in the budget specifically aimed at Economic Regeneration. A total of circa £488,000 had been made available in the Economic Regeneration Fund.

The Chairman advised the committee that members would be receiving a report from officers regarding a review of the recent changes to taxi licence fees at the next Scrutiny Committee meeting in June 2014.

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