Minutes of a Meeting of the Committee to consider applications to undertake certain duties by Members and foreign travel by Officers held at County Hall, Chelmsford, at 11.10am on 21 October 2014

Present:

Councillor

David	Finch	Chairman
Michael	Danvers	
Theresa	Higgins	(substitute for Councillor Mike Mackrory)
Dick	Madden	
Simon	Walsh	

Councillors Eddie Johnson (Cabinet Member for Highways Maintenance and Small Schemes Delivery) and John Jowers were also in attendance.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Mackrory, for whom Councillor Theresa Higgins substituted.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

Upon the motion of the Chairman, duly seconded, it was

Resolved
That Councillor Dick Madden be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2014 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Referring to minute 9 (Member and Officer attendance at the Local Government Association Annual Conference), and as requested at that meeting, the Chairman provided feedback following his attendance at the Local Government Association Conference in July, which he had found to be a valuable event.

4. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

5. Member Attendance at the ADEPT Conference

The Committee considered report FTC/08/14 by the Secretary to the Committee detailing an application for Members to attend the CCN

Conference in Marlow, Buckinghamshire from 16-18 November 2014 at an estimated total cost of £4,606.30.

In considering the application, Members noted the value to the Council of attendance at the Conference, particularly in terms of the opportunity to meet with senior leaders at other county councils and with senior government ministers.

Resolved:

That the attendance of Councillors David Finch, Leader of the Council, Kevin Bentley, Deputy Leader, Dick Madden, Cabinet Member for Families and Children, Mike Mackrory, Leader of the Liberal Democrat Group, and Julie Young, Leader of the Labour Group at the CNN Conference in Marlow, Buckinghamshire from 16-18 November 2014 at an estimated total cost of £4,606.30 be approved.

6. Member Attendance at Opening Event for Fort Duffel and Floodcom Final Conference

The Committee considered report FTC/09/14 by the Secretary to the Committee detailing an application for Sonia Davidson-Grant (currently acting Interim Executive Director for Place Commissioning) to attend the MARSS First Public Workshop to be held at Regent GMBH, Mertesdore, Germany on 6 October 2014 at an estimated cost of £450.

In response to a question from Councillor Mrs Higgins, Members noted that although Sonia Davidson-Grant was expected to attend the Workshop, an alternative nominee would be sought if required.

Resolved:

That the attendance of Sonia Davidson-Grant (acting Interim Executive Director for Place Commissioning), or alternative nominee, at the MARSS First Public Workshop to be held at Regent GMBH, Mertesdore, Germany on 6 October 2014 be approved.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place on **Thurday** 20 November 2014 at 10.30 or on the rising of the Cabinet meeting to be held that same morning, whichever was the later.

Secretary's note: this meeting was subsequently cancelled.

The meeting closed at 11:20.

Chairman

16 December 2014