

<b>Committee:</b> Finance Committee	<b>Date:</b> 18 October 2016
<b>Subject:</b> Decisions taken under Delegated Authority or Urgency since the last meeting of the Committee	<b>Public</b>
<b>Report of:</b> Town Clerk	<b>For Information</b>
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### Summary

This report advises Members of action taken by the Town Clerk since the last meeting of the Committee, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, in accordance with Standing Order Nos. 41(a) and 41(b). This action was:

- Response to Department for Communities and Local Government consultations on 100% Business Rates Retention and Fair Funding Review: Call for evidence on Needs and Evidence

### Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

### Main report

#### **Response to Department for Communities and Local Government consultation on the Devolution of Business Rates**

##### Background

1. In July 2016 the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) commenced consultations on the following:
  - Self-sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention
  - Fair Funding Review: Call for evidence on Needs and Redistribution
2. The deadline for responses to the consultation to be sent to DCLG is 23 September 2016.

##### Reason for Urgency

3. Due to the complexity of the consultation response, it was not possible to finalise these for approval by the Finance Committee at its meeting on 20 September 2016. The responses have now been finalised and due to the deadlines of 23 September 2016 for submission of the responses to DCLG, approval is required under urgency procedures to ensure that the Corporation is able to respond to the consultations.

### Action Taken

4. The Town Clerk, following consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, approved responses to the DCLG's consultations. The responses are attached at Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.

### **Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Response to DCLG Consultation - Self-sufficient local government: 100% Business Rates Retention

Appendix 2 – Response to DCLG Consultation - Fair Funding Review: Call for evidence on Needs and Redistribution

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