



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

17th January 2023

PRESENT: Cllr Mark Thorpe (Chairman)

Councillor Alan Biggs	Councillor Sandra Grove
Councillor Toni Coombs	Councillor Simon Gibson
Councillor Charmaine Crossley	Councillor Rev'd J. Macro
Councillor Lindsey Dedden	Councillor Jane Russell
Councillor Spencer Flower	Councillor Carol Traves

In Attendance: Carrie Lloyd, Town Clerk

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207/22/23 **Public Questions**

There were none.

208/22/23 **Minutes of the meeting held 8th November 2022**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

209/22/23 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Philip Mann, Andy Maw, Matthew Parker, Pat Morrow, Shelley Rose and Kate Stephens.

210/22/23 **Declarations of Interest**

None

211/22/23 **DRAFT BUDGET AND PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2023/24**

Members noted the draft Budget and requested that a Medium Term Financial Plan be produced to help determine where the Council could reduce its reliance on Reserves over the next 4 – 5 years.

RECOMMENDED that the Precept for 2023/24 be £383,600 representing 3.21% increase on a Band D Council Tax and the Fees and Charges at Appendix A be approved.

(Action; Town Clerk)

212/22/23 **REPAIR TO VERWOOD RECREATION GROUND ENTRANCE**

Members **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Clerk's action of incurring £2,150 to repair the tarmac at the entrance to the Recreation Ground be approved.

213/22/23 AUTOMATIC DOOR LOCKING – YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Members noted the quotation to extend the contract with Croma Systems and **RECOMMENDED** that the work be approved at £2,517.58. Members were keen to see the Youth & Community Centre kept tidy for all users.

214/22/23 FINANCIAL UPDATE

Members noted the payments made in November and December. The Clerk was requested to ensure that payments to Herrington Coaches were attributed to the Youth Club Supplies Nominal Code. Members also noted the Accounts April – Dec 22.

215/22/23 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Councillors Thorpe & Russell undertook to carry out the Review.

216/22/23 HEALTH AND SAFETY MATTERS

Members noted the Risk Assessments. The Town Clerk was requested to ascertain which Councillor was on the rota for January.

(Action; Town Clerk)

217/22/23 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Medium Term Financial Plan
- Risk Management Strategy
- Budget for Honorary Freeman Ceremony

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

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Chairman