



Skipton Town Council

Minutes of the Finance & Policy Committee of Skipton Town Council held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Thursday 16th June 2022 at 18.30pm

Those Present.

Chairman: Councillor C Nash
Councillor P Madeley, Councillor R Heseltine & Councillor C Harbron
Officers: Mrs L Close (Chief Officer) & Mrs H Marshall (Finance Manager)

1 member of the public

- 2223/001** **ITEM 1 – Chairman’s remarks**
Councillor Nash thanked everyone for attending and for voting her as Chair of the Committee.
- 2223/002** **ITEM 2 – To accept reasons for absence.**
Councillor W Feather who was away on personal reasons
Councillor K McIntyre & Councillor A Higgins who were working
Above reasons were accepted
Reasons were not submitted by Councillor Judge
- 2223/003** **ITEM 3 – Declarations of Interest**
None declared.
- 2223/004** **ITEM 4 – Dispensations Requests**
None received.
- 2223/005** **ITEM 5 – Representations from the public**
None
- 2223/006** **ITEM 6 – Election of Vice Chairman of the committee**
RESOLVED that Councillor Harbron was elected Vice Chairman
- 2223/007** **ITEM 7 – Minutes of the last meeting**
RESOLVED that the minutes of the Finance and policy committee meeting held on 17th February 2022 be accepted as a true and accurate record.
- 2223/008** **ITEM 8 – Matters Arising**
None arising that are not resolved or on this agenda
- 2223/009** **ITEM 9 – Budget**
The budget report was circulated. Councillor P Madeley raised his concern at the 10% soon to be 11% rate of inflation and the provision the Chief Officer had made for this. General discussion was held, and members were reminded that the remit of this committee was to review budgets and finance throughout the year. (To receive interim statements of income and expenditure in relation to the Council’s agreed budget;

and to monitor against target). This would be monitored through the year.

2223/010

ITEM 10 – Clerks delegated authority to spend

It was advised that the new model financial regulations had not been amended when they were adopted at the full council meeting therefore the Committee was asked to use their delegated power to increase point 4.1, the amount to £3000.

the Clerk, in conjunction with Chairman of Council or Chairman of the appropriate committee, for any items below £500.

RESOLVED to above.

2223/011

ITEM 11 – To Consider forming a Capital working group

As the previous members of this working group were no longer Councillors, another group need to be formed.

RESOLVED that all members of the Finance and Policy committee were members of this working group unless they decided to opt out.

2223/012

ITEM 12 – Sustainability Goals

RESOLVED to adopt the Sustainability goals and to ask all members for a volunteer to be a champion of the goals to work with the Chief Officer.

2223/013

ITEM 13 – The Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Committee will be considering business of a confidential nature, and the press and public will therefore be excluded by resolution from meetings. (Public Bodies Admissions to Meetings Act 1960, s1 [2])

RESOLVED to exclude press and public

2223/014

ITEM 14 – Overtime Information

Councillor Harbron gave a note of thanks to all members of staff that have recently worked on events that have been held and that are due to be held during this busy period.

RESOLVED to pay all overtime owed that is within budget and in consultation with the mayor so that the justification of it can be showed.

2122/015

ITEM 15 – Staffing

Councillor Madeley advised that this delegated authority for recruitment was previously given to the Chief Officer. Councillor Heseltine advised that it was an important post and that a recruitment panel should be appointed.

The Chief officer is to investigate previous resolutions made.

RESOLVED to appoint a panel consisting of Councillor Madeley, Nash, Heseltine and Harbron for the forthcoming recruitment process.

2122/016

ITEM 15 – Notification of Business for Future agendas

Members are given the opportunity at the next full council meeting to pay tribute to the late Councillor Hickman.

The meeting was closed at 19.37pm