



MINUTES OF FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 13th January 2025 at 7.0pm

Present: Judi Morison (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Philippa Biddlecombe, David Gill, Trevor Oats

Clerk: Lisa Davis

The meeting started at 19:00

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F067 Apologies for absence

Frances Alden, Angela Piggott and Tom Trouton had sent their apologies.

F068 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

F069 Minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 11th November 2024 to be signed by the Chair.

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed that the minutes of the Finance and Management Committee meeting held on 11th November 2024 are approved

F070 To review action points from previous meetings

No updates

F071 To note the Year to date budget report

The Year to date budget report up to 31/12/2024 was not available so would be deferred to the Full Council meeting on 20th January.

F072 To note the Earmarked Reserves report Noted

F073 To agree IT support hours from Zen Computers for 2025/26

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to agree the IT support hours from Zen Computers for 2025/26

F074 To consider quote for replacement laptop and pc's

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept the quote for replacement laptop and pc's

F075 To agree renewal of Approved Premises licence for the Market House for a period of three years from 1 August 2025

RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to renew the licence for the Market House for a period of three years from 1 August 2025

F076 To discuss budget and precept for 2025/26

The Town Clerk presented the draft budget and precept options to be considered. It was noted that the budget and precept options included the loan repayments for Caryford Hall, youth provision, the charges for collections of litter and dog bins that come into effect from 1st April 2025 and an amount for contingency in relation to the Somerset Council financial emergency.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (4 – for, 0 – abstained, 1 – against) to recommend that the precept is set at £257,906.00 for 2025/26.

F077 Somerset Council devolution of assets/services

a) Update on arrangements for litter and dog bin collections It was noted that collections would continue to be three times per week from 1st April 2025.

F078 Exclusion of Press and Public To consider exclusion of press and public for remainder of the meeting under *Public Bodies Admissions To Meetings Act 1960*, Section 1 (2) on the grounds that discussion of the following business is likely to disclose confidential information.

F079 Staff salaries

a) To agree the Scale Points and pay rates for staff for 2025/26

RESOLVED: the Scale Points and pay rates for staff for 2025/26 were proposed and unanimously agreed

The meeting closed at 19:56

The date of the next Finance and Management Committee meeting will be Monday 10th February 2025. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 30th January.