

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held at the ODDFELLOWS HALL, 65 HIGH STREET, SALTNEY, WEDNESDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

PRESENT: Chairman, Councillor J Shallcross, Councillors V Gay, A Gregory, C Gregory, Parry, Ex-officio member, Councillor Hannah Jones and T Brown, Town Clerk

12 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Richard Lloyd and Stephen Rodham.

13 APPOINTMENT OF A CHAIRMAN

It was proposed by Councillor Hannah Jones and seconded by Councillor Carol Gregory that Councillor Jason Shallcross be appointed as Chairman for the meeting.

RESOLVED: That

Councillor Jason Shallcross be appointed as Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee for the meeting.

14 MINUTES

RESOLVED: That

the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman.

15 CODE OF CONDUCT – DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

16 THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' PROPERTY FUND

Members received the latest information from the CCLA which covered the period up to 30 June 2019.

RESOLVED: That

the CCLA information for the period up to 30 June 2019 be noted.

17 GRANT APPLICATION

Members were asked to consider the grant application and make any comments and or recommendations to the Council meeting on 9 October 2019.

Member agreed the grant application be taken to Council with the view that the Clerk would need to move funds into the appropriate code following the recent application that had been made.

RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL: That

the Grant application be submitted to Council for approval.

18 INTERNAL AUDIT INTERIM REPORT

The Clerk updated members on the recommendations and gave her explanations to each of them as detailed within the internal auditor's interim audit report.

The Clerk proposed to continue with the ongoing action plan and proposed to have a further interim audit in January/February 2020 following the budget being set. The proposed interim budget would allow the Clerk to resolve any outstanding issues prior to the annual audit in May 2020.

The Clerk updated members that she had been working with Wurplace on a Health and Safety Audit and a HR Audit that would in turn help complete some of the outstanding issues.

RCOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL; That

(1) the Finance and General Purposed Committee continue to work on the action plan and periodically report back to Council.

(2) Council be asked to agree an interim audit in January/February 2020 following the budget being set for 2020/21.

19 ACCOUNTS

In accordance with one of the instructions from the Auditors, that members receive a copy of the Annual Budget by Centre and the Detailed Receipts and Payments by Budget reports to enable members to contribute to the financial management of the Council.

Member considered the financial reports. No questions were asked of the Clerk.

RESOLVED: That

the reports be agreed.

Signed by the Chairman

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