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MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024

Those present:

Chair : Cllr S Clough

Vice-Chair: Cllr C M Fletcher

Councillors: Cllr D Drabble, Cllr W Tinley

Officers: Mrs G Blank

FIN120 Chair's Announcements

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

FIN121 Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Cllr C Lacey and the reason given was approved. Cllrs M Fletcher and T Lacey were also absent from the meeting.

FIN122 Declaration of Disclosable Pecuniary & Other Interests

a. To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI) and personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 (section 30 to 33). Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest in accordance with the LGA 1972, s117.

None

b. To receive, consider and record Members requests for DPI dispensation (section 31 Localism Act 2011) in connection with items on this agenda. Applications for this must be made in writing to the Clerk prior to the meeting.

None

FIN123 Adjournment for Public Participation

There were no members of the public in attendance.

FIN124 Exclusion of the Press and Public - Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960

There were no items on the agenda requiring the exclusion of the press and public.

FIN125 Minutes from the previous meeting

a. To approve the draft minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6th November 2023.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on the 6th November 2023 are a true and accurate record.

b. To receive an update on any ongoing issues not covered as an agenda item.

There were none to discuss.

FIN126 Finances

- 7.1 Bank reconciliation
- To receive the bank reconciliation for November 2023
- To receive the bank reconciliation for December 2023

The Chair and Cllr Drabble checked that the figures on the bank reconciliation sheet and the bank statement corresponded. The Figures on the bank reconciliation and receipts and payments totals were also checked.

RESOLVED: That the bank reconciliation checks are complete for November and December 2023

- 7.2 Receipts and payments
- To receive and approve the list of receipts and payment for November 2023
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Councillors were asked to check the receipts and payments list for each period and ask any questions they may have. The Clerk made the invoice files available to Councillors for random spot checks.

RESOLVED: That the receipts and payments checks for November and December 2023 are completed.

FIN127 Budgets

- To receive the budget monitoring report for the period April to December 2023.

The budget report had been circulated to Councillors prior to the meeting. Overall the budget is in a good position despite a number of large projects, unexpected expenditure and lower than anticipated income.

Reserves remain healthy.

Cllr Drabble asked what action was been taken against the non payment of the lease at Canal Bridge. The Clerk informed them that several reminders had been sent to the owner. It was agreed that a further reminder be sent to them and notifying them that permission to use the Councils land will be withdrawn if payment is not made immediately.

RESOLVED: That the budget report for April to December 2023 is approved.

FIN128 Items for discussion for a future agenda

- Grants policy

FIN129 Date of the Next Council Meeting

To note the date of the next Finance meeting is scheduled for 11th March 2024.