

Town Hall East Street Wareham Dorset BH20 4NS

20 October 2021

To: All Members of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a rescheduled meeting of the POLICY, RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE to be held on TUESDAY 26 October 2021 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, East Street, Wareham at 19:00 hrs for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda below.

All members of the public are welcome to attend.

Vanessa Ricketts FSLCC

Town Clerk

Please contact the Town Council Office on 01929 553006 if you need any further information on this Agenda.

Members of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee

Councillor K Critchley (Chairman)

Councillor M Cotton Councillor K Green Councillor M Russell Councillor C Turner Councillor D Budd (Vice Chairman)

Councillor Z Gover Councillor V Green Councillor R Schofield



POLICY, RESOURCES AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

AGENDA

26 October 2021

1. Apologies for absence

To receive, and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence. (LGA1972 s85)

2. Declarations of interest

To declare any interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Clerk. (Localism Act 2011 s29-34)

3. Public participation time

An opportunity for members of the public to raise issues of concern or interest, ask a question or make a statement or present a petition or be part of a deputation. Public participation time will be conducted in accordance with the Council's 'Protocol for Public Participation Time' which is limited to 15 minutes, with no individual speaker exceeding a maximum of three minutes each. (LGA1972 s100)

4. Confirmation of minutes of previous meeting held on 7 September 2021

To confirm, as a correct record, the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee (LGA1972 sch12).

5. Matters arising from the minutes of the last meeting held on 7 September 2021

To consider any matters arising from the previous minutes of the Committee.

6. Payment of outstanding creditors

To receive the list of outstanding creditors and balances due for payment including reports of any outstanding payments made, note any queries and sign cheques accordingly. A list of outstanding payments and corresponding invoices will be available at the Committee meeting. (LGA1972 s150).

7. Budget Comparison Report

To receive the budget comparison report from 1 April 2021 – 30 September 2021

8. Recommendations from Personnel Committee of 21 September 2021

136. Staff training

The Town Clerk presented a confidential report on the qualifications achieved and training undertaken by the staff team in the past year. The report was noted.

Recommended to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee that the training budget for staff and members be increased in the next financial year.

147. Recruitment of Lengthsman

Members considered the need for an additional part-time Lengthsman.

Resolved that no additional Lengthsman's post was required during this financial year.

Recommended to Policy, Resources and Finance Committee that

- a) consideration to the future need for a Lengthsman be given through the budget setting process for 2022-2023;
- consideration be given to via the underspend from the staff budget (for the cost of the Lengthsman 2021-2022) to any budget heading overspent to meet the statutory duties under the Equalities Act 2010.

9. Community Engagement Policy

To approve the Community Engagement policy.

10. Training Policy

To approve the Training policy.

11. Publication Scheme

To approve the publication scheme.

12. Mayor's Handbook

To approve a revised Mayor's Handbook

13. Paperless Office

To consider whether the Council wishes to receive agendas by email only.

14. Deputy Mayor's Allowance

To consider a request from the Mayor that the Deputy Mayor's allowance of £225 from 2020/2021 be given to charity.

15. Cemetery Noticeboard

To consider if the Town Council would be prepared to purchase and install a replacement notice board at the cemetery, as the Joint Burial Committee does not have the power to do so itself. The Joint Burial Committee will then reimburse the Council.

16. Cosh Cupboard and storage at the Depot

To approve the purchase of a COSH cupboard and store cupboards for the depot which will exceed the current budget.

17. Any other items the Chairman deems urgent

For report, information or for the agenda at the next meeting of the Policy, Resources and Finance Committee.

18. Date of next meeting

To note the date of the next meeting, which is scheduled for **30 November 2021** at **7.00pm.**