

FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of Finance and Management Committee Meeting held in Council Chambers, 7 Nant Hall Road, Prestatyn, on 12th February 2025 at 7.25pm – 7.45pm.

PRESENT

Councillors: C. Holliday (Chairman/Deputy Mayor) - Chair, I. Lifford (Vice-Chair), G. Sandilands, C. Evans, Cllr A. West, J. Matthews.

Councillor Observers: P. Duffy, T. Jones MBE, A. Tomlin, R. Flynn, K. Clewett, B. Williams, A. Sampson J. McLellan(r), J. Thompson-Hill(r)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr N. Acott – Locum Town Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer, Miss S. Rinaldo – Administration and Support Officer (Agency), Miss M. Sinclair – Community Liaison Officer (Agency), Miss S. Clarke – Assistant Town Clerk, Miss B. Shaw – Financial and Administrative Officer.

APOLOGIES

145 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of the need to declare personal and/or prejudicial interest in tonight's proceedings in accordance with the Code of Conduct legislation. None received.

146 FINANCIAL EXPENDITURES

Details of financial expenditure had been circulated with agenda. Members highlighted the high level of staff contingency and Locum Town Clerk explained this was primarily due to providing cover for Town Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer and also four current staff vacancies currently being filled by three agency staff. However, overall staff costs remained within budget forecast.

RESOLVED

That BACS 10/11, Payroll (P) BACS P8/ P9/ P10 and Direct Debits be approved.

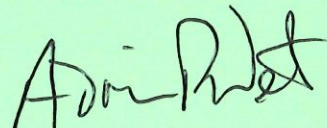
Proposed: Cllr A. West Seconded: Cllr I. Lifford

147 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS – NOVEMBER/ DECEMBER INC & EXP, BALANCE SHEET

Details of accounts had been circulated with agenda papers.

RESOLVED

That the Financial Accounts for November/ December - Income and Expenditure, Balance Sheet be accepted.



148 TY PENDRE PM (116)

A paper was circulated outlining the different types of agreements that could be used when allowing other party use of property e.g. licensing, leased, Tenancy, room hire.

RESOLVED

That this item be referred to Full Council for consideration.

149 STAFF COMMITTEE**RESOLVED**

That internal minutes of Staff Committee meeting held on 7th January 2025 and 4th February 2025 be accepted.

150 FINANCIAL ESTIMATES

Draft financial estimates 2025/26 had been circulated to Councillors prior to meeting. Locum Town Clerk/ Responsible Financial Officer explained that this year he was presenting proposals with a 'standstill' budget approach but with a separate paper relating to future growth options. The Council Tax Precept options also reflected this approach.

Potential growth areas had been identified by Council during past year and during earlier budget setting discussions. The proposals recognised Council's difficult financial situation arising from aging property portfolio, changing services delivery method, unprecedented personnel issues, and rising election costs.

Reference was also made to the use of financial reserves in recent years to balance spending and enable no change to council tax. This was not a sustainable position in longer term. In addition, he also explained that whilst committee would help determine budget proposals the council tax precept would have to be set by Full Council later tonight. Committee thanked staff for clarity of presentation.

Committee then discussed financial estimates and proposals.

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY

- 1) That Committee recommend acceptance of Financial Estimates 2025/26
(Future Growth Options and Council Tax Precept to be determined by Full Council)
- 2) That Staff be thanked for clarity of presentation

Proposed: Cllr C Evans Seconder: Cllr I Lifford

Chairman

