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POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2nd April 2024 at CIVIC OFFICES COMMENCING at 7.00pm.

Present

Cllr Carter (Chairman)	Cllr. Gorse	Cllr Cook
Cllr de Launey	Cllr McGinn	

Also in attendance: Karen Roper CEO.

- 118/23 Welcome from the Chairman** – Cllr Carter welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 119/23 Apologies for Absence** – Apologies were received from Cllrs Luter, Pierce and from the Mayor, Cllr Davis. The apologies were accepted by Cllrs Carter, de Launey, Gorse, McGinn and Cook there were no abstentions and votes against.
- 120/23 Declarations of Interest** – There were no declarations made at this point.
- 121/23 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 and confidential minutes of 5th March 2024 (appendix 1 & 2).** These were proposed by Cllr Gorse, seconded by Cllr de Launey and the following members Cllrs Carter, Gorse, de Launey, Cook and McGinn **RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY** that both sets of minutes for the meeting held on 5th March were approved as a true and accurate record.
- 122/23 Matters Arising**
- **Christmas Lights** – The CEO reported that the DCEO was still waiting for suppliers to respond with quotations. There was discussion around options, and it was suggested that as the budget is set for this year that we remain with CMK for this year with a new Service Level Agreement in place. This would be subject to the approval of Full Council.
 - **Hanging Basket Display** – Members reported they had asked for a list of locations for hanging baskets from Limetree and would follow up on the request as the information would be needed to help with the Levelling Up Fund programme in Church Street.
 - **Speed Indicator Devices** – The CEO confirmed the SIDS had been relocated.
 - **Faulty Camera Parade Toilets** - The CEO said that the suppliers had indicated the failure was due to environmental issues and the units were installed in 2021. Members asked the CEO to make further enquiries to ensure CCTV cover was adequate and explore the situation regarding a faulty manufacture claim. Members agreed if she felt it was necessary she had approval to install a new camera.
- 123/23 Finance Reports** –

The following reports were circulated with the minutes and agenda

- Receipts** for February 2023
- Payments** for February 2023
- Bank Reconciliations**

d) **Petty Cash Account**

Reports for agenda Items a to d were proposed for acceptance by Cllr de Launey, he was seconded by Cllr Gorse. The following members Cllrs Carter, Cook, de Launey, Gorse and McGinn RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY that items a to d, are approved.

- e) **Position regarding Payment of Councillors Allowances** – Cllr de Launey said further discussion regarding payment of these had taken place and it was now proposed that the allowance would be paid in the usual manner and not through the payroll at T&W. This would allow Officers to have further discussions with T&W in the new financial year with a view to streamline the process. Members were in agreement with this proposal.
- f) **End of Year Accounts** – The CEO reported the end of year accounts were on track and she had no concerns to report so far.
- g) **Consider purchase of Legal services from Telford and Wrekin** - Members considered a proposal from T&W. Taking into account the current membership of SLCC and NALC plus back up from MFG for Legal Services it was decided that it was not necessary to add further legal services from T&W.

124/23 The date of the next meeting was agreed as Tuesday 7th May 2024.

125/23 To consider closure of the meeting in accordance with paragraphs 2 and 3 of the Local Government Act 1972, to discuss the remaining items on the agenda. This was proposed by Cllr de Launey, seconded by Cllr Gorse. Cllrs Carter, Gorse, de Launey, Cook, and McGinn UNANIMOUSLY AGREED that the meeting would now move into closed session for the remaining items on the agenda.

Chairman..... 7th May 2024

