

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2024 AT THE PARISH CENTRE, ST. MARY'S ROAD, LITTLE HAYWOOD, COMMENCING AT 7:30PM.

**PRESENT** (For all or part of the meeting): Cllr Dunn (Vice Chair); Cllr Mosley and Cllr Hall (Deputising for Cllr Plant).

**IN ATTENDANC**E: Revd Mr M Lennon (Chief Officer and RFO) and Mr A Egan (Deputy Chief Officer and Finance Officer).

**PUBLIC PATICIPATION**: No members of the public were in attendance.

## **MINUTES**

1/24F APOLOGIES were received from Cllr Plant (Away).

**RESOLVED** to accept the apology.

**PROPOSED** Cllr Dunn **SECONDED** Cllr Hall. On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

- 2/24F There were no DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.
- There were no WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011.
- THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023.

Insufficient Cllrs were in attendance who had been present at the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 meeting so consideration was deferred to the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Full Council.

5/24F THE FINANCIAL RISK REGISTER.

The Chief Officer was asked to add additional columns so as to show Impact/Probability/Rating before and after controls and to present the updated register to the 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Full Council.

6/24F THE AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS FOR THE TRAINEE LENGTHSMAN AND ADMIN OFFICER (AS PER ITEM 170/23).

## 7/24F THE 2024/25 BUDGET AND MAKE A RECOMMENDATION TO FULL COUNCIL

These two items were taken together.

**RESOLVED** to present a series of costed options to Full Council for consideration and agreement. In all options there is no new budget for s137 in 2024/25 given the large underspend in 2023/24 with unspent monies being carried forward in an earmarked reserve.

Option 1: uplift including new cleaner.

Option 2: Option 1 plus 18-hour admin office.

Option 3: Option 1 plus 26-hour trainee lengthsman.

Option 4: Option 1 plus admin office and trainee lengthsman.

Option 5: Option 1 minus cleaner.

| Option | Precept (£) | Band D (£) | Increase (£) | % Increase |
|--------|-------------|------------|--------------|------------|
| 1      | 235,269     | 118.23     | 25.84        | 28.0       |
| 2      | 243,211     | 126.51     | 34.12        | 36.9       |
| 3      | 250,876     | 130.50     | 38.11        | 41.2       |
| 4      | 268,649     | 139.75     | 47.36        | 51.3       |
| 5      | 221,919     | 115.44     | 23.05        | 24.9       |

The option chosen by Full Council to determine 6/24F.

## PROPOSED Cllr Dunn

**SECONDED** Cllr Mosley.

On being put to the vote, the Resolution carried unanimously.

## **8/24F DATE OF NEXT MEETING** to be 30<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

Meeting closed at 9pm.