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TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Town Mayor Kelham Cooke (Ex Officio)

Cllr David Scammell (Chair)

Cllr Amanda Wheeler

Cllr Ed Fancourt

Cllr Jonathan Waples (Vice Chair)

Cllr Barry Devereux

Cllr Habib Rahman

Cllr Bret Allibone

Cllr Joanna Winterbourne

FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL You are summoned to a meeting of the **Finance & Governance Committee** for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. To be held at 6.30pm on **MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024** in the Malcom Sargent Room, Stamford Town Hall. The meeting will also be hosted online. Public, press and non-committee members, join on your computer or mobile app using [Microsoft Teams](#).

Mrs Sarah Dorson

Proper Officer –Town Clerk

Wednesday, 09 October 2024

Public Participation: The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements, or petitions. The public participation period will be limited to **fifteen minutes** in total, with each speaker allowed a maximum of **three minutes** to address the meeting. Disabled access is available.

Members are reminded of their responsibilities under the [Code of Conduct](#) and [Standing Orders](#). The Council has a duty to consider the following matters in exercising its functions: Equal Opportunities (including race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief, or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health & Safety, and Human Rights.

The 7 principles of public life

Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership
(Committee on Standards in Public Life, 1995)



FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A G E N D A

- **Public Participation:**

Recommendation

The reports are to be received, and any significant points should be identified for discussion at future Council or committee meetings or for action by the Council's officers.

1. Apologies – To receive and consider for acceptance

The Council (including its committees) must approve (or reject) the reasons provided for apologies from absent councillors. If a council member fails to attend a meeting of the council (or its committees) for six consecutive months, without submitting apologies that are accepted by the council (or committee), they will be disqualified from office.

Apologies Received: None

Recommendation

To approve or reject the reasons provided for apologies from absent councillors.

2. To receive any Declarations of Interests and Requests for Dispensation

Members and Officers are reminded of their obligation to declare any interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted in May 2024. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.

If a matter arises during the meeting that relates to a councillor's interest, the councillor is responsible for declaring that interest in accordance with the adopted Code of Conduct.

3. Finance & Governance Budget Report

To receive the Finance & Governance report to Monday, 30 September 2024 and consider any actions deemed necessary.

Recommendation

That the Council receives and notes the Finance & Governance Budget

4. Committee Budget Reports

To receive the Committee reports to Monday, 30 September 2024 and consider any actions deemed necessary.

Recommendation

That the Council receives and notes the Committee Budgets

5. 2025/2026 Precept Budget

To review the priorities for 2025/2026 financial year

Recommendation

That the Council receives and notes the First assessment of 2025/2026 budget

6. To consider a confidential Staffing and other matters

Legal Authority and Implication

A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies” (*Public Bodies [Admission to meetings] Act, 1960*)



Recommendation

That the public be excluded during the discussion of the remaining agenda items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Council RESOLVES to accept the recommendations as outlined in the confidential reports

7. Closure

To close proceedings and confirm the date of the next meeting scheduled – Monday, 11 November 2024 at 6.30pm

