

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee held in the Council Chamber on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 6pm.

PRESENT: Richard Stubbings
Barry Darch (Chair)
Gillian Birrell
Ash Lever
Nathalie Chidley (from Item 5)

IN ATTENDANCE: Paul Cunningham (Town Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

1. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Smith and Catchpole. Cllr Robinson was not present.

2. To receive Declarations of Interest or any requests for the granting of dispensations in relation to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda

There were none.

3. To accept for accuracy and adoption the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on Thursday 8th September 2022

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4. To consider a revised timetable for budget setting for 2023-24 budget

Councillors discussed the report from Town Clerk. Cllr Stubbings proposed that the Clerk's recommended timetable be approved. This was seconded by Cllr Lever, a vote was taken which was in favour and it was therefore

RESOLVED To approve the timetable for budget setting for 2023-24.

5. To receive an update on spend for 2022-23 to end of October

The report was noted.

6. To consider changes to budgets for 2023-24

Councillors considered the draft budget and made a number of suggestions for amendments, which they asked the RFO to incorporate into a final draft for consideration and approval at the December meeting of the Committee.

7. To consider a report on the implications of the Council registering for VAT

Councillors noted the report. They agreed that the Grotto admission charge should remain at £3 for this year, irrespective of whether the Council had completed VAT registration by then or not.

8. To note that the external audit has been completed and to consider the findings

Councillors noted the report, and they thanked the RFO for his work in ensuring a satisfactory outcome.

9. Date of Next Meeting

This was provisionally agreed as Thursday 15th December at 6pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.