

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday 18th March 2024.

PRESENT: Councillor B. Goldsborough (in the Chair).

Councillors: M. Buckley, D. Challenger, P. Cunningham, N. Davies, R. Davies, C. Griffiths, E. Jones, M. Perfect, V. Perfect, J. Stoneley and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillor M. Moore.

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Wood, Town Clerk and N. Thornton, Support Officer.

237. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no public enquiry items.

238. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interest made.

239. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 19th February 2024 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

240. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £36,349.11 were circulated to Council for approval.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £36,349.11 on the schedule be approved for payment.

241. IRPW PAYMENTS TO MEMBERS 2024/25

The meeting considered the Annual Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales in order to agree the determinations applicable for the next financial year.

RESOLVED: That in relation to the 2024/25 financial year, the determinations required concerning payments to Members be as follows:

Extra Costs Payment - Payment of £156 paid to Members – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

Reimbursement for Consumables - Payment of up to £52 on production of receipts – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

Senior Roles – The Chair of Finance & Policy was nominated to be paid by Council
Mayor or Chair – not to be paid by Council

Deputy Mayor/Deputy Chair – not to be paid by Council
Attendance Allowance – to be paid by Council
Financial Loss Allowance – to be paid by Council
Travel & Subsistence – to be paid by Council
Cost of Care or Personal Assistance – to be paid by Council as Mandatory

242. COUNCIL POLICIES

The Council considered the following Council Policies for approval and adoption.

Internal Controls

Annual Risk Assessment

Standing Orders

Planning Procedures

Councillor R. Davies proposed changes to the Planning Procedures, which will enable all Councillors to be consulted on all Planning applications. Councillors agreed.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Controls; Annual Risk Assessment; Standing Orders were approved and adopted by the Council and that the Planning Procedures are amended as proposed and approved and adopted by the Council.

243. CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

The Council reviewed the Civility and Respect Pledge.

RESOLVED: That the Council reviewed and agreed the Civility and Respect Pledge.

244. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2023-24

The Council reviewed the Internal Audit Report 2023-24.

The Town Clerk reported that all issues had been resolved and procedures amended to comply with the recommendations.

RESOLVED: That all issues had been resolved and procedures amended to comply with Internal Audit's recommendations.

245. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

The Council considered a Financial Assistance application from Basketball Wales.

RESOLVED: That in relation to the Financial Assistance application from Basketball Wales, no donation to be made.

246. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 18th MARCH 2024

The Chairman asked for all Councillors to approve and adopt the financial recommendations made at each of the Committee meetings earlier this evening.

RESOLVED: The Council approved and adopted all financial recommendations from the Committee Meetings.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 18th March, 2024
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