

MINUTES of the meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in Room 11 at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm on Monday 31st October 2022.

PRESENT: Councillor Compton (Chair)
Councillors Brown, Inwood, Jani, Lockett and Squire-Smith

In attendance: Town Clerk
Town Councillor Haugh
County Councillor Hill
District Councillors Green and Hunter

The Chair welcomed everybody to the meeting and reminded Members of the Climate & Biodiversity Emergency declared by Royston Town Council and asked Members to be mindful of this when making decisions on behalf of the Council. The Chair informed those present that the meeting was being recorded.

196/23 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

There was none.

197/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies were received from Councillors Antony, Birch, Harrison and Stanier.

198/23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS:

Members were advised to declare any interests at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. No requests for dispensations were received.

199/23 APPROVAL OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on Monday 26th September (minutes 162/23 to 174/23). The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

200/23 MINUTES OF SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING PARTY MEETINGS:

Members received the notes of the Royston Markets Advisory sub-committee meeting held on 6th October 2022 into the workings of the council.

201/23 BANK RECONCILIATION AND INCOME AND EXPENDITURE:

- i) Members received and noted the Bank Reconciliation for September 2022
- ii) Members received and noted the September 2022 Income and Expenditure report compared against budgets for 2022-2023.

202/23 ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT:

Members **RESOLVED** to approve the October 2022 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts.

203/23 SENIOR COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY:

- a) Cllr Inwood explained his proposal in detail. The working party would deal solely with events for the older generation in Royston and they would be allocated a budget.
Cllr Brown proposed an amendment that a separate working party was not required and members of the older generation should be invited to join the Events Working

Party and a ring-fenced budget could be set for senior events. The proposed amendment was seconded but not carried.

Members **RESOLVED** to set up a Senior Committee Working Party and agree the terms of reference subject to the word population being replaced by generation to maintain consistency in the wording.

- b) Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors Haugh and Inwood to the Senior Committee Working Party and the remaining place will be offered to other councillors at the next Full Council meeting.

204/23 ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT CONTROLS:

Members **RESOLVED** to appoint Councillors Compton and Squire-Smith to the working party and the remaining place will be offered to other councillors at the next Full Council meeting.

205/23 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS ON TOWN COUNCIL ACTIVITIES AND AS REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE ORGANISATIONS:

There were none.

206/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC:

Members **RESOLVED** that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, in the public interest, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provision of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

207/23 30 KNEESWORTH STREET:

Members **RESOLVED** that the repairs and maintenance on the property should be dealt with in accordance with the terms of the existing lease.

Date of next meeting: 28th November 2022

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.15pm.

Signed: _____

Date _____