

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023** at **7.00PM**

PF/90 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor S. Waite

Councillors: Garner; Gill; O'Neill; Parry; Pote; B. Waite

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

Lucy Jones, Senior Finance Officer

PF/91 ABSENT

Councillors Ginger, Lyle and Urka were absent.

PF/92 WELCOME

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor S Waite, welcomed everyone to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting and advised on essential housekeeping information.

PF/93 <u>ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SO/VP

That Councillor O'Neill be elected Vice-Chair of Policy and Finance Committee.

PF/94 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chairman notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

PF/95 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ginger, Lyle and Urka.

PF/96 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

<u>Councillor</u> <u>Item</u> <u>Interest</u>

Parry Chair of Ludlow in Bloom.

Declarations of Personal Interest

None declared.

PF/97 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There was one member of the public present.

PF/98 UNITARY COUNCILLORS' SESSION

Unitary Councillor Parry, Ludlow South was present but made no comment.

PF/99 MINUTES

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/TG

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd October 2023, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chairman.

PF/100 ITEMS TO ACTION

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/SO

That the items to action from the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on 23rd October 2023, be approved.

PF/101 FINANCE INFORMATION

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/TG

That the Cash Book Payments, Income and Reconciliation; Barclaycard Payments, Income and Reconciliation; PayPal Payments, Income and Reconciliation; Petty Cash Payments, Income and Reconciliation; and Public Sector Deposit Fund Payments, Income and Reconciliation for September and October 2023; Income Payments, Income and Reconciliation for August, September and October 2023; Mayor's Charity Payments, Income and Reconciliation and Mayor's Charity Income Payments, Income and Reconciliation for July, August, September and October; be received.

PF/102 2nd QUARTER 2023/24 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/TG

That the 2nd Quarter 2023/24 Income and Expenditure Report be received.

PF/103 RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/TG

That the 2nd Quarter 2023/24 Exceptions Report be approved.

PF/104 INTERIM INTERNAL AUDIT

RECOMMENDED (6:0:1) SW/EG

That the Interim Internal Audit observations and action be received and approved.

PF/105 <u>RESOLVED</u> (7:0:1) SW/EG

That the Internal Auditors letter and summary be received.

PF/106 AGED DEBTORS

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/EG

That the Current and Aged Debtors list be received.

PF/107 RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/EG

That the Current and Aged Debtors explanatory report be received.

PF/108 POLICY REVIEW

RECOMMENDED (5:0:2) SW/SO

That the Social Media Policy be adopted.

PF/109 RECOMMENDED (4:0:3) SW/TG

That the Social Media Statement be adopted.

PF/110 RESOLVED (5:0:2) SW/EG

That the Councillors Social Media Guidance be reviewed against the Local Government Association guidance and be brought back to the Committee.

PF/111 CLIMATE ACTION SUB-COMMITTEE

RESOLVED (6:0:1) RP/EG

That the minutes of the Climate Action Sub-Committee meeting held on the 5th October 2023, be received.

PF/112 RESOLVED (6:0:1) RP/VP

That the minutes of the Climate Action Sub-Committee meeting held on the 16th November 2023, be received.

PF/113 RESOLVED (6:0:1) SW/RP

That the Climate Action Plan be returned to the Climate Action Sub-Committee to be resubmitted to the Policy and Finance Committee, with the following comments:-

- Amend "We will" to "We aim to", for actions that have not yet been approved by Council.
- To delete the reference to a Youth Council is not a climate issue. It is matter for Council.
- Include a column for the date/minute number of when each item is approved by Council.
- Keep actions that have been achieved on the plan to show progress.

PF/114 PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND

RESOLVED (Unanimous) SW/EG

That the Public Sector Deposit Fund fact sheet be received.

PF/115 WEST MERCIA ENERGY

RESOLVED (5:0:2) SW/EG

That the green energy proposal be noted and reviewed at a future meeting.

PF/116 MAYOR'S CIVIC EVENTS

RESOLVED (Unanimous) RP/TG

That the Mayor's and Deputy Mayor's civic visits for August to October 2023 be received.

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm.		
Chair	Date	

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will NOT be issued for this meeting.