

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 24th FEBRUARY 2025** at **7.00PM**

PF/164 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor S. Waite

Councillors: Garner; B Waite.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

Lucy Jones, Senior Finance Assistant

PF/165 ABSENT

Councillors Gill, Ginger, Miller and Parry were absent.

PF/166 WELCOME

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

PF/167 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

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

PF/168 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ginger and Parry.

PF/169 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None declared.

Declaration of Conflicts of Interest

None declared.

Declarations of Personal Interest

Councillor Item Reason

B. Waite 20 Attended Civic Events

PF/170 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There was one member of the public present.

A resident of Ludford asked the Committee if the Council had made provision to pay for the repair of the town wall. The Town Clerk stated that she would reply to this question in writing after the meeting.

PF/171 UNITARY COUNCILLORS' SESSION

There were no Unitary Councillors present.

PF/172 MINUTES

RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on the 13th January 2025, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

PF/173 <u>ITEMS TO ACTION</u>

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the items to action from the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on the 13th January 2025, be noted.

PF/174 FINANCE INFORMATION

a) Payments & Income

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Cash Book Payments and Income for December 2024 be received.

PF/175 b) Payments & Income Reconciliation

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Cash Book Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/176 c) Barclaycard

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Barclaycard Payments, Income and Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/177 d) PayPal

RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)

That the PayPal Payments, Income and Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/178 e) Petty Cash

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Petty Cash Payments, Income and Reconciliation December 2024 be received.

PF/179 f) Pubic Sector Deposit Fund

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Public Sector Deposit Fund Payments, Income and Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/180 g) Income

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Income and Reconciliation; Income Payments, Income and Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/181 h) Electric Vehicle Charging

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Electric Vehicle Charging Payments, Income and Reconciliation for December 2024 be received.

PF/182 AGED DEBTORS

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Current and Aged Debtors list and report be received.

PF/183 THIRD QUARTER INCOME AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Income and Expenditure Report

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Third Quarter Income and Expenditure Report 2024/25, be noted.

PF/184 b) Exceptions Report

RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)

That the Third Quarter Exceptions Report 2024/25, be approved.

PF/185 POLICY REVIEW

a) Investment Policy

The Town Clerk explained that the policy had been updated to reflect the Council's recent investment decision.

RECOMMENDED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Investment Policy, as amended, be adopted.

PF/186 b) Policy for Handling of Fundraising Bucket Collection and Static Fundraising Tins for the Mayor's Charity

RECOMMENDED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Policy for Handling of Fundraising Bucket Collection and Static Fundraising Tins for the Mayor's Charity, subject to the inclusion of the following paragraph at 4.1.4 "The amount is to be verified by a separate member of staff to the collector prior to banking.", be adopted.

PF/187 CLIMATE ACTION TASK AND FINISH GROUP

a) Minutes

RESOLVED EG/BW (Unanimous)

That the minutes of the Climate Action Task and Finish Group meeting held on the 13th February 2025 be received.

PF/188 b) Task and Finish Group Recommendations

RECOMMENDED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the recommendations from the Climate Action Task and Finish Group meeting held on the 13^{th of} February 2025, be approved as follows: -

- a) £168 is spent from budget 101/4062 on purchasing two medium (90L) blister recycling boxes to be purchased from ReFactory and donated to Ludlow Cancer Support Group for their community initiative. That the remaining budget in 101/4062 be carried forward into the next financial year.
- b) Ludlow Town Council apply for a stall (free of charge) at the 2025 Green Festival.

PF/189 <u>INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE (ICO) FEES</u>

RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)

That the increased annual fee of £78 be noted.

PF/190 ALLSTAR CHARGEPASS

RECOMMENDED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Council apply for an Allstar Chargepass fuel account (Electric, Diesel and Petrol) with two cards.

PF/191 GOOD COUNCILLORS GUIDE

RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)

That the NALC Good Councillors Guide to Finance 2025, be noted.

PF/192 BUDGETS

a) Combining of Budgets

RECOMMENDED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Subscriptions and Publications (101/4023), and Licence Fees (101/4054) budgets be amalgamated into budget 101/4023 – Subscription and Licence Fees.

PF/193 b) <u>Transaction Fees Cost Centre</u>

RECOMMENDED BW/SW (Unanimous)

That a new cost centre (104) Transaction Fees be created and the following codes be moved from their current cost centre to:-

Old Code	New Code
101/4058 – Bank Charges	104/4058
119/4523 – Buttercross Card Payment Fees	104/4523
201/4327 - PayPal Commission Charge	104/4327
201/4524 - Market Card Payment Fees	104/4524
411/4075 – Linney Parking Meter Fees	104/4075
New code – Guildhall Card Payment Fees	New code

PF/194 INTERNAL AUDIT AND YEAR END

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the Internal Audit date of the 15th May 2025 and Year End date of 22nd May 2025, be noted.

PF/195 CCLA PUBLIC SECTOR DEPOSIT FUND INVESTMENT

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund Investment statement for December 2024 be noted.

PF/196 CIVIC EVENTS

The meeting closed at 7.40 pm

RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)

That the civic events attended by the Mayor and Deputy Mayor from November 2024 to January 2025 be noted.

Chair	Date

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