



Meeting (No)	<b>Finance &amp; General Purposes (5)</b>
Time & Date	<b>13 December at 9am</b>
Place	<b>Neston Town Hall</b>
Document	<b>Minutes</b>

**Present:** Cllrs Lloyd (Chair), Carter, Loch and Shipman and Mrs Kunaj (Council Manager) and Mrs Mottershead (Finance Manager)

**Absent:** Cllrs Jilani and Marlow.

## **PART 1: Items considered in the presence of the press and public**

**78 Questions and comments from residents:** None.

**79 Apologies for absence:** None.

Cllrs Jilani and Marlow absence was noted.

**80 Declarations of Interest:** None.

**81 Minutes of the last meeting**

**Resolved:** To approve minutes of the meeting held on 20.09.16. The Chair signed the minutes and initialled one alteration, insertion of Cllr Lloyd and one deletion of Cllr Loch. Cllr Lloyd has been omitted from the list and Cllr Loch listed twice.

**82 Council Manager's Report:** None.

**83 Summary of Strategic objectives**

A summary of strategic objectives for all committees was tabled.

Chair proposed 'that the name of committee responsible for that particular strategic objective, be added next to the objective as listed'. A vote took place. The proposal fell.

The committee requested that strategic objectives 1-10, listed as Human Resources at the beginning, be moved to the end of the report and reworded.

**84 2017/18 budgets and precept**

a The 2017/18 draft budget as proposed by committees was considered.

The Finance Manager confirmed:

*Item 4055 IT/Computer Maintenance:* The cost of the contract had increased.

*Items 4438 & 4439 Gas & Electricity:* The invoices for these were sporadic. A request for RBS to take this into account when completing our end of year will be made.

*Item 4208 Gateway Walls:* A progress report will be provided.

*Item 1230 Marsh contributions:* A successful grant application had been made £2,700.

b The RFO's draft budgets report for the precept request for 2017/18 was received.

c The committee agreed that for the following year, prior to FGP Committee consideration of the precept calculation, a working group should be established to agree a working document, which would be tabled at the FGP Committee meeting.

A simple spreadsheet showing the reductions made was requested to the Finance Manager. The gap between the planned budget and precept requirement was narrowing, however, it was highlighted that further reductions and saving were required for the following three years.

Chairman's initial and date

DC 21/3/17

Members agreed that the information supplied to CWaC for the 'Supporting information for your Council Tax ...' report 2017/18, should ensure that a note of the variation of the salaries budget £31,650, previously included in the Town Centre committee budget has been transferred to the Human Resources committee budget.

The committee agreed that net HR salary figure be advised to CWaC at the time of submitting the precept request.

The committee agreed to recommend to Council:

That,

- savings to the town centre committee budget would be £2,000 rather than £3,766,
- the asset management underspend of £14,373 be vired to Town Hall/Market Square earmarked reserves, and
- Band D council tax remain at the same level as for 2016/17, £37.43, with working capital figure adjustments being made as necessary.

## **85 Finance**

**Resolved:** To approve the current account expenditure of £24,753.82 net.

## **86 Fixed Rate Deposit Account (Co-op Bank)**

To consider if Council wish to reinvest their Fixed Rate Deposit Account current balance £53,488.96 or consider other options. *This item was deferred to the Council budget meeting in January.*

## **87 Cheshire West and Chester Council Budget consultation**

Members noted that in light of the nature of the consultation no further action would be taken.

## **88 Annual Report**

Members agreed that the annual report be placed at outlets used by the local community, such as the town hall and library and would be uploaded on the council's website.

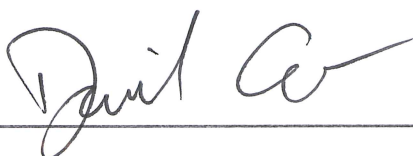
## **89 Other Items:**

A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Lloyd, for assisting with the budgets.

## **90 Next meeting:** 21 March 2017 was noted.

**Meeting closed at 10.30am**

Signed



Dated

21st March 2017