

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance & Corporate Governance Committee held on Thursday 16th January at 7.00pm in the Council Meeting Room, Wem Library.

Present Cllrs B Barker, P Broomhall, D Hill, M Hudson, L Gilchrist, R Gascoigne, B Cotterall, E Towers

Mrs A Roberts (Responsible Finance Officer)

1 Apologies - to receive any apologies and reasons for absence.

The following apologies were noted:

Cllr P Johnson, Cllr D Parry, Cllr M Meakin, Cllr G Soul

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

a) Declaration of any disclosable pecuniary interest in a matter to be discussed at the meeting and which is not included in the register of interests.

None declared

b) To consider any applications for dispensation.

None received.

3 Committee Minutes - to approve as a correct record the minutes of a meeting of the Finance & Corporate Governance Committee held on 5.12.24.

Resolved:- to approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Finance & Corporate Governance Committee held on 5.12.24 and they were duly signed by the chairman.

4 Progress Report – to note.

Resolved:- to note.

The outstanding Data Sharing agreement with Shropshire Council payroll was raised as a concern and is to be escalated if not resolved within 14 days.

5 Accounts

a) To consider 3rd quarter budget report to 31.12.24.
A query was raised about overspending on overtime.

Resolved:- to note the report.

b) Budget 2025-26 - to review the Administration budget as considered at the December Full Council.

Resolved: to make the following budgetary recommendation to Full Council

• The budget allocation for Office Room Hire is to be set at £21,217.

c) Earmarked Reserves: to agree revisions

Resolved: to make the following changes to Earmarked Reserves:

- Move £1,250 from Heads Up to Transformation
- Move £165 from Poppies to Event Infrastructure
- Move £1,500 from Office to Transformation

6 Banking

a) To consider proposals for setting up and managing a Mayor's Charity bank account

Resolved: To set up a new Mayor's Charity account with Unity Trust Bank, revise the Council's Financial Regulations to cover management of the account and the Charity funding, and introduce a clear account management process to be approved by Full Council.

b) To approve new signatories for the CCLA account

Resolved: Cllr Towers and Cllr Gilchrist will act as signatories for the CCLA account.

c) To approve payment by Direct Debit for IT support

Resolved: To pay for IT support by Direct Debit.

7 Date and time of next meeting – to note.

Resolved:- to note that the next meeting will be held on 22nd May 2026 at 10.00.

Meeting ended 10.20am

Chairman.....