



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 18th SEPTEMBER 2024

Councillors Present: Cllr Lloyd Bunday (chair)
Cllrs Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter, Maggie Don, Scott Edwards, Emily Fedorowycz and Mark Rowley

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
FC24/026	Apologies for absence None
FC24/027	Declarations of interest None declared
FC24/028	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 17 th July 2024 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
FC24/029	Public session None
FC24/030	Budget planning for 2025-6 financial year A report was submitted setting out the likely out-turn for the current financial year and detailing the potential budget options for 2025-6. The Council was likely to underspend on its 24-25 budget because of the slow progress of the toilet project, and the fact that most of the allocation for the half marathon would not now be needed. Together with other movements, an underspend of £55-58,000 was possible. Members considered how best to utilise these funds in terms of setting a budget for 25-6. Given potential new service

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	<p>pressures and corresponding reductions in demand, the net increase in budget for next year compared to this was only £8,000.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the Council should be recommended to make no increase in its council tax demand for 2025-6 compared to 2024-5, and that any remaining uncommitted and unspent monies from this year should be committed to reserves and to election reserves.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly</p>
FC24/031	<p>Budget consultation process for 2025-6</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking views on the approach to budget consultation for next year's budget. The timetable in the report was agreed, including a single day's consultation drop in session at the Newlands centre on Friday 15th November.</p> <p>RESOLVED accordingly</p>
FC24/032	<p>Kettering Boxing Club</p> <p>A report was submitted, relaying a request for funding for new equipment from the Kettering Boxing Club. Members considered the competing options for community resilience funds, but in view of the urgency for the club's ring canvass to be replaced</p> <p>RESOLVED to make a grant of £3000 from the community resilience budget.</p>
FC24/033	<p>Mayoral activity</p> <p>The committee was updated on Mayoral activities in the current year. It was noted that a Christmas tree festival and a Christmas party for young people might entail calls on other budget headings, but during the course of the meeting, Cllr Rowley volunteered to contribute his ward initiatives money towards the Christmas party.</p> <p>The report was otherwise noted.</p>
FC24/034	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>The clerk reported on the progress of the blister pack recycling scheme, which had been set up with Mill Rd pharmacy in July and which had been overwhelmed with donations of blister packs, such that it was not affordable to continue the scheme</p>

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	<p>within the current budget. The provision of collection boxes had already cost £336 to date which was more than had initially been approved by committee.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the blister pack recycling project be discontinued and that a discussion take place with Superdrug in Kettering to see if they would expand a scheme running in their Wellingborough store as part replacement.</p>
FC24/035	<p>Monitoring of the Corporate Plan</p> <p>A report was submitted which summarised progress against the corporate plan action plan. Members raised questions on several of the items in the plan.</p>
FC24/036	<p>Budget Monitoring and Invoices</p> <p>The committee received a report on spending in the period since the last meeting and across the year to date. The report was updated verbally at the meeting. It was noted that the external auditors had approved the Council's accounts for the 23-24 year with one rider about the treatment of assets in the Council's accounts.</p> <p>RESOLVED that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">A) That the financial position be notedB) That the following payments be approved<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Terracycle blister pack recycling box (large) £140 plus VAT- SLCC annual conference – one day only £195 plus VATC) That half year contributions to reserves be made as follows:-<ul style="list-style-type: none">a. General reserves £15000b. Election reserve £9000
	Meeting closed at 8.04 pm

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