

## WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD AT THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH HALL, WELLINGTON 17 APRIL 2024 AT 4.30PM

**Present:** Councillors C Govier (Chair),  
M Barr, A Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, J Thorne and K Wheatley.

**In Attendance:** Councillor J Cole  
David Farrow – Town Clerk  
Alice Kendall – Deputy Clerk

One member of the press.

The meeting commenced later than publicised due to the Finance Committee running over time.

#### **607 TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN**

Apologies for Councillor K Canham were presented by Councillor A Govier.

#### **608 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 21 February 2024.

#### **609 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

#### **610 QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

There were no members of the public present.

#### **611 SOMERSET COUNCIL ASSETS AND SERVICES**

The Town Clerk updated the committee on discussions that were taking place in relation to the transfer of assets and services from Somerset Council. A Devolution Working Group was formed at the last Full Council meeting who will report back regularly.

#### **612 CCTV**

As requested by Full Council, the Town Clerk confirmed that the annual cost for the first year of the Service Level Agreement is £16,789.70. It was reported that the amount to be charged for the agreed upgrades for four cameras had increased on the latest draft copy of the agreement. The Town Clerk reported that he had challenged this.

**RESOLVED** to approve the agreement with delegation given to the Town Clerk to seek the best cost for the replacement cameras and agree a price up to a maximum of £4,300 per camera.

**613 FUTURE COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

**RESOLVED** to recommend to the Annual Council Meeting that the updated Committee structure be accepted.

**614 LONGFORTH ROAD TOILET BLOCK**

The Town Clerk reported that the demolition of the block had been completed ahead of schedule and with minimum disruption. There was some making good to be completed but this too was minimal. Further to this, the next steps will be to call a specific meeting to review options for modular or traditional builds so that the final tender documents can be prepared for publication.

**615 PURCHASE OF CROWN ESTATE LAND**

(i) Land Around the Basins

The Clerk gave an update; he reported that a price for a survey of the Linden Drive Bridge had been received. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the quotation of £2,450.

(ii) Bridge at Weavers Reach

The survey report had been circulated with the agenda. It was **RESOLVED** that officers should approach the Crown Estate in relation to purchasing the bridge and any associated land and arrange for any urgent repairs to be carried out.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 5.40pm.

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