



Minutes of the Bridgwater Town Council's Finance and Policy Executive Committee held on Thursday 18 November 2021 at 14:00hrs

Present - Councillors

B Smedley - Chair

G Burrows

G Granter

L Leavy

M Lerry

K Pearce

L Redman

J Cordiner

In Attendance:

David Mears – Town Clerk, Amy Storey - Admin Assistant. There were no members of the public and no members of press present.

No questions had been received from the public.

FEC2021/51 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

No apologies received.

FEC2021/52 Declarations of interests - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

Cllr Burrows and Lerry had a personal interest.

Cllr Leavy had a non-pecuniary interest

Cllr Redman, County Councillor

FEC2021/53 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2021 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

RESOLVED - that the minutes of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee Meeting held on Thursday 23 September 2021 be signed as a correct record.

FEC2021/54 Grants – to receive grant applications for approval:

- I. Seed Sedgemoor - £1,750

RESOLVED – to receive the grant applications and approve for payment.
Councillor Lerry abstained.

FEC2021/55 Finance – Accounts for Payment and Income – to note items of expenditure as approved under delegated authority or under previous Council/Committee decisions and income received for October 2021.

RESOLVED – to note.

FEC2021/56 Finance— to note the Year to Date Budget as of 3 November 2021.

The Town Clerk presented the Year to Date Budget which was performing better than expected.

RESOLVED – to note.

FEC2021/57 Draft Budget 2022/2023 – to discuss and recommended to full council the draft budget (or agree for another F&PE Committee Meeting) for 2022/23

RESOLVED – that the draft budget be discussed with political groups.

FEC2021/58 Unitary Council – update on Unitary Council arrangements

No questions were raised.

FEC2021/59 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public – To agree that agenda item FEC2021/60 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

RESOLVED – That agenda item FEC2021/60 be dealt with after the public (including the press) had been excluded.

FEC2021/60 Staffing

- a) *To receive a general staffing update and update on current vacancies, and staff annual leave balances;*
- b) *To review Staffing Budget and options*

RESOLVED: *to note the updates and the options for the staffing budget*

With no further business the meeting closed at 11:05hrs.

Signed

Date