

# **MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the **POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **MONDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> JULY 2024** at **7.00PM** 

# PF/34 PRESENT

Chair: Councillor S. Waite

Councillors: Garner; Gill (Vice); Ginger; Parry; B Waite.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk

Lucy Jones, Senior Finance Assistant

# PF/35 ABSENT

Councillor Thompson was absent.

# PF/36 WELCOME

The Chair of the Committee, Councillor S Waite, welcomed everyone to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting and advised on essential housekeeping information.

# PF/37 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR OF POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

# **RESOLVED TG/BW (Unanimous)**

That Councillor Gill be elected Vice-Chair of Policy and Finance Committee for 2024-25.

### PF/38 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chair notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

# PF/39 APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence received.

# PF/40 <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

# **Disclosable Pecuniary Interests**

None declared.

### **Declaration of Conflicts of Interest**

None declared.

### **Declarations of Personal Interest**

None declared.

# PF/41 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There was one member of the public present.

A representative from Ludlow Regeneration Focus Group spoke the group's first initiative, Super Sunday, which would take place on the first Sunday in September. The event would encourage the whole town, including the letting agents of vacant shops, to work together to tidy up the town and present it in the best way for the Food Festival weekend. She added that their second initiative would be to work with BT to improve the look of the green junction boxes around the town with colourful murals or vinyl decals.

# PF/42 <u>UNITARY COUNCILLORS' SESSION</u>

Unitary Councillor Parry, Ludlow South was present but made no comment.

#### PF/43 MINUTES

# **RESOLVED SW/EG (5:0:1)**

That the minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, be approved as a correct record, and signed by the Chair.

# PF/44 <u>ITEMS TO ACTION</u>

#### RESOLVED SW/EG (5:0:1)

That the items to action from the Policy and Finance Committee meeting held on the 10<sup>th</sup> of June 2024, be noted.

# PF/45 FINANCE INFORMATION

# **RESOLVED SW/GG (Unanimous)**

That the Cash Book Payments and Income; Cash Book Reconciliation; Barclaycard Payments, Income and Reconciliation; PayPal Payments, Income and Reconciliation; Petty Cash Payments, Income and Reconciliation; Public Sector Deposit Fund Payments, Income and Reconciliation; Income Payments, Income and Reconciliation; and Electric Vehicle Charging Payments, Income and Reconciliation for May 2024; be received.

# PF/46 AGED DEBTORS

### a) Current and Aged Debtors

# RESOLVED TG/SW (Unanimous)

That the Current and Aged Debtors list be received.

### PF/47 b) Debtors Report

# **RESOLVED SW/EG (5:0:1)**

That the Current and Aged Debtors list and report be approved.

#### PF/48 POLICY REVIEW

#### a) Buildings, Equipment and Facilities Inspection and Maintenance Policy

# RECOMMENDED SW/TG (Unanimous)

That the Buildings, Equipment and Facilities Inspection and Maintenance Policy be adopted.

#### PF/49 b) Planning for the Future Statement

#### RESOLVED EG/BW (5:1:0)

That the Planning for the Future Statement be revised to align it more closely with existing policies.

# PF/50 INTERNAL AUDIT

#### RESOLVED SW/EG (5:0:1)

That the completed and progressed actions from Internal Audit report be noted.

# PF/51 CLIMATE ACTION SUB-COMMITTEE

# RESOLVED SW/EG (5:0:1)

That minutes of the meeting of the Climate Action Sub-Committee meeting held on the 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024 be received.

# PF/52 WEST MERCIA ENERGY

# **RESOLVED SW/EG (Unanimous)**

To note the update including the £607.41 rebate credited to council by West Mercia Energy.

# PF/53 MAYOR'S CIVIC EVENTS

# **RESOLVED SW/BW (Unanimous)**

- a) To note the civic visits attended by the Mayor from May to July 2024, and that the Mayor was unable to attend the Ludlow Foyer event on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2024 due to ill health.
- b) To note the civic visits attended by the Deputy Mayor from May to July 2024.

The meeting closed at 7.34pm	
Chair	Date

N.B. Closed Session Minutes will NOT be issued for this meeting.