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Finance and General Purposes Committee

Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm on Thursday 11th January 2024

Present: Mr M Sheldon (Chairman), Mr A Burton, Mrs A King, Mr S Oversby-Powell, Mr A Symonds and Mrs J White

In Attendance: Mrs S Heynes (Clerk)

Public Question Time: No members of public were present.

FGP009 To receive apologies for absence

None.

FGP010 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. (*The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.*)

None.

FGP011 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 (previously circulated)

The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June 2023 were noted and approved.

FGP012 To note the F&GP Action List

No actions were outstanding for review.

FGP013 To consider the year to date (5th January 2023) 2023-24 budget:

a. Review the latest budget position (to 5th January 2024)

Committee reviewed the budget to date and had no concerns regarding the expenditure for the balance of 2024.

b. To consider the Reserves

The Clerk was instructed to start allocating Horsefield Green reserves towards the staff costs incurred to maintain the site. This would be effective from 1st April 2024.

c. To consider the budget forecast for 2024-2025 and resolve to agree the final Precept figure for approval at the Full Council meeting on 18th January 2024

Committee resolved to recommend a 6% increase to the precept for 2024-25. This would create a precept of £276,980, which equated to a Band D cost of £163.28 per year, which would be an increase of £0.18 per week. The budget for Planning would be increased to £10,000 for 2024-25 to cover the increased costs associated with updating the Neighbourhood Plan as well as consultant costs incurred opposing the proposed housing sites at Hatchgate Lane and Cuckstye.

FGP014 To note items arising after the preparation of this Agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only

None.

Meeting Closed at 9.25pm

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