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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD VIA ZOOM ON 7th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM

Present: Councillor M Williams

Councillors: L Jeffreys (from 7.16 pm)

L Lewis

A Wathan (Chair of Council ex officio member)

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Apologies: None

Also Present: Mrs A C Harris, Clerk & RFO

FR19/23: As above

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

FR20/23 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL OR PREJUDICIAL INTEREST

Councillors A Wathan and M Williams declared an interest in all BCBC matters.

FR21/23 TO RECORD THE ACCURACY OF THE MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 7th SEPTEMBER 2023

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2023 were accepted as a true and accurate record and the Chair signed the Minutes.

FR22/23 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE 7th SEPTEMBER 2023 MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes. However, the Clerk said that one of the items for the next agenda - Coity Wallia Conservators - had not been included on the 7th December 2023 agenda as no further information had been received to enable a discussion. It was noted that correspondence in writing from the Conservators will be needed for any future financial support to be given consideration.

Resolved: The information was noted.

FR23/23 TO REVIEW THE BUDGET FOR 2023/2024

The latest budget monitoring sheet for November 2023 including forecasted figures for the year had been included with the meeting papers. The budget was reviewed and no matters to raise of concern with the budget.

Resolved: The information was noted.

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FR24/23 TO SET A FIRST DRAFT PRECEPT BUDGET FOR 2024/25

The net base band D letter from BCBC, a comparison of precepts within the borough and a first draft precept budget had been included with the meeting papers. This was discussed and some budget lines changed. Councillor Lisa Lewis thought there should present the exact figures arenot known. A vote was taken to recommend the budget to full council. The Clerk suggested the CAT Business Manager should be invited to a future Ordinary Meeting to update all Members on the CAT finance.

Resolved: A vote was taken and 4 Councillors voted in favour; Councillor Lisa Lewis disagreed with the recommendation. It was agreed to recommend the draft precept budget for 2024/25 to full council at its December Precept Meeting.

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The Clerk would invite the CAT Business Manager, Ryan Jones, to a future Ordinary Meeting to update full council on the CAT process and finance.

FR25/23 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

CAT

Resolved: To keep the agenda open for items on the next Finance Committee agenda.

FR26/23 TO AGREE THE DATE AND LOCATION FOR THE NEXT FINANCE & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Resolved: The next meeting to be held in February or March 2024.

With there being no further matters to discuss the Chair thanked Members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.41 pm