



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 23RD JANUARY 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY

DECISION LIST DATED 02.02.23, SUBJECT TO CALL IN AS PER THE COUNCIL STANDING ORDER 4. s

AGENDA ITEM NO	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
4	Budget Update	To receive a budget update	Councillors noted the budget updated, up to the 7th December 2022. Cllr A Whelan raised her concerns regarding the amount of money being spent on the Maltings and OCH and asked how the Council could justify putting up the council tax for that reason. She felt the people of Ely should be asked if they are happy to pay for these services. The Clerk did confirm that when the budget was set for this year that it was agreed that once the Council moves into the next financial year there will be a review of the services that the Council offers and public consultation will be undertaken, if felt necessary with regards to these and the cost implications of them. Cllr A Whelan requested that this be discussed at the next Full Council meeting.	Full Council
8	Update from the Inclusivity Working Group	To receive an update from the Inclusivity Working Group	Although the Working Group had not met it was reported by Cllr C Whelan that the Pride flag would be flown from the 1st February for LGBT+ month. Cllr Denness will also be applying for planning permission for the Black Lives History flag for the month of October. The Clerk confirmed she had obtained the information from ECDC regarding charities and organisations in Ely and had forwarded this to Cllr Phillips. Cllr Phillips confirmed he would work his way through this, identifying and contacting organisations to see if the Council can work with them.	Cllr Denness Cllr Phillips

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11	Update from the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group	To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group	Cllr Wade gave an update on the initial meeting of this Working Group. Cllr Every and Cllr Wade had meet with an officer from ECDC which had been very helpful. The Working Group will meet again to define what a Neighbourhood Plan is, what is required to put one into place, cost and time frames. They will present a report with options to the Personnel, Finance & Governance Committee meeting on the 6th March.	NPR Working Group
12	To Receive Internal Auditor's Reports From First Visit for the Financial Year 2022/23	To receive Internal Auditor's reports	Councillors noted the reports from the first visit of the Internal Auditor to Sessions House, the Maltings and Oliver Cromwell's House. There was only one issue raised with regard to the level of the fidelity cover that the Council has and that this should be reviewed in line with recommended guidance of yearend balance and 50% of the precept. The Clerk will arrange for this to be increased. Councillors thanked all staff for all their hard work in achieving such high standards.	Clerk
14	Communications/PR	To receive an update with regards to the Communications/PR Working Group	The Working Group had not met. The Clerk reminded councillors that the deadline for the next edition of the Elyi was the 13th February. Possible articles were discussed and it was agreed there would an article from the Mayor, list of meetings (Clerk), explanation regarding the increase in next year's precept (Clerk), upcoming elections and ID required for voting (Cllr C Whelan) and information regarding OCH events. It was also agreed that the next edition would include an article regarding the new Ely North community hub and a piece regarding the Paradise play area.	Cllr Morgan Clerk Cllr C Whelan OCH