



CITY OF ELY COUNCIL

DECISION LIST FROM THE PERSONNEL, FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON THE 13TH NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.00 PM AT SESSIONS HOUSE, LYNN ROAD, ELY

DECISION LIST DATED 17.11.23, SUBJECT TO CALL IN AS PER THE COUNCIL STANDING ORDER 4. s

AGENDA ITEM NO	ITEM	ISSUE	DECISION	ACTION BY
3	Minutes of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting (held on 9th October 2023) and matters arising	To approve the minutes of the last meeting and consider matters arising	The minutes of the last meeting, held on the 9th October 2023 were agreed and signed by the Vice-Chairman, as a true record, subject to the addition of Cllr Denness as present. Pages PFG 146, 147 and 148 refer. Matters Arising:- Page 147, item 14 – the Clerk requested confirmation on two of the applications that did not qualify under the grants criteria. It was agreed to inform one that under the Council's new General Power of Competence they could request CIL funding for their project. The other would be carried over to next year as they did not currently have a bank account in place. Councillors confirmed that the grant process was now closed for this financial year so no further applications would be accepted. The Clerk will inform any present and future applicants of this and that they will have to wait until the next financial year.	Clerk
4	Budget Update and Setting of Budget for 2024/25	To note the budget update and to set the budget for 2024/25	Councillors noted the budget update, up to the 31st October 2023. There were no significant variances that councillors had concerns with. The proposed budget was discussed at great length and the explanations for the budget headings considered. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed the budget be approved, with a precept for 2024/25 of £798,600. This was seconded by Cllr Austin and unanimously agreed. This will be recommended to the next Full Council for approval.	Clerk/Full Council

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13	To consider revised Standing Orders as agreed at Full Council on 30th ^h October 2023 re Mayor being Ex-officio member of Committees and Ambassadors	To consider revised standing orders	The Clerk had drafted revised standing orders with regard to decisions made at the Full Council meeting on the 30th October. The three standing orders were discussed, with one being amended. Cllr Ní Dhónaill proposed these be considered at the next Full Council meeting for approval and adoption. This was seconded by Cllr Moss-Eccardt and unanimously approved. It was also agreed that each Committee, at their next meeting would have an agenda item to discuss the Working Groups that report to it. They must consider if the Working Group is still necessary and whether the number of members is correct.	Clerk/Full Council All committees
14	To receive an update from the Clerk with regard to the Council's reserves, the Council's Investment Strategy and options for investment	To receive update and options	Councillors considered the update from the Clerk and options for investment. It was unanimously agreed the Clerk should prepare a report for the next Full Council meeting for possible investment with CCLA. This would show the risk, returns and amount to be invested. It was also agreed the Investment Strategy would be revised if this was required.	Clerk
17	Personnel Issues	To consider renewal of Town Crier's contract	It was unanimously agreed the Clerk should communicate with the Town Crier with regard to the Council's expectations of the role and events to be attended. The contract will be reviewed in a year's time	Clerk