

KIDDERMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE
Held in the Town Hall, Kidderminster on Wednesday 17th November 2022 at 6.00pm

Present: Councillors D. Ross (Chairman), D. Chambers, K. Gale, D. Hine and F. Oborski MBE

- F.176** **Election of Chairman**
It was proposed, seconded and agreed that Councillor Smith be appointed Chairman for the meeting
- F.177** **Apologies**
None
- F.178** **Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th July 2022**
RESOLVED:- that the Minutes of the meeting held 7th July 2022 be agreed as a correct record
- F.179** **Declarations of Interests by Members**
None
- F.180** **Grants Policies**
The Committee considered the Town Council's two main grants policies. After discussion it was
RESOLVED: - that the updated grants policies be agreed
- F.181** **Markets & Exchange Place**
The Committee agreed that it would be worth investigating if the Town Council could best coordinate the running of Exchange Place and the markets in the town
RESOLVED: - that officers examine the opportunities for the Town Council to take on the management of the town markets and the lettings/rentals for Exchange Place and report back to the next meeting of the Committee
- F.182** **Finance Reports**
The Town Clerk updated the Committee on the current financial position. He said overall budgets were within agreed parameters. He went through the expenditure list to clarify which costs were covered by grant funding.
RESOLVED: - that the budget update be noted
- F.183** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
RESOLVED:- that, under Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972 and in accordance with Standing Order 3(b), the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the disclosure of categories 1, 2 and 3 of "exempt information" as defined in the appendix to the standing orders.
- F.184** **Town Council I.T. Provision from April 2022**
The Town Clerk reported on the plans for ending the I.T. SLA with WFDC. To help best deliver this the Town Council would need to retain its own independent consultant advice. Four companies had been approached regarding the work and Mobit Limited offered the best solutions for the Town Council. It was also noted this work could be delivered within the current planned budgets. The Town Clerk also stated that the current plan was for an interim solution until the full I.T. specification relating to the redevelopment of the Town Hall is agreed.
After discussion it was

RESOLVED: -

- i.** Mobit Limited be appointed as the Town Councils interim I.T. provider from December 2021 to December 2022
- ii.** note the costs of retaining Mobit Limited for 2021/22 and 2022/23 can be met within the current agreed budgets

The meeting ended at 6.32pm

Chairman

Date