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**Town Clerk**

To: Members of the Finance and General  
Purposes Committee -  
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Town Council)

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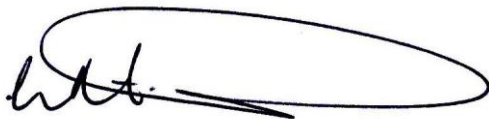
Dear Town Councillor,

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is to be held virtually on **Monday, 15 March 2021 at 5.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the following business.

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Yours sincerely



Town Clerk

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## **AGENDA**

### **PUBLIC FORUM**

Immediately preceding the Committee's meeting a period of up to 30 minutes, or less as the case may be, will be allowed for members of the public present, who are electors or residents in the parish of Bridport or adjoining parishes, to ask questions and make statements in respect of items on the agenda of this Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting.

1. APOLOGIES  
To receive apologies for absence submitted by Members.
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
To receive any declarations of interest by members.
3. MINUTES  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 January 2021 ([previously circulated](#) but enclosed for members of the Committee).
4. BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE  
To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2021 ([copy enclosed](#)) including the following recommendations:  
  
**Min 35 Investment Review 2020/21 and Strategy 2021/22 –**  
RECOMMEND:  
  - (i) that the investments made in 2020/21 be noted as in the report.
  - (ii) that the Investment Strategy be approved as drafted, subject to recommendations from the Environment & Social Wellbeing Committee in respect of a definition of the term ‘ethical’.  
**Min 36 Asset Register –**  
RECOMMEND: that the Asset Register be approved and the Town Clerk be given delegated authority to make any final amendments, before it is signed by the Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Town Clerk.  
  
**Min 37 Standing Orders and Financial Regulations –**  
RECOMMEND:  
  - (i) that the Council’s Standing Orders be approved for use without amendment, pending a review taking account of updated model Standing Orders.
  - (ii) that the Council’s Financial Regulations be approved for use without amendment, pending a review taking account of updated model Financial Regulations.  
**Min 38 Community Governance Review –**  
RECOMMEND: that  
  - (i) a Working Group of members be established to consider the community governance review; and
  - (ii) the Finance & General Purposes Committee and Full Council should consider the membership of the working group.
5. MARKET & BUSINESS LIAISON WORKING GROUP  
To receive the notes of the meeting held on 9 February 2021 ([copy enclosed](#)) and to consider the recommendations therein.
6. ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE  
To consider any recommendations arising from the meeting of 10 March 2021 (to be reported at the meeting).

7. SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE TOWN SURVEYOR  
To consider a report of the Town Surveyor, [ENCL: 3603.](#)
8. BUDGET 2020/21 – EARMARKING  
Finance and Office Manager to report on the delegation of potential funds to be earmarked from 2020/21 budgets.
9. BRIDPORT COMMUNITY CHARITY  
Town Clerk to table and report on a quotation for expert support if available, and to seek approval to proceed.
10. PENSIONS DISCRETIONS POLICY - REVIEW  
To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3604.](#)
11. INVESTMENT STRATEGY  
To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3605.](#)
12. REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES  
To receive any updates within the remit of this Committee.
13. COMMUNICATONS  
To receive any updates for information.
14. PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS  
List number 5 - 2020/2021 will be laid on the table.

**The next meeting of the Committee will be on 14 June 2021**