Will Austin
Town Clerk

To: Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee -Cllrs: Geoffrey Ackerman, Rose Allwork, Karen Hunt, Julian Jones, Gill Massey, Maggie Ray, Martin Ray, Anne Rickard and Sarah Williams

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(Copy for information to other Members of the Town Council)

8 March 2022

Dear Town Councillor,

A meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee is to be held at Mountfield, Rax Lane, Bridport, DT6 3JP on Monday 14 March 2022 at 7.00pm when it is proposed to transact the following business. Limited spaces will be available for public attendance. These can be reserved on a first come, first served basis, by contacting the Town Clerk via the contact details above.

Members of the public may also attend virtually at: Meeting ID: , Passcode: .

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

This meeting is open to the press and public

# **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.

#### 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 17 January 2022 (previously circulated but <u>enclosed</u> for members of the Committee).

## 4. BEST VALUE AND SCRUTINY SUB COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March 2022 (copy enclosed) including the following recommendations:

# Min 35 Grant Application - Seeding our Future -

RECOMMENDED: that a grant of £500 be awarded on condition that

- (i) detailed spending plans be agreed with the Chairman of the Best Value & Scrutiny Sub Committee; and
- (ii) regular updates be provided by Alan Heeks to the Council's Climate Action Sub Committee.

# Min 37 Investment Review 2021/22 and Strategy 2022/23 – RECOMMENDED:

- (i) that the investments made in 2021/22 be noted as in the report; and
- (ii) that the Investment Strategy for 2022/23 be approved as drafted.

## Min 38 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.

# 5. MARKET & BUSINESS LIAISON WORKING GROUP

To receive the notes of the meeting held on 8 February 2022 (copy enclosed) and to consider the recommendations therein.

# 6. ENVIRONMENT & SOCIAL WELLBEING COMMITTEE

To consider any recommendations arising from the meeting of 9 March 2022 (to be reported at the meeting).

# 7. SERVICES ADMINISTERED BY THE TOWN SURVEYOR

To consider a report of the Town Surveyor, ENCL: 3705.

## 8. UKRAINE - TOWN COUNCIL RESPONSE

To receive a verbal update from the Town Clerk, and agree any actions arising.

# 9. BUDGET 2021/22 – EARMARKING

Finance & Office Manager to report on the delegation of potential funds to be earmarked from 2021/22 budgets. Members to agree delegations as appropriate.

- 10. PENSIONS DISCRETIONS POLICY REVIEW To consider a report of the Town Clerk, ENCL: 3706.
- 11. STANDING ORDERS & FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

  To confirm ongoing use of the existing Standing Orders and Financial Regulations, pending review by a Council working group.
- 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 2021/2022 will be laid on the table.
- 15. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
  "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw."
- 16. PROPERTY MATTERS

  Town Surveyor to report. Members to agree any actions arising.

The next meeting of the Committee will be on 13 June 2022