



whitchurch town council

MINUTES: OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING, 6TH JULY 2023

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PRESENT

Councillors: G. Ebbs A. Hall R. Hall M. Phipps
Proper Officer: Mike McDonald Accounts Officer: Charlie Burdock

IN ATTENDANCE:

Councillors: N/A Public: 0 x Members of the Public

The meeting was opened at 7.00pm by former Finance Advisory Group Chairman, Cllr R. Hall

1. Election of Committee Chairman

Following a nomination by Cllr Ebbs, seconded by Cllr A. Hall, it was unanimously **resolved** to elect Cllr R. Hall as Committee Chairman for the 2023/24 Civic Year.
WTC/O/01/2324

2. Election of Committee Vice-Chairman

Following a nomination by Cllr A. Hall, seconded by Cllr R. Hall, it was unanimously **resolved** to elect Cllr Phipps as Committee Vice-Chairman for the 2023/24 Civic Year.
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3. Oversight Committee – Terms of Reference

The revised Terms of Reference for the Oversight Committee, ratified by Full Council on 11th May 2023, were noted.

4. Apologies

No Apologies were received for this meeting.

5. Declarations of Interest

A declaration of interest was tabled by Cllr R. Hall in relation to a grant application under Agenda Item 10 for this meeting. It was noted that Cllr R. Hall would not participate in the discussion or vote for this application, with the singular item chaired by the Vice Chair.

No other declarations of Councillors' Disclosure of Ordinary or Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in relation to the agenda items in this meeting were received.

6. Public Participation

No Members of the Public were in attendance.

7. Financial Matters: Financial Management Information (Months 1 & 2)

Finance reports for Months 1 and 2 were received and noted. The Committee **recommended** that Full Council consider the application of Community Infrastructure Levy monies to qualifying projects during the remainder of the financial year.

8. CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS

Following a proposal from Cllr R. Hall, seconded by Cllr A. Hall, it was **RESOLVED** that under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting because of the likely disclosure of private and confidential information or staff matters.

9. Financial Matters: Investment of WTC Reserves

After consideration and noting the recently opened CCLA "Public Sector Deposit Account", it was unanimously **resolved** that surplus funds be invested and managed throughout the financial year by the Proper Officer in conjunction with other signatories on the account, aligned to Full Council resolution **WTC/EFC/18/2324**. Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr Phipps. **WTC/O/04/2324**

10. Small Community Grants 2023/24 (Round 1)

The Committee considered Grant Applications totalling £10,225 in a 'split' agenda item, recognising the Declaration of Interest from Cllr R. Hall in relation to one of the applications:

- a. It was unanimously **resolved** to award grants to 7 organisations, totalling £4,150. Proposed Cllr A. Hall, seconded Cllr Ebbs. The Proper Officer will progress with each organisation concerned as separately noted. **WTC/O/05/2324**
- b. Item Chaired by Cllr Phipps. It was **resolved** (to the exclusion of Cllr R. Hall) to offer support to the organisation, noted separately and progressed by the Proper Officer. Proposed Cllr Ebbs, seconded Cllr A. Hall. **WTC/O/06/2324**

In both cases, the details of organisations supported would be publicised once they had been contacted by the Proper Officer.

Cllr R. Hall resumed the Chair and, there being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair: _____

Date: _____