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Minutes of a meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 16th January 2023 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 7pm.

Present:

Cllr. M. Gateley	Town Mayor
Cllr. S. Hetherington	
Cllr. A. Mahi	
Cllr. H. Mordue	Vice Chair
Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	Chair
Cllr. A. Osibogun	
Cllr. A. Ralph	
Cllr. A. Schaefer	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury	

Also present:

Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
Ms. P. Cahill	Committee Clerk
Ms. J. Baughan	Finance Officer
Mr. S. Beech	Compliance and Projects Manager

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session.

540/22 Apologies for Absence

Members received and accepted apologies from Cllr. Collins, Cllr. Try and Cllr. Whyte.

541/22 Declarations of interest

There were none.

542/22 Minutes of last meeting

Members received and accepted the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 14th November 2022.

543/22 Minutes of Communications Strategy Group

Members received the minutes of the Communications Strategy Group meeting held on 13th October 2022 and 1st December 2022.

544/22 Budgets

Members received and **AGREED** the budget reports:

544/22.1 Highlight Report of main budget variations with detailed income and expenditure.

Cllr. Osibogun arrived 19:03

544/22.2 Summary Income and Expenditure Report.

544/22.3 Purchase Ledger from November and December 2022.

545/22 Draft 2023-2024 budget

545/22.1 To receive a report from the Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk explained that this is a proposed budget; it will be presented to Full Council at the Extraordinary meeting on 24th January 2023, prior to Precept. There is a lot of money in small ear-marked reserves which may be

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better in the general reserve. The inflation suffered this year has to be put on next year's budget, but costs have been pulled back wherever possible.

545/22.2 To discuss and agree the draft 2023 – 2024 budget.

It is recommended that the 2023/24 budget as set out in Appendix D be recommended to Extraordinary Full Council.

To recommend to Full Council that if the result of the cemetery consultation is positive the Council adopts the budget attached and increases the precept from **£942,773 to £1,234,561 at a cost of £221.29 per Band D household**. This is an increase of £45.55 or 25.92% from the current level of £175.74. **OR if the result of the cemetery consultation is negative** increases the precept from **£942,773 to £1,164,561 at a cost of £208.74 per Band D household**. This is an increase of £33 or 18.78% from the current level of £175.74.

Cllr. Mahi Proposed that the weekly cost is included in the precept increase. Cllr. Stuchbury Seconded and Members **AGREED** unanimously.

Members commended the Clerk and her team for their commitment in ensuring that costs have been considered and cut without cutting services.

ACTION TOWN CLERK

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Ralph Seconded. Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations.

546/22 **Bank reconciliations and petty cash**

Members received verbal updates from the Committee Chair. The Chair confirmed that everything tallied and thanked the Finance Officer for her time.

547/22 **Chamber pricing**

Members received a report from the Town Centre and External Services Manager. It is recommended that Members agree to increase the Council Chamber hire rates as listed in 3.3:

	Council Chamber	
	Weekday hourly rate	Weekend hourly rate
Concessions (Junior/Community)	£12	£16
Adult/Commercial	£14	£18

Book 10 hours/sessions and get 10 for the price of 9.

Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

548/22 **Compliments and complaints**

548/22.1 To review compliments and complaints from July 2022.

Members agreed to refer specific compliments and complaints to the relevant Committee; the Town Clerk informed Members that the Environment Committee has their own complaints log.

Members noted that there were very few complaints.

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DRAFT SUBJECT TO CONFIRMATION

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PUBLIC SECTOR EQUALITY DUTY 2010/CRIME AND DISORDER ACT, 1988: the decisions made during the course of the meeting were duly considered and it was decided that there were no resulting direct or indirect implications in respect of crime and disorder, or equalities considerations, other than those stated in the minutes.

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549/22 Civic dates

Members received a report from the Events Coordinator. It is recommended that Members agree and note the dates shown in the report for the Civic Events in 2023.

Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

550/22 Updates from representatives on outside bodies

There were no updates.

551/22 Action Report

Members reviewed and noted the Action Report.

552/22 Chair's announcements

No announcements.

553/22 Date of next meeting: Monday 6th March 2023

COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION

Exclusion of public and press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, **RECOMMENDED** that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. **AGREED.**

554/22 Debtors list

Members received the current list of debtors over 3 months old. The Finance Officer explained the position of each debtor.

Meeting closed at: 19:53

Signed Date