

**Finance Committee Meeting
12 January 2023**

Present: Councillors Dodson, J Eccles, Hardacre, Hird, Hirst, Kenyon, McGinnies, Middleton, Moran, A Westmorland, G Westmorland and the town clerk.

Twenty-two members of the public were in attendance.

This meeting was simultaneously livestreamed and recorded via Zoom.

309 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs G Eccles, Pringle and Wilson.

Resolved that the respective reasons for absence be approved.

310 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest other than those already declared in members' respective register of interests.

311 MINUTES

Resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 November 2022 be approved.

312 SUB-COMMITTEES

Resolved that the minutes of the sub-committee meeting held on 10 November 2022 be approved.

313 PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolved that the payment of accounts for November and December 2022 be approved.

314 PRINTING FOR COUNCILLORS

Resolved that any printing requested by councillors (for council business) is conducted at the office only.

315 CITIZENS ADVICE SERVICE

Resolved that the citizens advice service be procured for 2023-24.

316 ASBESTOS SURVEY – COUNCIL PROPERTIES

The town clerk reported that he is in the process of arranging asbestos surveys in accordance with the recommendation of the council's health and safety consultant.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

317 BUDGET 2023-24

Resolved that the town clerk's budget report be received and that a recommendation be made at the council meeting on 2 February 2023 to increase the 'band D' figure by a maximum of 3.5%.

318 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Members of the public raised the following matters:

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- Bodycams.
- Reserves.
- Budget.

319 EXCLUSION OF PRESS & PUBLIC

Resolved that in view of the confidential nature of business to be transacted, it is advisable, in the public interest, that the public and press be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

320 STAFFING MATTERS – PROBATIONARY PERIODS

Resolved that the respective three months and six months probationary periods for the members of staff concerned be approved.

321 INSURANCE CLAIM

The town clerk reported on the outcome of an insurance claim, as notified by the council's insurer.

Resolved that the town clerk's report be noted and approved.

The meeting closed at 19:30.