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Agenda

Finance & Establishment Committee

To Committee Members: Councillors: Coote, de Vries (Chair), Freeman, Gadd, McBirnie, Meloy, Reeve (Deputy), Parker and Shotropa.

You are summoned to attend a MEETING of the FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE of SAFFRON WALDEN to be held in the Town Hall, on **Monday 18th November 2024** commencing at **7.30pm** to transact the business as set out in the agenda below.

All other Councillors are welcome to attend this meeting but will not be formal members of the committee and will not receive any voting rights. Non-Committee members will not be able to participate in or remain present for any discussions held under Part 2, Confidential Matters

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Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk

13th November 2024

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| 1 | Apologies for absence To receive apologies and consider requests for approved absence |
| 2 | To receive any Declarations of Interest Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered. |
| 3 | Public Speaking Time For the public or Press to ask questions of the Committee on matters relating to the agenda. |
| 4 | Minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & Establishment Committee To verify the Minutes of the Committee meeting held in October 2024 |
| Financial Matters The following are standard items for consideration for a Committee meeting, focussing on business matters | |
| 5 | Expenditure – to be authorised (a) To approve the payment of the invoices received since 21 st October 2024. BACS and Cheques for these invoices have not yet been authorised, awaiting approval by this meeting. (b) To approve payments or DDs, STOs, debit card payments and cheques already issued since 21 st October 2024. |

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| 6 | <p>Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Profit and Loss Account for October 2024</p> |
| 7 | <p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>(a) Bank reconciliation statement with supporting statements. (b) Cash Book – showing all income and expenditure for the month of October 2024. (c) Income report, broken down by budget code – year to date including comparison of income year to date for prior years.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Committee Hi-Light Reports</p> <p>To receive and note the reports from the RFO being a highlight report bringing to the attention of Committee any items for note or action. Documents 8(a) and 8(b) refer.</p> |
| 9 | <p>First Draft Budget 2025/26</p> <p>As the budget working group continues its work on preparing the 2025/26 budget, committee is asked to note the first draft budget will be presented at the December Finance and Committee meeting for final adoption at the January Full Council meeting to set the precept.</p> |
| 10 | <p>Essex Pension Fund Revised Strategy</p> <p>For information the Local Government Pension Fund has prepared the attached strategy.</p> |
| 11 | <p>Impact of Lloyds Bank Closure</p> <p>To note the attached written report detailing the impact of the SWTC bank closure (this being Lloyds Saffron Walden branch).</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Grant Applications – Committee to consider the following requests</p> <p>Balance of Grants Budget as at 04.11.2024</p> <p>Small grants scheme £0 spent Youth partnership £566 Resilience funds (covid fund) £2184 FOC hall hire £437 Total Grant Funding available £2750</p> | |
| 12 | <p>Grant Monitoring Form Saffron Walden Choral Society</p> <p>To receive and note the attached Saffron Walden Choral Society Monitoring Form concluding this grant application.</p> |
| 13 | <p>Grant Request Citizens Advice £15k</p> <p>To receive the attached grant request from Uttlesford Citizens Advice seeking £15k, this is provisioned with the 2024/25 budget. A representative will be in attendance.</p> |

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| 14 | <p>Grant Request Saffron Walden Scouts Group £500</p> <p>To receive and consider the attached grant request from Saffron Walden Scouts Group seeking £500 toward the costs of the range for their upcoming activity.</p> |
| <p>Establishment</p> | |
| 15 | <p>Sexual Harassment Policy</p> <p>From 26 October 2024, employers have a new legal duty to take “reasonable steps” to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace, therefore the attached policy is recommended for adoption.</p> |
| 16 | <p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Any items to verbally report for information only</p> |
| 17 | <p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 9th December 2024 at 7.30pm in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden</p> |