



## Report of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7:30pm

**PRESENT** Cllr. J Britt Chairman presiding.  
Cllrs. M Cockett, P Culver, S Heeley, N Osborne, A Ratcliffe & A Walmsley  
J Bate (RFO) & L Westcott (clerk)

**Public Participation:**

No members of the public present.

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies received.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations received.

**3. MINUTES FROM F&GP 19<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022**

The F&GP committee on 19<sup>th</sup> October was not quorate, so there are no minutes to agree.

**4. FINANCIAL REPORT (by RFO J Bate)**

a. Current budget update

- i. Budget projections to year end – J Bate reported that following receipt of an invoice from Landmark Chambers for work at the MBC local plan examination, this has exceeded the budget allocated for legal and planning work. J Bate advised that this latest work was not authorised to be spent and other budget lines would now need to be decreased in order to cover the overspend. Other invoices are also expected. Cllr. N Osborne reported that more money should have been included in the budget. Cllr. J Britt reported that this has been a difficult budget to manage as LPC are not in control of what work is required – this was down to MBC and their drip-feed of information requiring review and response.

J Bate reported that there is approximately £5000 that can be used via S137.

The budget was reviewed line by line and a recommendation will be made to full council on re-allocating available budget.

- ii. Review of legal expenses – A report is expected December/January from the inspector, then we will know if further legal representation will be required and when. Due to the lack of budget available, all agreed to stand P McCreery down for further planning work going forward.

**ACTION** Cllr. J Britt to speak to P McCreery.

b. Setting the budget for 23/24

- i. Budget line items to determine precept

Budget lines for 23/24 reviewed and proposed.

**ACTION** J Bate to circulate proposed figures for budget ahead of LPC meeting.

- ii. Identified Projects via other funding

J Bate asked all Cllrs. to ensure their projects are included in budget regardless of funding source.

**All other agenda items suspended as time ran out.**

**The meeting closed at 22:00**

Signed as a true record on this day 7<sup>th</sup> December 2022.....

Chairman of the Finance and General Purposes Committee