



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 26<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2023

Councillors Present: Cllr Mark Rowley (chair)  
Cllrs Lloyd Bunday, Carolyn Carter, Robin Carter,  
Maggie Don and Emily Fedorowycz

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
<b>FC22/090</b>	<b>Apologies for absence</b>  Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Craig Skinner, for whom Cllr Carolyn Carter was acting as substitute.
<b>FC22/091</b>	<b>Declarations of interest</b>  None declared
<b>FC22/092</b>	<b>Minutes</b>  The minutes of the meeting held on 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2023 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
<b>FC22/093</b>	<b>Lottery Fund Awards</b>  A report was submitted summarising the four applications that had been received for funding under the sustainability and environment theme of the Town Lottery.  A total of £1600 was available to use on this theme.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that the following awards be offered:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Kettering Allotment Association – removal of asbestos from Margaret Rd allotments £1000</li><li>- Groundwork – creation of a hedgehog highway along the river Ise in Kettering £600 contribution</li></ul>

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<b>FC22/094</b>	<b>Climate Change</b>  Verbal reports were made on the priority work areas and a discussion also ensued about the value of cascading the carbon literacy training which had been considered at the previous meeting.  <b>RESOLVED</b> that  a) All members be written to, to gauge the level of interest in the provision of carbon literacy training delivered by those members who had already been trained.  b) That the clerk explore the possibility of securing air quality monitors for use in schools, through loaning them from a specialist provider, as an alternative to purchase.
<b>FC22/095</b>	<b>End of Year Financial Position 2022/3</b>  A report was submitted which set out the end of year financial out-turn for 2022/23.  At the end of the year the Council has £161,023.53 in its various bank accounts, with year adjustments amounting to a net £21 deficit on that. In the meantime, the Council had been awarded business rate relief on its market rates bill, which meant a further £3368 had been received in the last few days for the 2022-23 year. The Council had a total of £138464 in reserves or earmarked funds.  Funds raised to pay for the public toilets provision had been placed in an earmarked account, which stood at £70,000 and could be supplemented during the coming year.  Income from sources other than the precept had amounted to £21035 including the rate relief received last week.  Subject to the final auditing process, it was likely that the Council would be able to add a further £23000 into reserves on top of that already there.
<b>FC22/096</b>	<b>Monitoring of the Corporate Plan</b>  The Committee received a report on progress against the new action plan within the corporate plan for 23-24. Updates on various items were provided verbally.

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	<p>It was reported that the complexity of the material from NNC and an inconsistency in the title to the South End Allotments meant that the legal costs for registering our ownership of the allotment sites would increase to £2000.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) Council be asked to appoint a member to represent the Town Council at the Kettering Urban LAP meeting, which was helping progress the integrated care system and deliver shared priorities.</li><li>b) The increased cost of registering the allotment land with the Land Registry be agreed.</li></ul>
<b>FC22/097</b>	<p><b>Budget Monitoring and Invoices</b></p> <p>The financial position as at 20<sup>th</sup> April 2023 was submitted showing payments made in the last month and the overall budgetary position three weeks into the new year.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a) The report be noted</li><li>b) The following three payments, all to Knights and Hyde for office stationary and equipment be approve<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- £14.99 IN00183525</li><li>- £53.48 IN00183558</li><li>- £34.43 IN00183610</li></ul></li></ul>
	Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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