



MINUTES OF THE FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE OF KETTERING TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE TOLLER CHURCH ROOMS, KETTERING AT 7PM ON 19th MARCH 2025

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

Officers present:- Martin Hammond, Town Clerk

No members of the public/press attended.

Item Number	Description
FC24/066	Apologies for absence None
FC24/067	Declarations of interest None declared
FC24/068	Minutes The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th February 2025 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair
FC24/069	Public session None
FC24/070	Interim Internal Audit Report 24/5 A report was submitted which relayed the internal auditor's recommendations arising from her mid year audit. There were three recommendations and members addressed each in turn. RESOLVED that a) A further publicity campaign be launched for the Town Lottery to increase participation and that the position be reviewed in twelve months with a vie to

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	<p>determining the future of the lottery if participation did not improve in that time.</p> <p>b) agreement in principle be given to opening a new account for general reserves with another bank and that a recommendation be made to Council in due course as to which account.</p> <p>c) The annual contribution to the election reserve be increased, from 2026/7 onwards, to £21,000 a year.</p>
FC24/071	<p>Play facilities, Ise Estate</p> <p>A report was submitted seeking approval advance fund the provision of goal posts on the Ise estate The Council has been asked if it would submit an application to NNC's member empowerment fund to fund two sets of goals for installation on the Ise valley open space. NNC Cllrs Bunday and Prentice are jointly funding the acquisition of two goal posts for installation this summer, at a cost of £6500. NNC will make a grant of the money to Kettering Town Council who will then be the owners of the goalposts</p> <p>The procurement of the posts would take 6-8 weeks and there might therefore be a period when the Council had either committed funds or had received a grant which spanned financial years.</p> <p>To ensure the process did not unduly place costs on KTC, it would need to be agreed that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- NNC would install the goal posts- NNC would issue a licence for the posts to be erected on NNC land- NNC would carry out any minor repairs or maintenance required <p>RESOLVED that authority be given for a grant submission to be made for KTC to become the owner of two goals post, on the basis of the conditions set out above.</p>
FC24/072	<p>Climate Change</p> <p>A short verbal report on the progress towards a seed and plant exchange event in September was made.</p>

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FC24/073	Monitoring of the Corporate Plan The final report on the performance against corporate priorities was submitted, which included a verbal update on the half marathon which had taken place 10 days previously. Of the 25 priorities, 22 had been met and three had not – these three all depended on the co—operation of North Northamptonshire Council, which had been realised in the year – they were <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Public Toilets- Improvement in power infrastructure in the market place- Delivery of a play area on the Ise Estate Progress against the first two was still being pursued.
FC24/074	Budget Monitoring and Invoices A report was submitted which set out progress against the 2024/5 budget and reporting on transactions in the last month. The anticipate under and over spends against each cost centre were detailed and it was likely that a collective underspend of about £75000 was likely. The next meeting would be asked to allocate that underspend to reserves or to specific topics. RESOLVED that a payment of £201.60 be made to the clerk, in recognition of expenses incurred in hiring a locksmith at short notice to gain access to the power cabinet in Gold St when the power had failed on Friday 14 th March.
FC24/075	Any other business The chair indicated that he had learnt that one member had been in conversation with NNC about a possible asset transfer without any Town Council endorsement of this idea, thereby misleading NNC, and he re-iterated the need for collective decision making on matters of import for the Town Council.
	Meeting closed at 7.50pm

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