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Minutes

Meeting of : Finance and Governance Committee
Date : 9 January 2023
Meeting held : The Guildhall
Commencing at : 6:30pm

Present:

Chair: A Bayliss Vice Chair: I Tomes

Cllrs: V Charleston, A Hoque, J Nettle, E Rimmer, R Rogers, J Wells and E Wills.

Also Present: Cllr P Sample, T Corbin and C Stanway.

Officers: Annie Child, Estelle Sherry, Janine Whitty, Tracy Adams, Marc Read, Sarah Gregson and Joanna Wood.

728. Apologies:

- 728.1. Cllr Hocking was substituted by Cllr Wills.
- 728.2. Cllr McGrath was submitted by Cllr Hoque.

729. Public Questions/Statement Time:

- 729.1.1. A question was submitted by Wiltshire Creative, which can be found at the end of these minutes. The question related to item 9 of the budget and therefore was discussed during that item.

730. Councillor Questions/Statement Time:

There were no questions or statements submitted from the Councillors.

731. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the last meeting of the Finance and Governance Committee held on 17 October 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

732. Declarations of Interest:

Cllr Wills declared an interest as a trustee of Wiltshire Creative.

733. Dispensations:

No dispensations were requested.

734. Chairman's Announcements:

The Chairman welcomed all to the meeting and asked for all present to engage politely during the budget debate.

735. Budget Monitoring Report to end 30 November 2022:

The Committee received an account of the revenue and capital budget position to end 30 November 2022, from Estelle Sherry, the Responsible Finance Officer, and it was:

Resolved to:

735.1. Note the Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Reports for the end of November 2022.

736. Budget Setting 2023/24:

The Committee received the report for Capital and Revenue budget setting 2023/24. Administration Leader Cllr V Charleston presented the Administration's proposed budget as set out in the report. The draft budget was discussed and some amendments proposed but none were agreed.

Sebastian Warrack from Wiltshire Creative and Adrian Green from Salisbury Museum were present to read their statement and requested to return to next Full Council to read this again. The committee noted that the Wiltshire Creative and Salisbury Museum are requested to contact the Clerk towards the end of the financial year to discuss the possibility of a supplementary grant if funds allow.

The committee discussed the proposed budget, and it was:

Resolved to:

736.1. Approve the proposed revenue and capital budgets and fees and changes for 2023/24 as set out in the report and its appendices, and
736.2. Recommend to Full Council a precept of £5,152,561.30

Recorded Vote

Support – Cllr A Bayliss, I Tomes, V Charleston, R Rogers and J Wells

Against - A Hoque, J Nettle, E Rimmer and E Wills.

A likely typographical error in Appendix E. Fees and Charges in relation to Charter Market fees and charges will be corrected and presented to Full Council on Mon 16 Jan 2023.

726. Matters, if any, which by reason of special circumstances the Chairman, decides should be considered as a matter of urgency:

No matters were raised.

There were 8 members of the public present and 1 member of the press present.

The meeting closed at 8.27pm