

Minutes of a meeting of the **FINANCE and GENERAL PURPOSES** Committee held in the Council Offices, Pine Grove, Crowborough on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7.30pm

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Present	Councillors	Peter Bucklitsch Mike Cooke Martyn Garrett Kay Moss David Neeves Neil Waller	Chairman Vice-Chairman
Also present		Caroline Miles	Town Clerk

\*Denotes non attendance

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### **APOLOGIES**

Cllr Neil Waller

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

### **MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022

- 9853** **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022 as confirmed be signed by the Chairperson.

### **REVIEW OF F & G P POLICIES**

Freedom of Information & publication scheme

- 9854** **RESOLVED** to accept the Freedom of Information policy and the publication scheme as presented.

### **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

To note the Finance Report and supporting appendices and agree any action

The Income and Expenditure report was noted. A member asked that the committee consider whether the viability of the Pine Grove building as a commercial enterprise should be considered by Full Council.

Members agreed that this issue had been debated by Full Council in the past and that the Council's decision to purchase and manage the building was not solely profit based.

The Earmarked Reserves were noted. The election EMR's have been built up over four years to cover the cost of an election. As an election will be taking place next May it was agreed that it would be prudent for the funds to remain in the Earmarked Reserves.

The funds earmarked for training should also remain in Earmark Reserves as The Council was in the process of co-opting two new Councillors and other training may be required before the end of the financial year.

To note the latest figures from Basepoint

The report was noted.

To note the report on insurance and valuations

The report was noted.

To note the IT report and agree any action

**9855** **RESOLVED** to accept the officer's recommendation and to stay with the current provider with the N-Able back up service.

To review service and quotes for internal audit work

**9856** **RESOLVED** to accept April Skies as the internal auditor

**9857** **RESOLVED** to review the internal auditor at two years, with a view to making a decision to continue with the same auditor for up to five years.

External Auditor

**9858** **RESOLVED** to opt in for the SAAA to appoint the external auditor for the next five years to 2027

Disposal of Bus Shelter

**9859** **RESOLVED** to recommend that the bus shelter on Crowborough Hill, Jarvis Brook is removed from the asset register.

To note the Confidential Aged Debtor report

**9860** **RESOLVED** that pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reasons of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Cllr David Neeves declared a personal interest as a member of a local sports club.

The report was noted.

**URGENT MATTERS AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN FOR NOTING AND/OR INCLUSION ON A FUTURE AGENDA**

None

The meeting closed at 8.06pm.