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Finance Committee Minutes

For the meeting held in the Moot Hall
Monday 15th January 2024 at 7.48pm

Present:

Cllr Heap (Chair) Cllr Davidson
Cllr Anderton Cllr Pape
Cllr Curley

Also in attendance:

Cllr Connell Cllr Railton
Cllr Hilsden Cllr Rooke
Cllr Kemp Cllr Turnbull
Cllr Mycock
Town Clerk and Clerk's Assistant

F1/01/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Chalmers and Cllr Potts.

F2/01/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest to report.

F3/01/24 Actions from the Previous Minutes

The Budget and Precept for 2024-25 are covered in item 6.

F4/01/24 Chairman's Report

There was no Chair's report in respect of this meeting.

F5/01/24 Management Accounts

The Chair presented the Management Accounts for December 2023. The Clerk reported that the majority of the Building Repairs expenditure related to the installation of the new accessible toilet in the Public Hall, which is now complete.

The Management Accounts for December 2023 were accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

F6/01/24 Budget for 2024-25

The Clerk presented the draft budget for 2024-25 and based on the budget, the required Precept amount for 2024-25 is £159,130. This represents an increase of £7,908 on 2023-2024's precept and equates to an increase for Band D properties of £4.71 per annum/£0.39 per month; a percentage increase of 3.45%.

Cllr Pape asked about the forecast figure for gas and electricity and how this had been calculated. The Clerk confirmed this has been calculated as accurately as possible, using the current year's usage and the anticipated prices for the next financial year, based on information from W&F Council who negotiate and manage our gas and electricity contracts.

The Budget for the Financial Year 2024-2025 was accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

The Precept for the Financial Year 2024-2025 of £159,130 was accepted and **RECOMMENDED** to Full Council.

F7/01/24 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

There were no items for future agendas.

F8/01/24 Next Meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Finance Committee will be on **Monday 12th February 2024** at **7.15pm**, or at the rising of the Planning and General Purposes Committee in the Moot Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.59pm.

At the Council Meeting held on **Wednesday 24th January 2024**, the Chairman of this meeting was authorised by the Committee to sign these minutes, to confirm they're being a true and accurate record:

Cllr Heap
