

Committee Members: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Irven, Cllr Murphy (Chair), Cllr Johnson, Cllr Moss, Cllr Stevens, Cllr Whetlor

10th September 2024

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the meeting of the **Finance & Staffing Committee** to be held in the **Watchet Visitor Centre, Harbour Road, Watchet**, on **Monday 16th September 2024 @ 6.30pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Members of the press and public are welcome to attend.

Yours faithfully



Joanne Grellier
Town Clerk

AGENDA

- 24/17C **To Receive Apologies for Absence:** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
- 24/18C **To receive any Declaration of Interests** under Watchet Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 9 July 2012) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 SI No: 1464
- 24/19C **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 15th July 2024** - *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 1*** - (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41)
- 24/20C **To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Finance & Staffing meeting held on 23rd July 2024** - *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 2*** - (LGA 1972, Sch 12 Para 41)
- 24/21C **Citizens Advice SLA:**
- (i) To approve financial contribution towards Citizens Advice Services as set out in SLA
- 24/22C **Financial Grant policy review:**
- (i) To review current Financial Grant policy and approve amendments *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 3***
- 24/23C **Voluntary work request:**
- (i) To discuss a request from Somerset Council to explore employment of a Volunteer – *paperwork tabled at the meeting*
- 24/24C **Financial Matters:**
- (i) Once per quarter, the Chair of this Committee shall be appointed to verify bank reconciliations for all accounts produced by the RFO, the contents to be noted by this Committee, *as per regulation 2.2*
- (ii) All payments above £500 and below £5,000 are itemised and reported to this Committee, *as per regulation 4.1 and displayed on the website. – tabled at the meeting*
- 24/25C **Exclusion of Press and Public**
- "That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded, and they are instructed to withdraw"* (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

24/26C **Staffing:**

- (i) Overtime review update report - *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 4 (EXCLUDED)***
- (ii) Recommendation from R&T Committee for Finance & Staffing to explore options for in house tourism marketing from April 2025 – *verbal report from Clerk*
- (iii) To discuss a recommendation to Full Council to earmark reserves for SW Councils for Job evaluation consultancy - *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 5 (EXCLUDED)***

24/27C **Financial Budget review**

- (i) To review and approve amended earmarked reserves for recommendation to Full Council in October - *circulated to members prior to the meeting via **Appendix 6 (EXCLUDED)***

24/28C **Matters for the next meeting – no discussion or decisions made**