

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD 5 JANUARY 2021

Councillors Present: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Sheila Baynes, Cllr Ian Corben, Cllr Keith House, Cllr Pat Jenkins, Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chair), Cllr John Shepherd,

P1006 Apologies: Cllr Jane Welsh

P1007 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 1 December 2020

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 December 2021 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

Matters Arising

None arising

P1008 Correspondence

The 6 monthly statistical report from Tadic had been received which was circulated in advance to the committee. Cllr Ian Corben noted the low numbers of men that attend the clinic. There was also a question about the accuracy of the postcode data in relation to Hedge End. It was noted that HETC were potentially subsidising other areas. Discussion on this recognised that anecdotal evidence shows people don't always want to go to the local service and prefer to go elsewhere.

P1009 Request to Lease Public Open Space

A request had been received to lease land on Woodhouse Lane Recreation Ground for a Data Centre. Cllr Pretty outlined the previously circulated report which had assessed the request against the policy. Cllrs were concerned with the proposal particularly in relation to the size and potential noise. There was a discussion that there might be other more suitable areas. **RESOLVED: To decline the request.**

P1010 Budget Setting 2021/22

Cllrs had previously received the draft budget amendments and report on budget adjustments required for 2021/22. Cllr House noted the date headings had not been amended. Cllr House suggested that only one election needs to be in the budget. There is also a figure for contribution to reserves which could be removed in this year. With this reduction in £19k monies could be allocated to Tadic of £5.5k and £1k for Berry Theatre. Cllr Corben asked about the spend on Equipment & IT. The Clerk confirmed this is not new expenditure but has been separated from the admin/misc code to allow for more visibility on spend. With these changes the budget requirements would be £753,471. Councillors proposed a 3% increase. **RESOLVED: The Town Clerk to make the required amendments and take the proposal of 3% precept increase to full council for agreement.**

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**P1011 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
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P1012 Staffing

There being no further business, the Chair closed the meeting at 20:30 hours.