

PRESCOT TOWN COUNCIL

A meeting of the **FINANCE POLICY AND HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE** for the **TOWN OF PRESCOT** was held on **THURSDAY 21st JULY 2022** in the **PRESCOT TOWN HALL**, commencing at **7:15 P.M.**

ELECTED MEMBERS PRESENT

Councillors J. Burke, M. Burke, C. Krelle, T. Large, T. Murray, I. Smith, T. Smith,
G. Wickens

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

A. Spencer (Town Clerk)

1. ELECTION OF A CHAIRMAN

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:-

1. Cllr Christopher Krelle be elected as Chair of the Finance Policy & Human Resources Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

2. ELECTION OF A VICE CHAIRMAN

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:-

1. Cllr Tom Large be elected as Vice Chair of the Finance, General Purposes and Human Resources Committee for the 2022/23 Civic Year.

3. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr L. Rigby.

4. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest received.

5. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:-

1. The minutes of the Finance, General Purpose and Human Resources Committee held on 10th March 2022 be agreed as a true and accurate record of the business transacted and signed by the Chair.

6. **MONTHLY BUDGET MONITORING STATEMENT**

The Town Clerk presented monthly budget monitoring up to the end of June 2022.

The Town Clerk highlighted the following areas of future expenditure for Members consideration:-

- a. Expenditure for Council's 2022/23 insurance renewal would be at a higher amount than budgeted for owing to new play equipment installation at Brown's Field.
- b. A quote of £1,500.00 for the fire escape stairwell to the rear of Prescott Town Hall had been obtained, with expenditure to come from Facilities Management cost centre.
- c. In consideration of both ongoing and future work, there would be a requirement for Council to obtain independent legal advice. Therefore the Town Clerk proposed obtaining costs from local solicitors for either annual service level agreement or hourly rate.

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:-

1. **NOTE** the budget monitoring statement. The statement could not be approved owing to misquoted figures relating to Salaries and Community Fund, and
2. **APPROVE** that the Town Clerk should obtain quotes for independent legal advice from local solicitors.

At 7.40pm Cllr M.Burke left the meeting

7. **ORDERS AND PAYMENT AUTHORISATION**

The Town Clerk presented orders and payments up to the 30th June 2022.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to:-

1. **APPROVE** the payment list as presented by the Town Clerk

8. **FACILITIES BOOKINGS**

The Town Clerk provided members with the quarterly list of facility bookings and the current income as at 30th June 2022.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to:-

1. **APPROVE** the bookings list as presented by the Town Clerk



9. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO HONORARY FREEMAN / HONORARY FREEWOMAN OF THE TOWN POLICY**

Following Full Council Resolution in April 2022, The Town Clerk reviewed the existing Honorary Freeman / Freewoman of the Town Policy and put forward amendments to clarify the awarding of posthumous honours.

It was **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk make the following amendments to the Honorary Freeman / Freewoman of the Town Policy:-

- a. *“The Place of birth or current abode of the nominee are not material factors in consideration of the title of “Honorary Freeman of the Town” or “Honorary Freewoman of the Town” should be awarded.”*
- b. *“The Awarding of Honorary Freeman of the Town or Honorary Freewoman of the Town, can only be made to persons who are living, and cannot be awarded posthumously.”*

It was further **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that:-

- a. As presented to members, proposed amendments to the both the policy and awarding procedure concerning posthumous awarding should be rejected
- b. The Honorary Freeman / Honorary Freewoman of the Town Policy should be reviewed annually, and
- c. The proposed policy control sheet should be extended to all council policies.

The meeting closed at 8.10 p.m.

Dated: 21st December 2022

Signed: 
(Cllr C Krelle – Chair of Finance Policy and
Human Resources Committee)

