

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Agenda

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER AT 5.30PM ON WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2024

28 November 2024

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note apologies received from members of the Committee prior to the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE IN MATTERS ON THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING

3. MINUTES OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6 NOVEMBER 2024

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on 6 November 2024.

4. UPDATES ON ACTIONS FROM THE PREVIOUS MINUTES NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE ON THE AGENDA

a) Minute 57 - Contact WSALC regarding City Council concerns with comments received from the External Auditor following the conclusion of the 2023-2024 external audit

Town Clerk to report.

b) Minute 58 - Advise Full Council that the vote to increase the large grants budget had been split and subsequently carried on the Chair's casting vote.

Due to be taken to Full Council on 18 December 2024.

5. **PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE**

To receive and note the minutes of the Property Sub-Committee meetings held on 26 November 2024.

6. REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING TO END SEPTEMBER 2024

Deputy Town Clerk to report (Copy attached)

7. EARMARKED RESERVES

Deputy Town Clerk to report (Copy attached)

8. PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS

Deputy Town Clerk to report (copy attached)

9. INTERNAL AUDITOR INTERIM REPORT

To review the interim Internal Audit report from Mulberry Local Authority Services Ltd.

Deputy Town Clerk to report (report attached).

10. CITY COUNCIL BUDGET 2025-2026

a) To review and approve the final City Council budget for 2025/2026

Deputy Town Clerk to report (report attached).

b) To review and approve the proposed fees and charges for 2025/2026

Deputy Town Clerk to report (report attached).

11. COMMUNITY SPACE (CITY SOUTH) WORKING GROUP

To consider making the Business Plan Sub-Committee the responsible committee for the Community Space (City South) Working Group.

12. TO NOTE AND RATIFY THE FOLLOWING RECONCILIATIONS AND TRANSACTIONS (reports attached)

- a) MONTHLY RECONCILIATION WITH EVIDENCE OF BANK STATEMENTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024
- b) LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024
- c) LIST OF BARCLAYCARD PAYMENTS FOR AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER 2024

13. ITEMS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

14. DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING

DATE OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING: Wednesday 5 February 2025

15. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Proposal to resolve that the public and press be excluded from this meeting for agenda item 16 due to the nature of the business to be transacted, namely confidential business matters.

16. MATTERS ARISING REGARDING THE MARKET HOUSE

Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk to report.

To: Members of the Finance Committee Councillors Corfield, Loxton, Miall, Pramas, Scicluna and Squire

Ex Officio: The Mayor (Councillor Quail)

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