

### Finance & General Purposes Committee Terms of Reference 2023 – 2024

## 1 Objectives

- 1.1 To implements, monitor and review FTC policies, strategies, procedures and regulations to ensure efficient use of property and effective management of staff welfare.
- 1.2 To consider and agree where appropriate, requests from community groups and others for use of the council's assets.

#### 2 Composition

- 2.1 <u>Membership</u>: Committee will consist of 8 Councillors appointed at the Annual Town Council Meeting.
- 2.2 <u>Chairmanship</u>: The Committee will elect a chair from its members at its first meeting each year following the Annual Town Council Meeting.
- 2.3 <u>Meetings</u>: The Committee will produce a schedule of meetings at the first meeting after the Annual Meeting. The committee may call extra ordinary meetings as necessary.
- 2.4 *Voting*: Only councillors who are members of the committee will have a vote.
- 2.5 <u>The quorum</u> for a meeting will be a minimum of 3 councillors.
- 2.6 The Councillors Code of Conduct will apply to all members of the Committee.
- 2.7 <u>The conduct of meetings</u> (declaration of interests, debate, voting etc) will be governed by the council's standing orders.

#### 3 Rights & Powers

- 3.1 The Committee may spend monies subject to the following limitations:
  - extent of the committee's budget
  - amount of expenditure on any single transaction as per spending limits.
- 3.2 The committee may make recommendations to the council for consideration and approval.
- 3.3 The committee may appoint working groups for a specified purpose with the approval of council. Such groups will be task and finish groups and will operate under terms of reference agreed by the committee.

#### 4 Responsibilities

4.1 To monitor and manage the approved budget (Appendix A).

- 4.2 To produce written estimates of proposed expenditure for the next financial year for submission to FTC for approval no later than the council's meeting in November of the current year.
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- 4.5 Administration of the Council's finances and oversees:
  - monitoring of income & expenditure,
  - internal & external audit of accounts and implementation & monitoring of action(s) necessitated by auditors' recommendations,
  - · income and expenditure
  - BACS & direct debit payments authorised by the Council
  - staff salaries, overtime, pension & discretionary payments
- 4.6 Assessment of grant applications and recommendations for approval/rejection to FTC.
- 4.7 Management of purchase/sale/leasing of land/property;
- 4.8 Effective management of staff welfare & performance as follows:
  - hiring of staff with the approval of full council
  - · staff training
  - management of staff performance
  - reviewing of job descriptions
  - ensuring effective implementation of employment regulations
  - ensuring effective implementation of health & safety regulations
  - ensuring availability of suitable equipment & accessories for the use of staff
  - ensuring effective use of the equipment & accessories
- 4.9 The Committee's remit extends to the provision and maintenance of the following facilities and services:
  - over 70's vouchers
  - administration of the grants scheme
- 4.10 Councillors' training.

# APPENDIX A FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023-2024

1076	Precept	£	350,921.00
1070	Bank interest	£	100.00
1890	Allotment rent	£	1,300.00
9010	Grant received	£	
	TOTAL INCOME	£	352,321.00
4000	Expenditure		70,000,00
4000	Staff salaries	£	70,000.00
4030	PAYE & NI	£	12,463.00
4040	Pension	£	20,000.00
4070	Training staff	£	2,000.00
4060	Expenses staff	£	-
4080	Chair allowance	£	500.00
4090	Training councillors	£	1,500.00
4120	Audit fees	£	1,500.00
4130	Professional fees (HR)	£	2,000.00
4131	Professional fees (Legal)	£	2,000.00
4140	Subscriptions & memberships	£	2,200.00
4150	Insurance	£	3,000.00
4160	Stationery	£	300.00
4170	Postage	£	600.00
4180	Telephone & broadband	£	1,000.00
4190	Photocopier	£	700.00
4200	Website	£	1,300.00
4210	IT (Prism)	£	4,750.00
4211	IT archives	£	-
4220	Grants paid	£	5,000.00
4240	CPH rent	£	6,000.00
4250	CPH rates	£	1,500.00
4260	Public consultations	£	1,000.00
4270	Advertising	£	100.00
4400	Health & safety	£	-
4511	Storage facility	£	1,000.00
4513	Over 70s	£	18,000.00
4519	Frodsham Youth Association	£	15,000.00
4613	Neighbourhood Plan	£	3,000.00
4810	Elections	£	7,246.00
4823	Room hire	£	500.00
4830	Civic costs	£	-
4990	Sundries	£	-
	PP&R Committee total budget		184,159.00
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# APPENDIX B COMMITTEE MEMBERS 2023 – 2024

Cllr P Eakin (Chair)

Cllr L Sumner (Vice Chair)

Cllr H Hayes

Cllr D Critchley

Cllr J Critchley

Cllr P Lowrie

Cllr J Moorcroft

Vacancy

CLERK TO COMMITTEE 2023 - 2024

Jo O'Donoghue (PSLCC)