

**CITY OF ELY COUNCIL
PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF A MEETING HELD AT 7.00 PM ON
2ND DECEMBER 2019**

PRESENT:

Cllr A Whelan
Cllr I Lindsay
Cllr C Whelan

Cllr E Carlsson Brown
Cllr S Austen
Cllr M Downey (arrived at 7.05 pm)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Phillips and Cllr Rouse.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST PERSONNEL, FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (HELD ON THE 4TH NOVEMBER 2019) & MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the last Personnel, Finance and Governance Committee meeting held on the 4th November 2019, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record. Pages PFG 70 & 71 refers.

Matters arising:- page PFG 70, item 5 – the Clerk informed members she had not had time to look at this, but agreed to report back to the next meeting on this.

4. BUDGET UPDATE AND SETTING OF BUDGET FOR 2020/21

Members noted the budget update, up to the 27th November 2019. There were no variances of concern. Members discussed the setting of the budget for 2020/21 and considered the third draft of this. Cllr A Whelan tabled a data sheet in relation to the budget. It was agreed to accept the proposed precept of £601,391, which was a 3% increase on the band D council tax for Ely. It was also agreed that due to the deficits in the Maltings and TIC budgets, miscellaneous income would be added to both of those budgets at a sum of £25,000 for the Maltings and £50,000 for TIC. An earmarked reserve of £75,000 will also be identified, in case these targets are not met. Members were hopeful that these would however, be achieved.

5. TO RECEIVE UPDATE REGARDING THE STRATEGIC PLAN

The Clerk informed members the list of priorities she had received back from 9 councillors and 6 staff. These had been forwarded to LGRC for them to draw up into an action plan, to be included in the final report. A date will be set for them to present at a Full Council meeting.

6. SHARED EQUITY HOUSING ISSUES

There were no issues to discuss.

7. COMMUNICATIONS/PR

The Clerk informed members that the second piece of publicity regarding the Council will be in the next edition of the Ely Magazine.

8. HEALTH AND SAFETY ISSUES

There were no issues to discuss.

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9. PERSONNEL ISSUES

There were no issues to discuss. The Clerk informed members the interviews for the new Tourism/Sales and Events Officer will be held on the 6th December.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no any other business.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday 24th February 2020 at 7.00 pm.

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COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN
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