

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

Present: Councillor D L Mather in the Chair  
Councillors K Ambrosini, D Reynolds, S Luckhurst, W Keal, A Turner, A Farlow, M Johnson, S Townsend, D Bell, R A Bell, S Quinn and P Quinn.

R 27/24      Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors G Mather, H M Hanratty, N Hanratty and D Childs.

R 28/24      Declarations of Interest

Councillors A Farlow and S Townsend declared an interest in respect of item 5 – Grant Aid and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

R 29/24      Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

R 30/24      Budgetary Control Statement for August 2024

Members were provided with the budgetary control statement for the month of August which indicated an overall underspend of almost £29k with no individual service areas showing any causes for concern.

**Recommended** that the report and budget variances be received.

R 31/24      Grant Aid

The Town Clerk provided Members with a retrospective application for grant aid which was agreed by Members during recess.

**Recommended** that the following retrospective application for grant aid and the action taken by the Town Clerk be confirmed.

- Shildon Alive                      £200

R 32/24      Accounts

**Recommended** that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of July and August 2024 in the sum of £97,974.52 and £81,097.18 be approved.

R 33/24      Bank Reconciliations

**Recommended** that the bank reconciliations as of 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024 be noted and confirmed.

**Signed**  
**Chairman.....**

R 34/24      Direct Works Vehicle Fleet

The Town Clerk provided a report to Members on a Direct Works fleet vehicle and of options for a replacement vehicle.

Members were advised that the Ford Ranger had been deemed beyond economical repair by the insurance company and that various car dealerships had been visited to obtain leasing/hire contract options/costs for electric and diesel vehicles.

A list of options together with monthly payments was presented to Members for their consideration.

**Recommended that:**

- a. the report be received.
- b. that a business contract hire for a term of 47 months with an advance 3 month deposit be entered into for a Renault Kangoo L2 E-tech van be agreed.
- c. the sum of £4083 received from the insurance company be allocated against a deposit and monthly hire charges until the expenditure was included within the budget set for 2025/26.

R 35/24      Exclusion of Press and Public

It was **resolved** that in accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council now excludes the press and public on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public.

R 36/24      HR Updates

The Town Clerk provided an overview on current HR matters.

**Recommended that:**

- a. the information be received.
- b. that recommendation 3.7 contained within the report be agreed.
- c. a further HR update be provided in October.

**Signed**  
**Chairman.....**