

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 18th July 2022.

Present: Councillor H M Hanratty in the Chair
Councillors D Reynolds, D Childs, F Langley, N Hanratty, J Miller and P Quinn.

R 18/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, J Graham, K Ambrosini, S Quinn, D L Mather, R Nicholson, D Bell, A Farlow and S Townsend.

R 19/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

R 20/22 Budgetary Control Statement for June 2022

Members were provided with the budgetary control statement for the month of June which indicated an overspend of £6.5k. The most significant factor was the Civic Hall overspend which had been previously considered. Whilst there were a number of under and overspends this remained the most significant factor in the financial performance for the period to date.

Recommended that the report be received.

R 21/22 Grant Aid

There were no applications for Grant Aid.

R 22/22 Accounts

Recommended that the accounts awaiting payment and accounts paid in advance for the month of June 2022 in the sum of £93160.81 be approved.

R 23/22 Bank Reconciliations

Recommended that the bank reconciliations as of 30th June 2022 be noted and confirmed.

R 24/22 Shildon Civic Hall – Replacement Telephony System

The Town Clerk presented information to Members on a replacement telephony system for the Shildon Civic Hall in order to deliver a better service as the current analogue system was not fit for purpose and had suffered with connection and hardware issues. A quote had been obtained from the Council's current provider at the Town Council Offices for a cloud based hosted IP solution.

Recommended that: -

- a. a new telephone system for the Shildon Civic Hall be approved.
- b. a one off payment for the capital cost of the equipment be made in the amount of £875 from Civic Hall Renewals.

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- c. Financial Regulation 11.1(h) be suspended to allow a single quote from the existing telephony company providing a cloud based IP solution at the Town Council Offices in order to provide continuity and the ability to transfer calls direct from the Town Council Offices to the Civic Hall and vice versa.
- d. the contract be awarded to the current provider of telephony services for a period of 60 months.

R 25/22 Exclusion of Press and Public

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 24/22 AAP Towns & Villages Fund

The Town Clerk updated Members on an AAP Towns and Villages potential funding bid for public wi-fi within Hackworth Park, Shildon.

Councillor H M Hanratty left the meeting.

Councillor D Reynolds took the Chair.

Following a discussion, a vote took place with 5 Members voting for and 1 Member voting against the proposal for public wi-fi within Hackworth Park, Shildon.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. a funding application be submitted for public wi-fi within Hackworth Park, Shildon.

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