

STRATFORD-UPON-AVON TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL

13 June 2023

Meeting commenced: 6.30pm Meeting ended: 7.54pm

Minutes

Present:

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Rolfe) in the Chair

Councillors:

Alcock	Hunter
Cleeve	Lee
Coles	MacDonald
Dowling	McNaught
I Fradgley	Petrovic
J Fradgley	Vos

Clerks: Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
Press: Absent
Public: None

15 Apologies

Apologies for absence was received from Councillor Fojtik, Harding, Rashwan and Smith and accepted for the reasons given.

Councillor Duck had been delayed and did not arrive in time for the meeting.

16 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

17 To receive written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests

There were no requests for dispensation.

18 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

19 To approve the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 April 2023

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 25 April 2023 were approved and adopted.

20 To approve the draft Minutes of the Finance and Audit Committee meeting held on 6 June 2023

It was Proposed, Seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Finance & Audit Committee Meeting held on 6 June 2023 were approved and adopted.

21 Town Clerk's Open Report

21.1 Financial Statements (Annual Accounts) for the Year Ended 31 March 2023

Members acknowledged the key points from the financial statement and that there was a small surplus for the year of £7,223 compared to £14,718 in the pre-adjustment management accounts and the annual budgeted net deficit of £31,212, including virements. This was mostly attributable to CIL income, as no figure was budgeted for this as it is unknown until received. This was the first surplus for several years, however, due to the changes in designated reserves (in particular CIL) the general reserves have still fallen by just under £10,000 to £140,074.

Accordingly, following consideration of the report,

It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: That the Annual Accounts for the year 2022/23 be approved.

21.2 Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2022/23

Consideration was given to the AGAR document, which included the Annual Internal Audit Report in which no non-compliances were found.

(a) It was Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Council approve the Annual Governance Statement of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2022/23.

(b) It was further Proposed, Seconded and unanimously

RESOLVED: That Council approve Accounting Statements of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the financial year 2022/23.

Councillors recorded their thanks to the Responsible Finance Officer and outgoing Responsible Finance Officer.

22 Town Clerk's General Verbal Report

There was no verbal update.

23 Date of Next Meeting

25 July 2023

Chairman: