# Biddulph Town Council



MEETING:Finance Strategy and Management CommitteeDATE:Tuesday 25 June 2019TIME:5.30pmLOCATION:Council Chamber, Town Hall

# AGENDA

# **1. ELECTION OF A CHAIR AND DEPUTY**

### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- ii) Other Interests

# **3. APOLOGIES**

#### 4. MINUTES

To **confirm** the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 April (signed at the Town Council meeting on 11 June 2019).

- 5. TO NOTE THAT AN ANNUAL FINANCE REPORT WILL BE COMPLETED FOR 2019/20 FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF ANY EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS, INCORPORATING INTERNAL CONTROL AND INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS.
- **6. FINAL RECOMMENDATION FROM INTERNAL AUDITOR** To receive the final recommendation from the Internal Auditor (attached)
- 7. TO APPROVE THE AUDIT OF MAYOR'S CHARITY ACCOUNT 2018-19, TO BE TABLED
- 8. TO REVIEW THE INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND CONSIDER FURTHER INVESTMENT IN CCLA TO MANAGE RESERVES EFFECTIVELY

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- 9. TO RECEIVE A SCHEDULE OF POLICIES THAT ARE TO BE REVIEWED AND DEVELOPED; THIS WILL FORM PART OF THE WORK PROGRAMME FOR THIS COMMITTEE, TO BE TABLED
- 10. TO APPROVE STAFFORDSHIRE PENSION FUND CONTRIBUTIONS FOR 2019/20

### EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION:

Contribution bandings 2019/20				
			main scheme	50/50 section
up to		£ 14,400.00	5.50%	2.75%
£	14,401.00	£ 22,500.00	5.80%	2.90%
£	22,501.00	£ 36,500.00	6.50%	3.25%
£	36,501.00	£ 46,200.00	6.80%	3.40%
£	46,201.00	£ 64,600.00	8.50%	4.25%
£	64,601.00	£ 91,500.00	9.90%	4.95%
£	91,501.00	£107,700.00	10.50%	5.25%
	107,701.00	£161,500.00	11.40%	5.70%
	161,501.00	or more	12.50%	6.25%

# **EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION: 24.6%**

#### 11. TO CONSIDER THE DEVELOPMENT OF A 2019/20 ACTION PLAN BASED ON KEY THEMES IDENTIFIED IN APRIL 2019

#### 12. ITEM REQUESTED BY CLLR HART- DUE TO INCONSISTENT GRASS CUTTING WITHIN THE TOWN, THE TOWN COUNCIL SHOULD INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF A CENTRALISED GRASS CUTTING CONTRACT FOR THE TOWN

#### **13.** APRIL AND MAY BANK RECONCILIATION

To receive details of the April and May 2019 bank reconciliation

#### 14. TO CONSIDER MEMBERSHIP OF AN IT WORKING GROUP, DISCUSSED AT THE APRIL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING





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Exclusion of the Press and Public

The Chair to move:-

"That, pursuant to Section 100A(2) and (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings whereby it is likely that confidential information as defined in Section 100A (3) of the Act would be disclosed to the public in breach of the obligation of confidence or exempt information as defined in Section 10 I (1) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act would be disclosed to the public by virtue of the Paragraphs indicated."

# **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS**

# 15. TO APPROVE SALARY LEVELS FOLLOWING ANNUAL APPRAISALS, WITH EFFECT FROM 1 JULY 2019:

- CHIEF OFFICER TO RISE FROM NEW SCP 37 TO 39
- OFFICER TO RISE FROM NEW SCP 25 TO 26
- EVENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS OFFICER TO RISE FROM NEW SCP 14 TO 16, WITH APPROVAL TO CARRY OUT A REVIEW OF THIS ROLE INVOLVING GAUGING SALARY LEVEL

# 16. GRANTS

- a) TO CONSIDER THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A TOWN COUNCILLOR GRANTS SCHEME
- b) TO CONSIDER THE ANALYSIS OF 2018/19 GRANT EVALUATIONS- TO FOLLOW ELECTRONICALLY IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING
- c) TO CONSIDER GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR 2019/20 (paper copies received prior to the meeting)

SM Haydon Chief Officer/ Responsible Financial Officer

copy to:

the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillor Adams, Brady, Hall, Harper, Hart, Hawley, Jackson, Perkin, Rogers, Salt, Sheldon MBE, Yates





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