

MEETING: Finance Strategy and Management Committee

DATE: Tuesday 23 November 2021

TIME: 5.30pm

LOCATION: Council Chamber, Town Hall.

AGENDA

69. APOLOGIES

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i) Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- ii) Other Interests

71. MINUTES

- a) To confirm the Minutes of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee meeting held on 28 September 2021 (approved at the Town Council meeting on 12 October 2021)
- **b)** To **receive** the Notes of the Emergency Planning Working Group meeting held on 23 September 2021
- c) To receive the Notes of the IT Working Group meeting held on 11 November 2021

72. RECONCILIATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021

To **receive** the following documents (attached):

- Current Account/ Reserve Account
- Petty Cash
- Credit Card
- CCLA





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GENERAL ISSUES

- **73.** To **receive** a letter in relation to the Biddulph signs (attached) and to **agree** a response.
- **74.**To **receive** a letter from Biddulph Rotary (attached) and to **agree** a response.
- **75.** To **receive** the recent monitoring information for reception services at Biddulph Town Hall (three months data attached)
- **76.** To **receive** the reviewed 2021-22 action plan (attached).
- 77. Standing agenda items:
 - a) To consider disposal of any assets, in line with the Asset Management Policy and Financial Regulations
 - b) To confirm approved suppliers as part of the Procurement Policy

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

78. TENDERS AND QUOTATIONS

- a) To **approve** the purchase of 50 new plastic chairs for the Town Hall. These will replace chairs that are broken or at the end of their lives (quotation to be tabled.) Please note, sample chairs have been received and a process of selection has been undertaken.
- **b)** To **approve** the repair of the Town Hall water boiler by the current gas contractor (quotation to be tabled).
- c) To approve the purchase of lone working devices (quotation to be tabled). Please note, this follows a review of the lone working risk assessment.
- **d)** To **approve** the purchase of two new mobile phones for caretakers (quotation to be tabled).





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- e) To approve a quotation for the repair of emergency lights in Biddulph Town Hall (quotation to be tabled).
- f) To approve a payment for a Performing Rights Society (PRS) license for Town Council managed buildings (quotation to be tabled).
- **g)** To **approve** a quotation for the three-phase installation of the cooker in the Town Hall (quotation to be tabled).
- h) To approve a quotation for a trial detached youth work scheme (quotation to be tabled).
- i) To approve that the Town Council will continue to use the garage storage at Biddulph Park.
- j) To approve the purchase of two fridges for tenants within the Town Hall.
- **k)** To **approve** a quotation for the tree survey recommendations at the Town and Woodhouse Burial Grounds.
- **79.** To **receive** an update on Town Hall and Visitor Centre leases, and to **agree** next steps.

80. VISITOR CENTRE

- a) To receive a breakdown of expenditure to-date
- **b)** To consider a rental payment for tenants beyond April 2022
- c) To approve a list of improvements for the workshop
- **d)** To **approve** a quotation for the Visitor Centre drainage outside the front door (quotations to be tabled).
- e) To approve a quotation for a recycling bin at the Visitor Centre (quotation to be tabled). Please note, the current bin is mixed waste only.
- **81.** To **note** that the Chief Officer has completed a review meeting with Moorland Contract Cleaning, who are currently responsible for the Visitor Centre and Wharf Road toilet cleaning. Other services are available, should the Town Council need them.
- **82.** To **consider and approve** the purchase of a community building (Rightmove information attached).





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- **83.** To **approve** a process for proceeding with discussions that the Town Council becomes a Trustee of Biddulph in Bloom.
- **84.** To **approve** a change of use for the Friends of BRIC grant allocation (letter attached).

85. STAFFING

- a) To consider staffing in 2022-23; the Chief Officer to provide a verbal update.
- **b)** To **approve** opening hours over the Christmas period.

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



