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## Finance & General Purposes Committee

### Minutes of the meeting held at 8.00pm on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Present:** Mr M Sheldon (Chairman), Mr A Burton, Mrs A King, Mr S Oversby-Powell, Mr A Symonds and Mrs J White

**In Attendance:** Ms N Ripert (Clerk) & Mr D Morgan

**Public Question Time:** No members of public were present.

**FGP009 To receive apologies for absence.**

None were received.

**FGP010 To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of any matter on the agenda. (*The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware, during the course of a meeting, of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it.*)**

None

**FGP011 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were noted and approved.

**FGP012 To note the F&GP Action List.**

Noted. There were no open actions to review.

**FGP013 To consider the year to date (8<sup>th</sup> January 2025) 2024-25 budget:**

a. **Review the latest budget position (to 8<sup>th</sup> January 2025).**

Committee reviewed the budget to date and had no concerns regarding the expenditure for the balance of 2025.

b. **To consider the Reserves.**

Committee reviewed the reserves report and noted that some updates were required (i.e. to take out items marked at £0.00) and new posting to reserves were due to be made for the new financial year, including the £25,500 allocation for the installation of the Solar Panels at the Queen's Hall.

c. **To consider the budget forecast for 2025-2026 and resolve to agree the final Precept figure for approval at the Full Council meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025.**

Committee resolved to recommend a 4% increase to the precept for 2025-26. This would create a precept of £288,059.20, which equated to an average Band D cost of £167.58 per year, which would be an increase of £0.09 per week. The budget for Planning would be increased to £15,000 for 2025-26 to cover the increased costs associated with updating the Neighbourhood Plan as well as consultant costs incurred opposing the proposed housing sites at Hatchgate Lane and Cuckstye.

**FGP014 To note items arising after the preparation of this Agenda which the Chairman agrees to take as urgent. Such matters will be for noting only or deferral to a future meeting only.**  
None

Meeting Closed at 9.54pm

Signed \_\_\_\_\_