

Stone Town Council – Estates Sub-Committee

Minutes of the meeting held in the Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone, on Tuesday 16 January 2024

PRESENT: Councillor A. Best in the Chair and
Councillors: J. Battrick, J. Davies, I. Fordham, J. Hood, R. Kenney and
C. Thornicroft

Officers: L. Trigg and T. Williams

By Chairman's invitation: No Councillors

ABSENT: Councillors: L. Davies, P. Leason, A. Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

EST24/023 **Apologies**

Councillor: L. Davies, P. Leason, Mottershead, J. Powell and N. Powell

EST24/024 **Declarations of Interest, Declarations under Section 106 of the Local
Government Finance Act 1992, and Requests for Dispensations**

None received.

EST24/025 **Representations from Members of the Public**

None received.

EST24/026 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

That the minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 17 October 2023, Minute Numbers EST24/015 – EST24/022, be approved as a correct record.

EST24/027 **Budget 2024-25 – 2026-27**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Town Clerk* which considered the level of budget that the Sub-Committee may wish to recommend to the General Purposes Committee at its meeting on 6 February 2024 for the services under its control.

The Sub-Committee reviewed the standstill budget and the amounts included for each service. It also considered other costs and savings to be taken into account when setting the budget for 2024-25 and future years.

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RECOMMENDED: That the budget figures included in the Clerk's report are accepted by the General Purposes Committee (with no additions or amendments).

EST24/028 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

RESOLVED: Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.

RESOLVED: To exclude the Press and Public from the next item of business.

EST24/029 **Confidential Minutes**

RESOLVED:

That the Confidential minutes of the Estates Sub-Committee meeting held on the 17 October 2023 (Minute Numbers EST24/015, EST24/021 and EST24/022), be approved as a correct record.

EST24/030 **Update on Stone Station**

The Town Clerk provided an update on Stone Station in respect of roof repairs and extended use of the lease.

Chairman

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