



Hednesford Town Council
Finance, Operations and Personnel Committee Meeting

Thursday 19th January 2023, 11am

To be held at Pye Green Community Centre, Bradbury Lane, Hednesford

The public are invited to attend the meeting in person.

Due to a significant part of the agenda falling under private business the meeting will not be live streamed on the Council Facebook page

Attendees:

Cllr Jagger

Cllr Mawle

Cllr Woodhead

Cllr Jones

Formally invited:

Cllr Harrison

1. Public Participation

Two member(s) of the public were present – Cllr Dunnett, Cllr Roden

2. Apologies

Interim RFO – Sandie Morris

3. Declarations of Interest

None

4. Minutes

To review and approve the minutes of the previous FP&Ops Committee Meeting on 22nd November

5. Chairs Update

Cllr Jagger informed that the purpose of the meeting is to agree a level for the precept to take to full council and that there was no further update

6. Nationwide Reserve Balance – next steps

The Chief Officer updated the committee that the term of the reserve balance has now expired, and the committee is to advise on the next steps.

A discussion followed about changes in interest rates and the need to look for an ethical provider. Committee concluded to pass this to the interim RFO to investigate as they need to be part of the decision-making process before taking it back to full council.

7. Finance, Personnel and Operations Committee budget setting (precept)

Cllr Woodhead gave an informal update on discussions from the Regeneration and Communities Committee regarding their recommendations for precept as did Cllr Harrison on behalf of PGCC Committee. A detailed discussion followed about outgoing costs and where potential savings may be able to be made. All agreed that ongoing decisions will be made by the next administration and want to provide some uplift to enable options to be made.

A further discussion took place regarding the community centre and level of precept monies currently required to enable the centre to operate together with the need to increase revenue of the centre.

No consensus reached to take to full council in March for precept increase before moving into private and confidential business.

8. Private and confidential business

Cllr Jagger resolved to close the meeting for private and confidential business.

- I. Finance Update
- II. Budget Development
- III. Recommendation on precept level
- IV. HR Update
- V. RFO Vacancy
- VI. NALC pay scales
- VII. HTC Staff Structure
- VIII. Terms of Reference

FP&ops recommend 5% increase in precept

9. Date of next meeting

To be confirmed