



Wednesday, 6 February 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee will be held on Thursday, 14 February 2019 in the New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors: S A Bagshaw
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S J Carr
E Cubley
S Easom

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G Marshall
P J Owen
P D Simpson (Chair)
A W G A Stockwell

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies and notification of substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES

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To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 January 2019.

4. References

4.1 Housing Committee

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16 January 2019

House in Multiple Occupation Licence Fees

The Committee considered the proposed change to the fees charged for House in Multiple Occupation (HMO) licences.

An internal audit of the HMO licensing process has recommended that the fee for licensing be re-assessed. It was noted that the application or renewal for a full license be increased from £475 to £560. Additionally, if the landlord is the member of a recognised landlords' association or is making an application in respect of a second or subsequent HMO the fee was to be increased from £415 to £449.

RECOMMENDED the fees for HMO licence applications to the Finance and Resources Committee for introduction on 1 April 2019.

4.2 Licensing and Appeals Committee

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28 January 2019

Animal Welfare (Licensing of Activities Involving Animals) (England) Regulations 2018

The Committee received an updated on the changes in the licensing of animal activities legislation.

The legislation introduces an updated licensing system in England for activities including the sale of animals as pets, providing or arranging boarding for cats and dogs (including home dog sitting), hiring out horses, dog breeding and keeping or training animals for exhibition. The legislation gives updated powers to ensure high standards of animal welfare and provides the mechanism for local authorities to effectively recover the cost of administering the licences.

RECOMMENDED the proposed fees and charges in respect of animal activities licensing to the Finance and Resources Committee for approval and thereafter be subject to the regular review in accordance with other fees and charges.

4.3 Leisure and Environment Committee

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23 January 2019

Hickings Lane Recreation Ground

The Committee received a report on the success in securing additional funding for work at the Hickings Lane Recreation Ground play area in Stapleford.

Following consultation on site the replacement of the out-dated multi use games area (MUGA) was identified as a high priority together with the play area. The proposed £50,000 bid to WREN was therefore increased to £93,500 to fund the replacement of this MUGA.

RECOMMEND to the Finance and Resources Committee that:

- 1. A scheme costing £165,500 be included in the 2019/20 capital programme for the provision of new play and sports facilities at Hickings Lane Recreation Ground, Stapleford with funding as set out in the appendix.**
- 2. An allocation of £8,550 be made in 2018/19 from revenue contingencies to meet the cost of the contributing third party payment to WREN.**

4.4 Independent Remuneration Panel
24 January 2019
Pay Award and Review of Allowances

The Panel considered the proposed pay award for 2019/20 to allowance rates for members. Debate focused on balancing the need to increase the rate to potentially broaden the diversity of candidates for election and the difficulty in justifying a rise in allowances against a backdrop of financial and political uncertainty. It was noted that, according to the figures presented to the meeting, the overall cost to the Council of an increase of 2% to member's allowances would be relatively trivial in terms of the net budget.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee and on to full Council that it be requested to increase members' allowances by 2% in line with the employees' pay award with effect from 1 April 2019.

4.5 Independent Remuneration Panel

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The Panel acknowledged that the policy of the leading group was to reject any rises to allowances. With this in mind it was agreed that the recommendation should be to retain the existing remuneration allowances, with concerns about the level of remuneration in comparison with neighbouring Councils to be addressed by the pay rise of 2%.

RECOMMENDED to the Finance and Resources Committee and on to full Council that Option 4 as detailed in the report, which proposed no changes to the existing remuneration policy, be approved.

5. BUDGET PROPOSALS AND ASSOCIATED STRATEGIES PAGES 33 - 110

To recommend to Council the capital and revenue budget proposals together with the capital strategy, prudential indicators, treasury management strategy, investment strategy and general fund medium term financial strategy and to approve the business plans.

6. CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 UPDATE PAGES 111 - 120

To report upon capital expenditure incurred in 2018/19 up to 31 December 2018 along with the planned financing of the 2018/19 capital programme and to seek approval for a number of capital budget variations in the current financial year.

7. BUSINESS PLANS AND FINANCIAL ESTIMATES 2019/20 - 2021/22 PAGES 121 - 202

To consider the proposals for business plans, detailed revenue budget estimates for 2019/20, capital programme for 2019/20 to 2021/22 and proposed fees and charges for 2019/20 in respect of the Council's priority areas.

8. GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY AND COMMUNITY ORGANISATIONS, CHARITABLE BODIES AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN SPORTS, THE ARTS AND DISABILITY MATTERS 2018/19 PAGES 203 - 226

To consider requests for grant aid in accordance with the provisions of the Council's Grant Aid Policy.

9. GRANT AID REQUEST FROM TROWELL PARISH COUNCIL PAGES 227 - 230

To consider a request for grant assistance from Trowell Parish Council

10. APPROVAL FOR PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRICITY CONTRACT PAGES 231 - 232

To seek approval for the delegation of approval of the procurement of the Council's electricity supply to the Interim Deputy Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of Finance and Resources Committee.

11. WORK PROGRAMME PAGES 233 - 234

To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.

12. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

13. IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS PAGES 235 - 240

14. REVENUES AND BENEFITS SOFTWARE PAGES 241 - 242