

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 26<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

This meeting was conducted remotely in accordance with the provisions of the 2020 Coronavirus Regulations

**Present:** Councillors Sarah Boad (Chair), A Boad, Will Bryce, Mubarik Chowdry, Louisa Radice and Susan Rasmussen.

Officers: Stephen Marks, Town Clerk

**92. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from Cllr J Alty, Cllr B Gifford and Cllr J Clarke (also from Cllr McAllister who was due to substitute for Cllr Gifford).

**93. Declarations of Interest**

**94. Public Forum**

There were no representations from members of the public.

**95. Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2021 (Report No.4) are confirmed as a correct record.

**96. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

No matters arising were identified.

**97. Future Meetings**

The committee discussed the report relating to future meeting arrangements and the inability to continue with remote meetings beyond 6<sup>th</sup> May 2021.

The Committee was happy in principle for the delegation of some items / decisions being delegated to the Town Clerk, recognising the potential risks if the Council or its committees were not able to meet.

**Action:** Town Clerk to prepare a paper to the Town Council in relation to delegation.

The Committee discussed the government consultation / call for evidence in relation to Local Authority Remote Meetings

**RESOLVED** that the proposed consultation responses be submitted to the government's consultation / call for evidence.

**98. Protocol for Representatives on Outside Bodies**

The committee discussed the report provided and the draft Protocol for Representatives on Outside Bodies. It was noted that the District Council are keen to

involve the Town Council in various partnership work streams. It was noted that the Council may wish to consider its protocols for appointing to outside bodies in the future.

**RESOLVED** that it be recommended to Council that the Protocol for Representatives on Outside Bodies be adopted.

**99. Update from Outside Bodies / Town Council Representatives**

Creative quarter update – Cllr Rasmussen had provided a written update and spoke briefly, noting further that:

- The Creative Quarter Partnership Board is not a constituted board in a legal sense.
- It is currently meeting fortnightly as there is much going on at the moment.

Cllr Rasmussen was thanked for her update report, which was noted.

**100. Green Shoots Fund Update**

The Town Clerk updated the committee, noting that:

The Green Shoots Fund had advised that funding for activity on a 3<sup>rd</sup> party's land was eligible in principle, subject to written evidence of permissions etc.

Initial conversations with partner organisations had taken place but more detailed work would be required in order to get necessary permissions in place.

The possibility of securing funding for additional street tree provision was being explored.

It was agreed that there was more work to be done before a bid could realistically be submitted and that it is likely to be more appropriate to bid for a later round of funding.

It was noted that a separate group was still exploring options in relation to the viaduct / Bath Street.

**101. Budget Monitoring**

The current budget situation was noted, having been considered at previous meetings. Final accounts for the year will be reported to full Council.

**102. Payments**

**RESOLVED** that the Schedule of payments be approved. It was noted that the payment identified as cheque 106735 would actually be paid by Direct Debit which had now been set up.

