



Cyngor Tref Abergele Town Council

MINUTES

A meeting of the Estimates Sub-Committee was held on Monday 16th December 2024 by remote attendance.

390/24 **Attendance Register**

The Mayor D. Green;
Cllrs: D. Fetherstonhaugh; A Hunter (non-member); P. Luckock; A. Wood;
Mrs M. J. Evans (Town Clerk)

391/24 **Apologies for Absence**

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** the apologies received from members:

Cllr. C. McCoubrey
Cllr. N. Williams

Meeting clash
Holiday

392/24 **Absence without Apologies**

Cllr. T. Brennan

393/24 **Declaration of Interest**

- Members were reminded that they must declare the **existence** and **nature** of any personal interests (using the form provided for this purpose).
None were declared

394/24 **Minutes**

It was **RESOLVED** to **RECEIVE, APPROVE** and **SIGN** the Minutes of the Estimates Committee Meeting held on 7th December 2023.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr. A. Wood

395/24 **Annual Estimates 2024/25**

a) **Expenditure:**

- (i) The Annual Grants for 2025/26 Grants were RECEIVED for information.
- (ii) The estimated expenditure of the Council for 2025/26 was CONSIDERED as detailed in the Revised Draft Estimates following the Special Ordinary meeting to consider the CCBC requests.
The expenditure was APPROVED as stated in the Draft Estimates

b) **Income:**

- (i) The estimated income for 2025/26, excluding the precept was CONSIDERED as detailed in the Revised Draft Estimates provided by the Clerk.
The income was APPROVED as stated in the Draft Estimates
- (ii) The fees and charges applicable from April 2025 to March 2026 were RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and it was RECOMMENDED that the charges



remain the same due to the recent lack of hall hire requests and that a promotion on the use of the Council Chamber should be introduced from April to September (six months) at a reduced rate of £80 for the full day and £45 for a half day.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Green
SECONDED by Cllr. P. Luckock

c) **Transfers to / from reserves:**

- (i) The Council's policy regarding the level of reserves held and that the Council aims to continue to retain a minimum general reserve of a minimum of 25% and a maximum of 100% of the annual precept was NOTED.
A copy of the Policy was RECEIVED, CONSIDERED and APPROVED.

PROPOSED by Cllr. D. Fetherstonhaugh
SECONDED by Cllr. D. Green
2 in favour
2 abstained

Motion carried

- (ii) The Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25 was REVIEWED and APPROVED.

d) **Precept**

- (i) The recommended level of increase/decrease in the precept was REVIEWED. **It was RESOLVED to RECOMMEND to full Council that the precept for 2025/26 is set as £360,823 an increase of £12,437 from the 2024/25 precept of £348,386. This increase is to be able to continue to budget for future expenditure such as the running costs, Fireworks, Christmas Decorations, toilets and free Car Parking. The average 'Band D' will therefore increase from £68.29 to £69.61, and that the estimated shortfall of income to expenditure of £120,989 is taken from the Council's general reserve.**

It was FURTHER RESOLVED to REFER the DRAFT ESTIMATES for 2025/26 to the full Council for approval.

Meeting Closed at 7:55pm

Signed
Chairman)