

**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**  
**FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

This meeting took place under the terms of the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 Sections Four and Five

**Present:** Councillors Stevens (Chair), Boulter, Dykes, Hornsey, Oliver, Toynbee and Wilcox.

**In attendance:** Steve Kerry Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer and Becci O'Reilly Committees, Events and Contracts Officer.

The Chair reminded everyone of the legal basis for the meeting being held by Zoom.

**FP2020/21.66 CONFIRMATION OF MEMBER ACCESS**

The Chair confirmed that all members could see and hear the proceedings and could be seen and heard.

**FP2020/21.67 CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS**

It was confirmed that the meeting was being live streamed and was being recorded.

**FP2020/21.68 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from ex-officio member, The Mayor Councillor Kath Hey.

**FP2020/21.69 SUBSTITUTIONS**

There were none.

**FP2020/21.70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were none.

**FP2020/21.71 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The Chair explained that Cllr Oliver had already been in contact with Becci O'Reilly and proofing mistakes had been amended. There were no further comments and it was proposed by Cllr Wilcox, seconded by Cllr Boulter and unanimously

**RESOLVED That the minutes of the meeting of 18<sup>th</sup> January and 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 be accepted as a true record and signed accordingly by the Chair.**

**FP2020/21.72 SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS**

The schedules of payments for January and February were presented. In answer to questions raised before the meeting the following points were noted –

The payment to Cityscape Maps was not just to move a notice board, but to move the footings, provide a new main box, provide a new header board and reconstruct in its new location at Beaumont Gardens due to repeated vandalism by the River. Pictures have been posted on Social Media with comment that it was vandalised, however Cllr Dykes suggested the cost could also be mentioned and that this is taken from their Council Tax precept.

The schedules of payments were noted.

**FP2020/21.73 BANK RECONCILIATIONS**

Bank reconciliations were presented up to the end of February 2021. There being no questions the reconciliations were noted.

**FP2020.21.74 CCLA INFORMATION**

The Chair thanked Cllr Wilcox for asking Becci in advance of the meeting if CCLA are still triple A rated, which was confirmed by providing the Member with their current Fund Fact Sheet. The Chair was cheered to see the type of companies still investing with CCLA. It was requested that this be circulated to all committee members.

The Clerk informed Members that all commercial property related investments are not performing as predicted due to the pandemic, but due to HCC's level of reserves, he would advise against removing any money as it will bounce back. The information document was noted.

**FP2020/21.75 ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was noted that the Finance and Policy Committee will not meet again as it is being combined into the new Policy and Resources Committee.

At this point Becci explained the issues around meeting dates which is noted below.

**FP2020/21.76 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The agenda showed the next meeting as 18<sup>th</sup> May, however due to the uncertainties around virtual or in person meetings, this was subject to change as this date may need to be taken by Annual Meeting of Council and Council. Discussions took place around business needing to be transacted and it was resolved that the inaugural meeting of Policy and Resources Committee would take place on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June.

The meeting closed at 6:16 pm.

Signed .....

Date .....