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31st October 2024

Members of the Resources Committee:
Councillors Browne (Chair), Hockenhull, Fernyhough, McQuillian, Speed, Williams and Worsley.

Copied to all members of the Council for information.

Dear Councillor

A meeting of the RESOURCES COMMITTEE will be held at Council Offices, Bellhouse Lane, Grappenhall, on **Tuesday 5th November 2023 at 7.00 pm** at which your presence is requested.

Yours sincerely

Colette Fellows

Clerk to the Council/RFO

A G E N D A

19. Apologies for Absence
To consider apologies and reasons for absence. For resolution.

20. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interests
Members are reminded that personal interests or prejudicial interests, as defined in the Code of Conduct, in any matter before the meeting, must be disclosed no later than the start of the discussion on that item.

21. Update on actions from previous meetings

Agenda Item	Action Point	Lead	Update
2023/36	Staffing Organisational Planning & Operational Activity	CF/LF	The Clerk & Cllr Fernyhough have made good progress and will continue in the coming weeks.
2023/37	WFGA – Apprentice	CF	The Apprentice & WFGA have chosen to delay starting the programme due to the recent resignation of the Gardener /Manager.
2023/05	Budget Review	MB/BD/BH/HS/CF	The Neighbourhood Plan costings were presented to the Council. However, further budget costings need to be prepared for 2024/25.
2024/07	Reinvestment of Reserves	CF	Complete

2024/08 2024/17	Temporary Summer Contract	CF	Complete. This was a success with one student currently servicing our media channels
2024/15	Terms of Reference	CF	Complete and available on the website.

22. **National Pay Awards**

22.1 NJC Pay Awards. The trade unions have come to an agreement on the 2024 level of pay award. The offer was for a flat rate increase of £1,290 for scale points up to SCP 43 and from SCP 44 and above an increase of 2.5%, with effect from 1 April 2024. This information will be applied to the December salary payment, with the amount due from April 2024 paid as a one-off back payment. For resolution to accept.

22.2 The Clerk will present the impact of the budget announcement of the Employer's National contributions increase from 13.8% to 15% and the lowering of the secondary allowance threshold from 9.096k to 5.0k.

22.3 The Clerk would like members to consider granting the Clerk Colette Fellows, the Assistant Clerk Beverley Doward and the Admin Assistant Susan Clements a pay increase of one SCP pay point from April 2025. Further details will be provided and discussed in a closed session.

23. **Budget Review**

23.1 Current Financial position across all Cost Centres - To note the financial position of the Council up to the end of October 2024.
This information will be circulated before the meeting and will be available via projection at the meeting. With an overview of the predicted spending for 2024/2025

23.2 Budget Setting – members to discuss budgets for 2025/2026. For consideration to be presented to the Council to set the Precept in December.

24. Grappenhall Heys Estate Endowment Fund

7.1 To review the current portfolio and clarify questions about the timeliness of the estimated income. The Clerk will present the current cash statement.

25. Part Two Confidentiality - Matters to be discussed in the absence of the press and public

To discuss the following agenda items in a closed session:

- Pay awards 22.2

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A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for some other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies