



## RESOURCES COMMITTEE

28 OCTOBER 2024 – 6.30 pm

### MINUTES OF MEETING

**Present:** Councillor Human, Chairman; Councillors Hoy, Meekins and Wallwork.

**Apologies:** Councillors Foice-Beard, Imafidon and Tierney.

**Public Participation:** None requested.

#### **R13/24 Election of Chairman**

Members considered, consequent to the change in membership of this committee made by Council at minute 42/24, the election of a Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2024/25.

On the proposal of Councillor Hoy, seconded by Councillor Wallwork, it was decided that Councillor Human be elected as Chairman of the Resources Committee for the remainder of the municipal year 2024/25.

#### **R14/24 Community Events and Festivals**

Members considered the allocation of funding to meet the cost of delivering this year's Christmas lights switch-on event (to take place on 1 December).

The Clerk (and RFO) informed members of the estimated cost of delivering this year's event and that, through utilisation of the remainder of the Events budget 2024/25 and the income to be generated in respect of the event, there would be a financial shortfall of £7,491.29.

Members decided, on the proposal of Councillor Meekins, seconded by Councillor Wallwork, that the financial shortfall be met by the use of £4,000 of the projected underspending on the Christmas Lights Installation budget for 2024/25 and the remaining balance be met from the allocation in the 2024/25 budget (of £4,000) for Local Highway Improvement schemes (which would be significantly underspent).

#### **R15/24 Market Towns Programme**

Members considered re-allocation, subject to the approval of the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA), of the sum of £33,800 which had been awarded to Wisbech Town Council by the CPCA for the implementation of a new Shop Watch radio scheme in Wisbech.

Councillors Hoy and Wallwork informed members of the reasons why the proposed Shop Watch radio scheme would no longer be a viable proposition, both from a technical and operational perspective.

There was discussion by members of possible alternative schemes for the use of the funding which been awarded by the CPCA to the Town Council.

The Clerk (and RFO) informed members that he had discussed with the relevant officer at the CPCA the possibility/feasibility of the re-allocation of this funding to another capital project and had received a positive response. Members were informed by the Clerk (and RFO) that the CPCA would be particularly supportive of a scheme which would add value to schemes which had already



received funding under the CPCA's Market Towns Programme, such as the developments and improvements in Wisbech Park.

Members were informed by the Clerk (and RFO) that the deadline for spending monies from the Market Towns Programme is 31 March 2025.

Members decided that the Shop Watch radio scheme no longer be pursued and that an application be made to the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for the funding which had been allocated to Wisbech Town Council for the implementation of such scheme to be re-allocated to fund the installation of a new electricity supply at Wisbech Park (to support the delivery of activities and events that benefit the community).

**Meeting finished at 6.50 pm**

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