

SLAUGHAM PARISH

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

Virtual Meeting Minutes

11th June 2020

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Present: Cllr Michael Earle, Eric Prescott, Bob St George, Pete Clark & Andrew MacNaughton

F06/01 **Apologies for absence** None

F06/02 **Declarations of Interest:** None

F06/03 **Minutes of the meeting of Finance & Policy Committee 28th October 2019**

To receive and adopt the minutes. **APPROVED**

Matters arising from the Minutes – To note any matters arising from the minutes.

F2810/10 External Auditors Report – *Section 1 & 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability were approved after the commencement of the exercise of public rights dates which is contrary to regulation 12 (3)(a)*

The exercise of public rights is to be advertised in accordance with the regulations, the Clerk has added this to the agenda for Council approval.

F2810/10 External Auditors Report -

The Council should consider whether the significant expenditure in the year suggests that an increase in the value of Box 9 of section 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return is required for 2019/20 as significant expenditure has not resulted in an increase in the current year.

The Clerk has updated the asset register in accordance with the regulations when the asset was transferred to the Council, until that time the asset was under the remit of contractors. Annual Return 2019/20 Box 9 will reflect this – Noted.

Alterations to the budget have been in accordance with the meeting held.

F06/04 Adjournment for questions from the public: The Committee is to consider whether to adjourn the Meeting in accordance with Clause 1(d) of Standing Orders, in order to receive questions from members of the public. They were no members of the public in attendance - None

F06/05 **Annual Accounts 2019/20:** The Committee is asked to consider and agree that the Annual Governance and Accountability Return for the year ending 31 March 2020 accurately presents the financial management of the Council as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2019/20 ATTACHED attached) and agrees to recommend them to Council for approval and adoption as follows: **APPROVED**

F05/06/1 To agree Section 1: The Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee agrees to recommend the Annual Governance Statement 2019/2020 to Council for approval and adoption.

F05/06/2 To agree Section 2: The Accounting Statement 2019/2020.

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee agrees to recommend the Accounting Statement 2019/2020 to Council for approval and adoption. APPROVED

F05/06/3 To agree the period of the public's right of inspection will be 6th July 2020 to 17th August 2020 (*the Regulations require the period to include 30 working days and the first ten working days of July - COVID19 - the regulations now state that the period for inspection has been deferred as must start by the 1st September*)

RECOMMENDATION: The Committee agrees to recommend the period of public inspection of the accounts to Council for approval and adoption. APPROVED

- F06/06 National salary award update: The National Joint Council for Local Government Services (NJC) is still yet to agree the new pay scales for 2020-2021, to be implemented from 1 April 2020. If agreement is reached after 1 April 2020, any increase is likely to be backdated. An estimate of a 2.5% increase was used to support the budget setting process for 2020/21 – Awaiting update from NALC**
- F06/07 Matters that members wish to raise for future discussion**

Date of Next Meeting:
TBA

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