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Minutes of Finance and Governance Committee Meeting of Morecambe Town Council held at Morecambe Town Hall at 6:00pm on Wednesday 12th February 2025

Present: Cllrs C Kent (Chair), J Ainscough, L Bradbury, M Bottoms, G Knight, D Whitaker

In attendance:

Councillors - P Hart, J Livermore, R Walsh, R Dennison, D Knight, F Cooper, W Dixon,

Officers - L Trevaskis, J Turner, P Fisher

Minute FG2024/25 - 048– Apologies

Received from Cllrs J Pilling and J Goodrich

Minute FG2024/25 - 049 – Declarations of Interests

Cllr J Ainscough, R Dennison and M Bottoms declared an interest as a Councillor of Lancaster City Council.

Minute FG2024/25 - 050– Previous Minutes

The minutes of the last Finance Committee meeting were approved by the Committee

Minute FG2024/25 - 051 – Public Participation

None

Minute FG2024/25 - 052 - FY2425 Internal Audit Arrangements

To consider the internal audit arrangements for FY2425, noting that the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors (CIIA) in the UK has developed the Internal Audit Code of Practice, which provides guidance aimed at enhancing the overall effectiveness of internal audit within organisations. This code serves as a benchmark of good practice against which organisations can assess their internal audit function. It is suggested that implementing a rotation policy for internal auditors can help organisations maintain a high level of audit quality and integrity.

The committee discussed the quotes obtained and resolved to approve the officer recommendation to pursue a quote provided by Heelis & Lodge Internal Auditors.

Minute FG2024/25 - 053 – Exclusion of the Press and Public

The committee resolved to exclude the press and public.

Minute FG2024/25 - 054 – FY25/26 Budget

To consider the proposed budget for FY2526.

It was noted that Full Council resolved to revise the 2025/26 budget. All members were invited to attend this Finance and Governance meeting to provide input on the budget setting process.

Following an in-depth explanation of budgetary updates, additional savings and income generating ideas since the last committee meeting the committee resolved to recommend that the proposed budget be presented to Full Council for approval.

It was also noted that local government reorganisation could result in budget pressures in coming years, especially if the weed spraying contract was reallocated to another authority. Members requested officers make every effort to secure future of contract and expand service delivery where possible.