### <u>OPEN</u>

### FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

### 27 April 2023

### PRESENT:

#### Labour Group

Councillor Pearson (Chair), Councillor Rhind (Vice-Chair) and Councillors M Mulgrew, Richards, Taylor and Tilley.

#### **Conservative Group**

Councillors Dawson, Fitzpatrick, Ford, Lemmon, Smith and Watson.

### Non-Grouped

Councillor Churchill.

#### In Attendance

**Councillor Wheelton** 

### FM/154 APOLOGIES

The Committee was informed that apologies had been received from Councillor Southerd (Labour Group) and Councillor Churchill (Non-Grouped).

### FM/155 TO RECEIVE THE OPEN MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

The Open Minutes of the Audit Sub-Committee meetings held on 25 August, 06 October 2022, 24 November 20222, 12 January 2023 and 09 February 2023 and the Audit Sub-Committee Meeting held on 08 March 2023 were noted, approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### FM/156 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Committee was informed that declarations of personal interest had been received from Councillor Taylor and Councillor Smith regarding item FM/142 by virtue of being Parish Councillors.

#### FM/157 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 10

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

### FM/158 QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO 11

The Committee was informed that no questions from members of the council had been received.

### FM/159 REPORTS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY

The Committee was informed that no reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee had been received.

### FM/160 COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

The Head of Finance presented the report to the Committee.

### <u>RESOLVED</u>:

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

### FM/161 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)

### RESOLVED:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets after each item.

### TO RECEIVE THE EXEMPT MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS:

The minutes of the 25 August 2022, 06 October 2022, 24 November 2022, 12 January 2023 and 09 February 2023 were received.

### <u>QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL</u> <u>PROCEDURE RULE NO 11</u>

The Committee was informed that no questions had been received.

## AUDIT OF THE HOUSING BENEFITS SUBSIDY CLAIM

<u>RESOLVED</u>:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

### CUSTOMER SERVICES – JEQ GRADING OF BENEFITS TEAM POSTS

## <u>RESOLVED</u>:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

BETTER CARE FUND UPDATE

<u>RESOLVED:</u>

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

## <u>CONSULTATION ON PLANNING FEE INCREASE AND STAFFING</u> <u>CHANGES</u>

<u>RESOLVED</u>:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

**GREEN WASTE PROCESSING CONTRACT** 

### <u>RESOLVED</u>:

The Committee approved the recommendations in the report.

The meeting terminated at 18:25 hours

# COUNCILLOR R PEARSON

CHAIR