

**Minutes of the Finance Committee held 14 December 2021 at the Civic hall Uppermill.**

**Present:** Cllrs S. Al-Hamdani (CH) H. Bishop  
B. Lord K. Phillips  
G. Sheldon

**481. Apologies for absence**

Cllrs. R. Knotts L. Dawson

**482. Declarations of interest**

None

**483. Approval of Minutes from 24 November 2021**

Amendment to apologies add Cllr. Phillips.

Agreed as true record following amendment and signed at the meeting.

**484. Summary on YTD spend and EOY forecast.**

Accepted by members

**485. Draft Budget 2022/23**

It was resolved that a proposed increase in the Assets Management Budget be debated at an additional meeting and the decision brought back to 17 January Finance meeting.

It was agreed that the budgets agreed by the Environment Committee and the Communications Committee be accepted by the Finance Committee.

The cost of planning consultancy was discussed. It was resolved that an agenda item be included for the next Planning Committee which included Terms of Reference for present consultants replacement. The present consultant will leave in April 2022.

Cllr. S. Al-Hamdani raised that there would be a requirement to fund a referendum once the Neighbourhood Plan is ready to publish. It was resolved to include as an agenda item for the next Strategic Planning Committee.

The Finance Committee went through line by line on the proposed budget items allocated to the finance committee.

The clerk had budgeted for a subsidy for the Civic Ball. It was resolved that an agenda item to be included for the next Civic Functions committee and that a contingency item for budget purposes, not allocated to the Civic Ball.

The Finance officer raised the administration of the Rochdale United Charity and asked if the transfer of responsibility to another body was possible. It was

resolved that this would be discussed and included as an agenda item in March 2022.

All other budget lines were agreed by the Finance Committee as proposed.

**486. Sharrock Trichem**

The clerk informed members that the contract duration would not change if the mats were purchased. The cheapest new ones cost approx. £129.00. The cost to purchase the existing which are in very good condition is £100.00 + vat for both.

It was resolved that the baby changing mats would be purchased from Sharrock Trichem as this would result in a year on year saving for the council.

**487. Items for the next Agenda**

None

**Final Budget Meeting Monday 17 January 2022. 19.00 hrs**