



Minutes of the meeting of the Finance Monitoring Committee held in the Council Chamber, Whitworth Civic Hall on Tuesday 17th September at 6pm

Members Present:

Cllr Baron

Cllr Aldred

Cllr Royds

Cllr Whitehead

Clerk of the Council: Miss R Hodson

1. To receive apologies.

Councillor Chorlton was unable to attend due to work commitments, Cllr Neal was unable to attend as he had another meeting and a personal interest in the agenda item and Councillor Olaolu was unable to attend due to other commitments.

2. To discuss a proposal for a new Honorary Townsman.

Councillor Baron updated members as to the proposal and Councillor Aldred updated members as to the reasoning behind the proposal. Councillor Aldred reported that the person proposed was in agreement with the proposal. The person proposed has indicated to the clerk that, if council approve the nomination, they would like their celebratory event in November 2024. The clerk informed councillors that it would be prudent to set a budget for the event and also any regalia associated with the honour as there was a short time period between the council meeting to discuss the honour and the proposed event. Councillor Baron passed on Councillor Olaolu's contribution to the proposal that she had kindly sent in advance of the meeting to the clerk. The clerk informed members that there are some areas of underspend in the budget already (the monies allocated for Christmas bonuses, the monies allocated for updating the mayoral boards and the repairs to the council chamber furniture for example) and also the council's contingency budget that could be used to form the budget. Councillors discussed this. It was resolved that the Finance Monitoring Committee recommend to Full Council that £1,000 be used as a budget for the event and regalia for the honour of Honorary Townsman, should council accept the proposal for Honorary Townsman. This was moved by Councillor Aldred and seconded by Councillor Whitehead.

3. To set a date for the next meeting.

The next meeting will be arranged when required.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.30pm.