



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee Meeting held at 7pm on
Monday 6th February 2023
Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Chairman	*Cllr David Round
Deputy Chair	Cllr G Lloyd
Councillors	*Arrick, *Davidson, *Dear, Dullaway, *Hewett, *Robini, *Waters, *Weldon, Whitby

* present

The meeting was clerked by the Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan, no press or public attended.

1/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from the following:

Cllr Lloyd – work commitment

Cllr Dullaway – holiday

Cllr Whitby – prior engagement

2/23 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests disclosed.

3/23 METHOD OF TRANSPORT TO MEETING

None different to that already stated.

4/23 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held 24th October 2022 were agreed by the committee and signed by the Chairman as a true record.

Cllr Arrick joined the meeting.

5/23 CHANGE TO INTERNAL AUDITOR

RECOMMENDED: That Mulberry & Co, is appointed at the Council's Internal Auditor for 2023-24 financial year. The Clerk is authorised to renew this appointment up to a maximum of four years.

6/23 REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

The committee considered the comments from Cllr Lloyd, submitted previously via email. It was felt that where NALC standard wording was being used this should be retained. In regard to Cllr Lloyd's comments on amendments to motions, it was accepted that an amendment, by definition, would not change the meaning of a motion. The committee agreed that the standard wording used should remain without change although Cllr Lloyd's comments were noted.

RECOMMENDED: That the documents previously circulated to the committee are adopted without further change.

7/23 COUNCIL INVESTMENT STRATEGY

The Clerk advised the committee that since they now held an investment bond, the internal auditor has asked that the Council devise an investment strategy. She had received those used by Farnham and Godalming Town Councils and would create a draft to be circulated the committee.

RECOMMENDED: that the Town Clerk produces a draft investment strategy, to be reviewed by email before going to Full Council in March

8/23 SURREY PENSION FUND TRIANNUAL VALUATION

RECOMMENDED: That Council notes the change in employer contributions for the next three financial years from 18.4% to 17.7%.

Meeting finished 7.15 pm.

Signed.....
Chairman of Meeting

Date.....

NB – after the meeting the Clerk asked members whether they would consider attending short F&G meetings on the same night as another committee meeting to prevent them having to travel to the town hall for such a short duration. This idea was generally agreed, Clerk to look at options.