



HATFIELD TOWN COUNCIL HERTFORDSHIRE

Minutes of the meeting of the Resources & Policy Committee held at Birchwood Leisure Centre, Longmead, Hatfield on Wednesday 8th January 2020 at 19:30.

PRESENT: Councillor J. Percival - Vice Chairman in the Chair
Councillor J. Brennan
Councillor L. Brandon
Councillor M. Eames-Petersen
Councillor C. Juggins
Councillor A. MacKay

OFFICERS: C. Lloyd (Town Clerk)
A. Ogilvie (Head of Estates)

54. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. Bolitho and Councillor B. Zhaveri

55. QUESTIONS

There were none

56. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Brandon declared an interest in Item 7 – List of Contracts

57. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th December 2019 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

58. HOWE DELL ALARMS

Members considered the report of Officers and noted that by moving to Security Solutions it would enable the Council to look at different providers in future years as Chubb's equipment was tied to that company alone. The Head of Estates gave Members details of further quotes he had obtained since the agenda had been published.

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RESOLVED that the alarm contract for Howe Dell be changed to Security Solutions.

(Action: Town Clerk)

59. TO CONSIDER A GREEN AUDIT

Members considered the quote from 3 Acorns Eco-audits. Members were advised that Abbots Langley Parish Council had compared their price to larger companies who carried out this work and similar sized companies and they had proved the most competitively priced. Their work had been excellent and they had been invited back to carry out a second audit.

Some Members were concerned at the cost of the audit and whether the Council could not carry out the work itself. Other Members were concerned at the Climate Emergency declared by the County and Borough Councils and felt that the Town Council should be exploring opportunities to help the environment for the Town.

Some Members considered that someone external would have expertise in this area which councillors wouldn't necessarily have and that although there was a cost to make to the audit the Council would very likely make savings over the long term.

Councillor Percival moved that the quote be accepted, seconded by Councillor Brennan.

Councillor Percival requested a recorded vote.

	FOR	AGAINST
Councillor J. Percival (Chairman)	X	
Councillor J. Brennan	X	
Councillor L. Brandon		X
Councillor M. Eames-Petersen	X	
Councillor C. Juggins		X
Councillor A. MacKay		X

Chairman used his casting vote and the motion was CARRIED.

(Action: Town Clerk)

60. LIST OF CONTRACTS

Members considered the list of contracts and dates last reviewed.

RESOLVED that officers review the Employee Assistance contract, Window Cleaning contract and look at recycling with Cawleys and whether they would use Hertfordshire County Council sites for recycling.

(Action: Town Clerk/Head of Estates)

61. DRAFT BUDGET 2020/21

Members noted the draft Budget which increased the precept to £843,441 but kept the Band D Council Tax at £71.54 per annum.

Recommended to Council that the precept for 2020/21 be set at £843,441.

62. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Noted that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on 8th April 2020 at 7.30pm.

Closure 8.32pm

Chairman