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Agenda

Finance & Establishment Committee

To Committee Members: Councillors Eke (Chair), A Coote, S Coote, Fairhurst, Freeman, Hawke-Smith, Millward, Porch and Toy

You are summoned to attend a MEETING of the FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT COMMITTEE of SAFFRON WALDEN to be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER of the TOWN HALL on **Monday 17th February 2020** commencing at **7.30pm** to transact the business as set out in the agenda below.

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Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk

12th February 2020

1	Apologies for absence To receive apologies and consider requests for approved absence
2	To receive any Declarations of Interest Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.
3	Public Speaking Time For the public or Press to ask questions of the Committee on matters relating to the agenda.
4	Minutes of the last meeting of the Finance & Establishment Committee To verify the Minutes of the Committee meeting held in January 2020

	Financial Matters
5	<p>Expenditure – to be authorised</p> <p>(a) To approve the payment of the accounts received since 20th January 2020. Cheques for these accounts have not yet been authorised, awaiting approval by this meeting.</p> <p>(b) To approve the payment of accounts (for cheques already issued) since 20th January 2020.</p>
6	<p>Tourist Information Centre (TIC) Details</p> <p>(a) Profit & Loss Account for TIC as attached (b) Monthly report from TIC as attached (c) TIC Shop Sales – details as attached (d) TIC footfall statistics – details as attached</p>
7	<p>Monthly Reports</p> <p>To receive and note the following monthly reports:</p> <p>(a) Bank reconciliation statement with supporting statements (b) Cash Book – showing all income and expenditure for the previous ended month for January 2020 (c) Payments by Supplier for January 2020 (d) Income report, broken down by budget code – year to date including comparison of income year to date against the previous year.</p>
8	<p>Committee Hi-Light Reports</p> <p>To receive and note the report from the RFO being a highlight report bringing to the attention of Committee any items for specific note or action.</p>
9	<p>Grants</p> <p>a) Request</p> <p>Committee to consider grant request from Support For Sight (deferred from January committee).</p> <p>Grant request: £5,000 Remaining Grants budget 2019/20: £3,417</p> <p>b) Thanks</p> <p>Committee to note letter of thanks from West Essex Can for grant for hall hire for Mental Wellness Talk which was attended by 130 people.</p>

Establishment / Non-Finance Matters

10	<p>Government Consultation on Unauthorised Encampments</p> <p>Committee to note that the Government is consulting on strengthening police powers to tackle unauthorised encampments.</p> <p>The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) proposes responding on behalf of local councils using the following principles as a steer:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• All cases of unauthorised encampments should be criminalised on account of trespassing (the Government consultation refers to similar legislation in force in the Republic of Ireland and Scotland);• The police should have the power to direct trespassers to leave land as soon as it has been determined that they are there illegally;• The police should be able to take action regardless of the number of vehicles on the unauthorised encampment (currently there must be six vehicles);• Principal authorities should have the power to demand police attend as soon as an unauthorised encampment appears and to claim back costs incurred repairing damage caused by clearing up unauthorised encampments. <p>The committee is requested to consider supporting any response NALC makes using the above principles.</p>
11	<p>Uttlesford Citizen Advice Stats for Quarter 3, 2019/20</p> <p>To receive and note details as attached</p>
12	<p>Urgent Information Items</p> <p>Any items to verbally report for information only</p>
13	<p>Date and time of Next Meeting</p> <p>Monday 16th March 2020, 7.30pm Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saffron Walden</p>