



# Minutes

## Finance & Resources Committee

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Date: 08 April 2022

Time: 10:30

Venue: Function Room, FSHQ

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Present: Cllrs N Mohammed (in the chair), C Anderson, R Downes, P Harrand (as substitute for D Hall), J Illingworth, M Pervaiz (as substitute for S Tulley), M Pollard, K Renshaw (as substitute for D O'Donovan), I Sanders and F Shaheen.

In Attendance: None

Apologies: Cllr S Tulley, D Hall, D O'Donovan

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### **31 Minutes of meeting held on 4 February 2022**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2022 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

### **32 Urgent items**

None

### **33 Admission of the public**

#### **RESOLVED**

That the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the items of business specified below as it was likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of the descriptions specified.

<b>AGENDA ITEM NO.</b>	<b>TITLE OF REPORT</b>	<b>MINUTE NUMBER (to be added)</b>	<b>Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972</b>
E5	Insurance Renewals 2022 - 2023	35	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E6	Property Capital Plan 2022 - 2023	36	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E7	Wide Area Network	37	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs
E8	Vehicle Replacement Program 2022 -2023	38	Paragraph 3 – financial or business affairs

### **34 Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in any matter under consideration at the meeting.

### **35 Insurance Renewals 2022 – 2023**

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Finance and Procurement Officer which advised of the outcome of the insurance renewals process and provided details of the premiums for 2022 – 23.

It was reported that no policies had been subject to competition for insurance cover in 2022 -23 and that as the Long-Term Agreement (LTA) expires in April 2023 a formal tender process will be undertaken to award the required insurance renewal provision.

### **RESOLVED**

That the outcome of the insurance renewals process be noted.

### **36 Property Capital Plan 2022 – 2023**

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

The Director of Service Support submitted a report which sought approval for a number of strategic refurbishment property management projects as part of the 2022 – 23 Capital Plan as detailed in the report now submitted.

Members sought and were given clarification regarding the use of EV charging points for fire appliances, and it was further confirmed that with regards to reference PS22/08, that once the charging points had been established in Leeds, they would be rolled out to other Districts taking into account any lessons learnt. Members requested confirmation that all estimates included an allowance for inflation.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the proposed capital expenditure on itemised property management projects as detailed in the report be approved notwithstanding the need for planning or building control approvals as appropriate.

### **37 Wide Area Network**

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

The Director of Service Support submitted a report which sought approval for the purchase of a replacement wide area network (WAN) as the current contract for the WAN expires on 31 May 2022.

Members were given assurance that despite the high initial capital cost to purchase hardware, this would be good value for money and the equipment would have a long shelf life. It was further confirmed that the increased annual cost of the contract would provide a substantial upgrade to current facilities which is high priority in the current IT climate.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the expenditure to award the contract to the winning bidder as detailed in the report now submitted be approved

### **38 Vehicle Replacement Programme 2022 – 2023**

(This item was considered exempt information under Schedule 12A (3) of the Local Government Act 1972 – financial or business affairs)

Members considered a report of the Director of Service Support which sought approval for the purchase of 14 fire appliances. Members asked for further information regarding the possible income generated from the sale of the old appliances and questioned if they could be donated overseas. Members were advised that if the appliances were sold the income received would be offset against the cost of the new vehicles and that in accordance with the WYFRA constitution only equipment of no value could be donated. It was noted that a donation of such equipment had been made to Ukraine within the last 3 weeks.

#### **RESOLVED**

That the purchase of vehicles as detailed in the report now submitted be approved.

Chair