



Minutes

Finance & Resources Committee

Date: 15 July 2022

Time: 10:30

Venue: FSHQ

Present: Cllrs Tulley (in the chair), Ahmed, Almas, Harrand, Hussain, Illingworth, Mohammed, O'Donovan, Pollard and Zaman

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Apologies: Cllr C Anderson

1 Minutes of meeting held on 8 April 2022

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2022 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

2 Matters Arising

3 Urgent items

None

4 Admission of the public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the public and press.

5 Declarations of interest

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

6 UPS on Stations

Consideration was given to a report of the Director of Service Delivery which sought approval for the purchase of uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) for stations which will provide them with more resilience and support the removal of legacy phone lines by BT. Members requested confirmation of the tender process and confirmation that there is a backup available should there be a network failure.

RESOLVED

That the approved budget of £240,000 to purchase uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) for stations is approved, subject to the tender process being undertaken in line with procurement rules.

7 Replacement of Treadmills

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Employment Services Officer which sought approval for the purchase of 51 treadmills to replace the existing treadmills across the authority which are now at end of life. Members requested confirmation of the quality of the replacement kit and its life expectancy and were given assurance that a maintenance contract and extended warranty would be sought as part of the tender process. Members were further assured that existing treadmills would either be offered for sale to employees or offered in part exchange, to offset the cost of the new machines.

RESOLVED

That the purchase of 51 treadmills is approved at a total cost of £229,500 subject to the tender process being undertaken in line with procurement rules.

8 Environmental Working Group Activities 2021-22

Members were presented a report of the Head of Corporate Services informing them of the activities of the Environmental Working Group during 2021/22.

Members received detailed information on;

- Environmental initiatives, including the reworking and recycling of vehicle tyres and the availability of EV charging points.
- Usage of utilities, including a breakdown from districts on the increased water usage
- Textile, book and trade waste recycling
- Carbon emissions, and
- Notable environmental incidents

Members welcomed the reduction in carbon emissions and were pleased to see the introduction of LED lighting.

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

9 Treasury Management Outturn 2021-22

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer presented a report to provide the Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22. Members were assured that all WYFRA investments are secure, and the Chief Finance and Procurement Officer agreed to provide further information regarding expected credit loss

RESOLVED

That the report be noted.

10 Quarterly Financial Review

The Chief Finance and Procurement Officer presented a report providing an overview of the financial performance of the Authority in the first 3 months of the current financial year. The report identified that the Authority is currently forecast to underspend its revenue budget in 2022/23 by £158k and outlined the use of the Covid grant, of which £0.650m is remaining at the 31 March 2022. The report forecasts that this grant will be expended fully in 2022/23 to cover payment of overtime, to allow staff to take leave that was cancelled at the height of the pandemic.

The report gave details of the revised capital plan and requested the slippage of £3.179m of capital schemes into 2022/23 and £7.525m into 2023/24.

Members were given further clarification of the cost pressures on the Authority and information regarding the leave buy back scheme and leave taking deadlines.

RESOLVED

- a. That the report be noted.
- b. That members approve capital slippage of £3.179m into 2022/23
- c. That members approve the revised capital plan

Chair