

DEVIZES TOWN COUNCIL

21st December 2023

Councillors:	Britten	Brown	Corbett
	East	Gay	Geddes
	Giraud-Saunders	Greenwood	Hopkins
	Hoult	Hunter	Nash
	Ormerod	Pennington	Rose
	Stevens	Tanner	Wallis
	Wooldridge		

Officers: Simon Fisher – Town Clerk
Jan Rendle – Committee Administrator
Nicola Brooks – Finance Manager

Members of the Public: One

379. MINUTES

The minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 12th October 2023, having previously been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

380. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bridewell and Oliver.

381. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

There were none.

382. ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were none.

383. QUESTIONS UNDER STANDING ORDER NO 15

There were none.

384. MINUTES OF MEETINGS FOR INFORMATION

The committee noted the list of meetings, whose minutes have been signed and held since the last meeting of the Council.

385. PROCEDURE: SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDER NO. 5

It was proposed by Councillor Giraud-Saunders, seconded by Councillor Ormerod and AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT for the purposes of dealing with the remaining items on the agenda, Standing Order No. 5 (Members to stand when speaking) be suspended.

386. FOR DECISION – CHANGES IN MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

Members acknowledged that the current staffing situation was unsustainable and commended the Personnel Committee for its work in proposing a solution that would minimise the burden to council tax payers.

It was proposed by Councillor Geddes and seconded by Councillor Brown, with Councillors Geddes, Brown, Britten, Corbett, East, Gay, Giraud-Saunders, Greenwood, Hopkins, Hoult, Hunter, Nash, Ormerod, Pennington, Rose, Stevens, Tanner, Wallis and Wooldridge all voting in favour, with no objections or abstentions

THAT the Council agrees the Personnel Committee's recommendation to appoint a Strategic Manager through an internal appointment process.

387. FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF MAYORAL NOMINATION FOR THE CIVIC YEAR 2024/2025

Councillor Geddes proposed, was seconded by Councillor Giraud-Saunders and it was AGREED

THAT Councillor Hopkins be nominated for Mayor for the municipal year 2024/2025.

388. FOR DECISION – ADOPTION OF BUDGET FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

Councillor Corbett proposed and was seconded by Councillor Wallis, with Councillors Corbett, Wallis, Britten, Brown, East, Gay, Geddes, Giraud-Saunders, Greenwood, Hopkins, Hoult, Hunter, Nash, Ormerod, Pennington, Rose, Stevens, Tanner and Wooldridge all voting in favour, with no objections or abstentions

THAT in order to enable the Town Council to continue to deliver more projects for the residents of Devizes, the Council agrees the proposed budget for the financial year 2024/2025, an increase of 6.4%.

389. FOR DECISION – AGREE PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025

Councillor Wallis proposed and was seconded by Councillor Greenwood, with Councillors Wallis, Greenwood, Britten, Brown, Corbett, East, Gay, Geddes, Giraud-Saunders, Hopkins, Hoult, Hunter, Nash, Ormerod, Pennington, Rose, Stevens, Tanner and Wooldridge all voting in favour, with no objections or abstentions

THAT the precept for financial year 2024/25 be set at £1,259,456 as proposed in the agreed budget.

390. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING SEALING RESOLUTION

It was proposed by Councillor Greenwood, seconded by Councillor Brown and
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the
Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where
appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary
to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations
contained in the reports received and adopted at this
meeting or other decisions of the Council thereat.

391. QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

392. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no questions from the member of the public in attendance.

Town Mayor