



Sleaford Town Council
Finance & Strategy Panel
Notes and Report of Meeting – 13th June 2019
10am – 11.50am

Panel Members present:

Councillor Anthony Brand (Lead)
Councillor Ken Fernandes
Councillor Tarek Hayat
Councillor Linda Lowndes
Councillor Paul Edward-Shea
Councillor David Suiter

Meeting supported by the Clerk.

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor S Shanahan-Kluth.

2. Election of Panel Lead

Both Councillor Brand and Councillor Hayat were nominated for Panel Lead. A vote was taken which had an equal number.

Following which a random selection was made with paper and Councillor Brand was duly appointed as Panel Lead.

3. Welcome by Lead

Councillor Brand welcomed everyone to the panel meeting, the first of the new administration.

4. Notes from the last meeting on 18th April 2019

The Clerk provided a brief overview of the recommendations previously made and the notes of the last meeting were noted.

5. Terms of Reference

The Panel noted the terms of reference which had been approved by Council.

6. Strategic Plan 2019-20

The Panel considered the Strategic Plan and the following action was agreed: -

- Councillor Suiter would produce a draft statement in relation to meeting local need.
- Clerk would provide previously circulated information in relation to meeting local need.

- Clerk to follow up on parking data and the ability to input registration numbers in car parking machines.

It was noted that there was a commitment in place to develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Sleaford and Kirkby La Thorpe, however, the Panel were advised that work on this had been delayed due to present capacity challenges.

- The Panel requested that assistance should be sought to continue with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- Clerk to check progress of Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Chairman's Allowance.

(Cllr Hayat left the meeting at 10.45am and returned at 10.55am)

- The Panel discussed the website and noted that this should be progressed as soon as possible, and the priority should be changed to 1.

(Cllr Lowndes left the room at 10.55am and returned at 11.02am)

7. Budget Report, 3 Year Budget Review and 7 Year Programme

The Panel discussed the information and provided and agreed that a report on the Capital Budget be presented to the next meeting of the panel for consideration.

8. Update report on the Cemetery and to include the option of Galley Hill Haulage Way

The Panel considered the report and concluded that an onsite visit would be appropriate to look at the building and the driveway.

Further action was discussed as follows: -

- Clerk to obtain an assessment of possible 'underpinning' of building
- That the owner of the parked vehicle on the driveway be contacted to request removal of the vehicle.
- A site visit for the cemetery be arranged for the Panel.

There was a discussion in relation to green space around the town and new developments. It was suggested that a meeting be arranged with a Principal Planning Officer at North Kesteven District Council together with the Panel Lead to look further at section 106 commitments.

9. Chairman's Allowance

The Clerk provided an update to the Panel and action was detailed at minute number 6 above.

10. Future Agenda Items

- Strategic items for other panels
- Capital Budget and Programme
- Neighbourhood Plan Update
- Indication of PWLB repayments on borrowing of £100,000 over 5/10/20/25 years.

11. Future Meeting Dates

The Panel agreed the future meeting dates. It was confirmed that the next meeting for the Panel would take place on Thursday 25th July 2019 at 10am.

The Meeting Closed at 11.50am.