

PETERLEE TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE

HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, SHOTTON HALL, PETERLEE

ON MONDAY 13TH MARCH 2023 at 6.30PM

PRESENT:- COUN K HAWLEY (CHAIR)

Councillors K Liddell, M McCue, S Simpson, R Burnip, S McDonnell, S P Franklin, R Moore, F Black, D Hawley, R Scott, K Duffy, T Duffy, B Fishwick & M A Cartwright

20. Apologies for Absence
Apologies for absence were offered to the meeting and accepted from Councillors D Quinn, M Sanderson & E Watson.
21. To receive declarations of interest
Members were reminded of the need to disclose any interests in items on this agenda, whether pecuniary or otherwise. None were given, **RESOLVED the information given, be noted.**
22. To approve the minutes of the previous meeting
RESOLVED the minutes of the previous meeting of the Resources Committee held on Monday 16th January 2023, be approved as a true and correct record.
23. To consider two items received and requested by Councillor Karen Hawley
- (i) to Confirm or otherwise if the Scrutiny Committee has the power to make Council decisions

The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed for Members the terms of reference for this Committee as agreed and confirmed at the Annual Meeting held in May 2021. The Committee reports to Council; the responsibilities being “without prejudice to the responsibilities of the service committees, to review the effectiveness of all of the Council’s work and the standards and levels of service provided”. **RESOLVED the**

information given be noted and the terms of reference for the Scrutiny Committee be confirmed.

- (ii) to request a room to be made available every day at Shotton Hall for Members use

It was suggested that a room be made available at Shotton Hall during office opening hours for Councillors' use for meetings and/or to work on Council business. It was stressed that this would be available to all Councillors. The Deputy Town Clerk confirmed that Shotton Hall's meeting rooms were regularly used for internal or external meetings and available for commercial hire, and confirmed that a room could be made available for Councillors most days providing that Members could be flexible on which room was used. **RESOLVED that Members can use available meeting rooms at Shotton Hall for council business during office hours, and this be reviewed in 6 months time.**

24. 2022/23 financial year – third quarter budget summary report

Members considered the report from the Town Clerk outlining the Council's budget position at the end of December 2022 (end of 2022/23 quarter 3). **RESOLVED Members note the content of this report along with Appendices 1 and 2 which set out the quarter 2 variances by budget head and summary explanations for each variance over 15%.**