

Minutes of the Joint Meeting of the EVENTS & COMMUNITY PROJECTS COMMITTEE, GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS COMMITTEE, ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE and POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE held on 23 January 2017

Present Councillors: SWJ Ashley, SJ Brooks, M Day, S Evans, M Johnston, R Jones, R Kemp, KK Manneh, TA Matthews, WJ Walker, PJ Williams and TJ Winter

Also David Collins (Clerk to the Council) & Clare Facey (Administrative Officer).

JC16/001 Appointment of Chairman

It was agreed that Councillor TA Matthews would chair the meeting.

(Councillor Matthews in the Chair.)

JC16/002 Declarations of Interest

Members were asked to declare any personal and/or prejudicial interests they had and sign the Interests Sheet to give details of the nature of their interest

JC16/003 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were accepted from Councillor Rees (personal)

JC16/004 Revenue Estimates 2017/18

The Clerk advised that the purpose of the meeting was to consider draft estimates for the above year and recommend a budget to Full Council. Draft estimates had been published with the agenda in advance of the meeting.

Members considered the draft estimates in detail, making comparisons with previous years' budgets, previous expenditure and expenditure in the current year. Members considered longer term pressures likely to impact on key areas of the budget and the identification of earmarked reserves. The views of the public had been sought via the Council's Residents Handbook.

Members paid tribute to the contribution made by the Chairman of the Council's Policy & Finance Committee in relation to the preparation of the Estimates.

In relation to each section of the budget, the following was agreed:

Code	Description	Estimate £
A	ELECTIONS	35,250
B	MEMBERS EXPENSES	13,350
C	STAFFING	151,350
G	ACCOMMODATION	57,650
H	OFFICE EXPENSES	21,225
I	POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE	58,140
K	GRANTS TO VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS	12,600
L	EVENTS COMMITTEE	84,160
M	COMMUNITY TASK SCHEME	60,225
N	ENVIRONMENT, SUSTAINABILITY & PLANNING COMMITTEE	4,000
O	CCYP	58,000
P	TWINNING ACTIVITIES	0
R	BANK INTEREST	-200
	Grand Totals (PRECEPT)	555,750

It was **recommended** that:

- (1) the above estimates and budget is approved and submitted to a special meeting of the full Council, to be held on 23 January 2017.
- (2) the suspension of Financial Regulation 3 and Standing Order 21.2 is confirmed.
- (3) the following sums are identified as additional earmarked reserves as at 31 March 2017

(i) Staffing (including Pensions)	£60,000
(ii) Twinning	£5,250

Signed

(Chair, Cwmbran Community Council)