

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES
COMMITTEE HELD 7 JANUARY 2019**

Councillors Present: Cllr Keith House, Cllr Patricia Jenkins Cllr Jim Mitchell, Cllr Cliff Morris, Cllr Derek Pretty (Chairman), Cllr Jane Welsh

P922 Apologies: Cllr Maggie Allingham, Cllr Ian Corben

P923 To consider the Minutes of the meeting held 17 December 2019

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 December 2019 be signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

P924 Correspondence

There was no correspondence for discussion at the meeting.

P925 Budget Setting 2020/21

Cllr Pretty introduced the papers that was previously circulated outlining the proposed budget for 2020/21 following the December steer to increase the precept at 2%.

Cllr House asked about the general reserves current position and future position, given the amount in the budget line. The clerk confirmed that the amount in the budget line is to replace the reserves that are going to be utilised before year end.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk amends the MTFP to reflect the new figures.

Cllr House asked why certain things were no longer in the budget lines. The Clerk explained that all non-discretionary spend had been included in the budget lines and the remaining balance was for councillors to allocate accordingly.

A query was made regarding the Young Peoples Wellbeing Service and the funding model. The clerk confirmed past funding arrangements.

RESOLVED: That funding be reinstated for this financial year for this service for £5,500.

Councillors asked how much the Berry Theatre had asked for in the current financial year. The Clerk confirmed this was £2k.

RESOLVED: That £2k be allocated to the Berry Theatre.

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Councillors discussed general income and expenditure and enquired why some buildings expenditure was high. The clerk outlined various reasons for this including the costs of heating, providing a full-time caretaker and inefficiencies in operating some of which have been addressed already.

P926 Matters for Resolution

- a) Proposed Parking Enforcement – A meeting has been arranged with the users of the car park on the 22 January at 10am.

**P927 All members of the public and press are requested to leave the meeting
Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960**

P928 Exempt Business – Leases

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 19:56 hours.