MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF SELBY TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 19 DECEMBER 2022 AT THE TOWN HALL, YORK STREET, SELBY

PRESENT: Cllrs W Nichols (Chair), M Dyson, G Jordanowski, T Beharrell, F Matthews, G Lockley, C Laskey, S Andrew, R Harrison, K Franks, H Davis and K Arthur.

IN ATTENDANCE: Clerk and Deputy Clerk.

136 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION PERIOD

There were no members of the public in attendance.

137 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs I Lawton, S Shaw-Wright, J Shaw-Wright, J Proud, M Davis.

138 DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

There were no Disclosures of Interest.

139 2022/23 ALLOCATED BALANCES POSITION

The Clerk provided the allocated balances and contingencies 2022/23 including predictions to Year End.

RESOLVED: That the Allocated Balance report be noted.

140 2023/24 BUDGET AND PRECEPT

140.1 Proposed Budget and Precept

The Clerk provided the proposed budget and precept level for 2023/24 (Page 4 of the minutes attached).

Cllr Matthews explained that there has been an increase due to the rate of inflation, high fuel and energy costs and an increase in the cost of goods and services. A 12% increase in goods and services was used and 100% increase in fuel and energy.

Cllr Nichols stated that it has been four years since the Council Tax has been increased, but this year it will need to be increased to cover inflation and rising costs.

RESOLVED: That the budget and precept figure of £573,966.00 for 2023/24 be approved with an increase, being an equivalent of £117.41 per Band D property.

140.2 Signing of Notification of Precept by the Clerk

The Clerk provided council with the Notification of Precept for the Clerk to sign. It was agreed that the Precept notification would be for £573,966.00.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk to notify the District Council of the Precept for 2023/24 being £573,966.00.

140.3 Anticipated Spend from Ear Marked Reserves

The Clerk provided the Anticipated Spend from EMR Budget 2023/24 report. It was noted that there was a reallocation of £30,000 from 1811 EMR to Allotments EMR, this is to cover the long term allotment development plans. The proposal will need to be submitted to Council by the Land and Property Committee before the spending of the funds are approved.

RESOLVED: That the Anticipated Spend be approved for 2023/24 subject to the proposal being presented to the relevant committee and approved by Council.

141 PROPOSED SERVICE CHARGES 2023/24

The Clerk provided the proposed service charges for 2023/24 for council to consider. It was agreed to increase charges for Town Hall Caretaker, Town Hall Arts Centre and all Cemetery related charges. As the allotment rents are set 12 months in advance these would not be increased at this point. The allotment charges are to be reviewed in 2023 by the Land and Property Committee.

Cllr Dyson asked if any provision would be made to the cemetery costs for individuals on a lower income. Cllr Davis stated that there is help available for people through www.gov.co.uk. Cllr Nichols asked that we have this information available so that we can provide it for people who need additional support.

RESOLVED: That

i. An increase in Town Hall Caretaker, Town Hall Arts Centre and all cemetery charges be approved,

ii. The allotment rents to be reviewed by the Land and Property Committee, and that

iii. The www.gov.co.uk information is given to people who request help with funeral expenses and that this is also added to the Town Council Website.

Cllr Matthews thanked the Clerk for their time and work preparing and scrutinising the financial information in conjunction with the Town Council Staff.

142 CLOSURE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Wednesday 25 January 2023	**Health, Safety & Welfare W. Group**
Monday 30 January 2023	**Council**
Monday 6 February 2023	**Finance & Staffing**
Monday 27 February 2023	**Council**
Monday 6 March 2023	**Land & Property Committee**
Monday 13 March 2023	**Town Hall Management Committee**
Monday 27 March 2023	**Council**