

**Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting of the Town Council held on
Wednesday 8th February 2023 at 6.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr J Bonetta (Chairman)
Cllr T McCollum
Cllr Fowles

St Paul's Ward

Cllr Sexton

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk
1 no. member of public (virtual)

- 22/40/SC Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Councillors Brown, Maunder, Furneaux Gotch, Keene
- 22/41/SC Declarations of Interests**
None
- 22/42/SC Dispensations**
None
- 22/43/SC Public Question Time for items on the agenda**
There were no public questions.
- 22/44/SC Strategy Committee held on 14th December 2022**
Members unanimously RESOLVED to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on 14th December 2022.
Proposed by Cllr Sexton and seconded by Cllr McCollum
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 0
- 22/45/SC Revision of the Work Programme 23/24 and beyond**
Committee CONSIDERED its expectations for setting a Work Programme for 23/24 and beyond post May 2023 Local Town Council Elections highlighting that the Work Programme is necessary; must align to the budget, ensuring the Council is financially secure; review of work completed; that Committee are likely to identify work for a revised Work Programme; the importance of documents such as the JSNA, health profiles, Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan. Individual new

Councillors' election manifestos could be incorporated into a new four-year (term) Work Programme.

22/46/SC Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

Committee CONSIDERED its expectations for setting a 5-year MTFP post May 2023 Local Town Council Elections. A Precept increase will be needed to increase Reserves.

Cllr S Sexton declared a Personal Interest

Mid-term will be the end of Honiton Community Complex's (HCC) lease of the Beehive September 2025, which may have an impact on any MTFP. The term of a MTFP will need to be determined. A CGR would be necessary to change Parish Boundaries.

22/47/SC Councillor training / induction programme

Committee CONSIDERED establishing and content of a new Councillor training/induction programme post May 2023 Local Town Council Elections. Committee highlighted that it is all Councillors' responsibility to be trained (eg EDDC MO training on the Code of Conduct); that the Local Council Award Scheme requires training to be demonstrated; classify training as mandatory, induction and recommended training as EDDC draft training plan; any plan must include Civility & Respect; and that Guides should be provided.

22/48/SC To close the meeting

The meeting was closed at 18:43.