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To members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND a meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee. To be held in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Well Being Centre, Nelson on **Wednesday 26th January 2022 at 6.30pm**

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Mr Nicholas Harbour
Assistant Town Clerk to the Town Council

Committee Membership

Councillor Kamran M Latif (Chair)	Councillor Ikram Ul-Haq (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Omar Ahmed	Councillor Nazeem Hayat
Councillor Zafar Ali	Councillor Mohammad Sakib
Councillor Husnan Arshad	
Chair or Vice Chair of Council (Ex-Officio)	

Non-Councillors (no voting rights)

None permitted as this committee regulates and controls the finances of the Council.

Committee Terms of Reference contained within the Scheme of Delegation

Recording of Council Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the formal Council meeting, though not, under current legislation, of the Public Participation session, as this is not part of the formal agenda of the meeting. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted

Public Participation

- Notice is given that at a time agreed by the meeting, 15 minutes may be set aside for members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting
- Any member of the public shall not speak for more than five minutes.
- A question asked by a Member of the Public during Public Participation shall not require a response or debate during the meeting though the Chairman may direct that a written response will be provided subsequent to the meeting.

A G E N D A

1.	Apologies for Absence To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Town Clerk prior to the meeting.
2.	Declarations of Interests To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest. Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.
3.	Adjournment for Public Participation To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.
4.	Minutes To approve the draft minutes of the Finance and General Purposes committee meeting held on 15 December 2021. <p style="text-align: right;">(Previously circulated)</p>
5.	Accounts and Schedule of Authorised Expenditure Payments/Receipts – Copies Enclosed 5.1 To receive the monthly schedule of payments for the period of December 2021. The committee is required to review the schedule of payments for compliance in accordance with the Financial Regulations. 5.2 To note the schedule of payments over £500.00 for the period of December 2021 for publication on the website in accordance with the Data Transparency Code. 5.3 To review and approve the Finance and General Purposes committee payments for the period of October and November 2021. Note: The schedules of committee payments shall be signed by the Committee chair and included as an annex to the minutes, subject to any redaction to protect personal information
6.	Bank Reconciliation Statements – Copies Enclosed 6.1 To receive the bank reconciliation statements for the period of December 2021. 6.2 To appoint a member, other than a cheque signatory to verify the bank reconciliation statements for all accounts (produced by the Assistant Town Clerk). Note: A committee member appointed for that meeting shall sign the reconciliations and the original bank statements as evidence of verification.
7.	Climate Emergency Issues A standing item to identify and consider council initiatives which will help deal with the climate emergency through Nelson Town Council's functions, facilities and any other remit.
8.	Environmental Projects – Back Streets 7.1 To receive an update in relation to the back streets project discussed at the previous Finance and General Purposes meeting.

	7.2 To consider a request to ask Pendle Borough Council to obtain quotes for works at Cumberland Street and that this street be prioritised.
9.	Budget for the financial year 2022/23 To receive and review the draft budget for the financial year 2022/23 as provided by the Budget Working Group. Members are asked to consider any further changes before the final draft is submitted before Full Council in February for approval.
10.	Floral Displays – Additional Funding To note that Mike Williams of Pendle Borough Council has offered £3,000 of grant money made available to contribute towards the 2022 floral displays in and around the town centre.
11.	Any items for discussion for a future agenda To notify the Assistant Town Clerk of any matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting.
12.	Date of the Next Committee Meeting To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 at 6.30pm, at the Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson.