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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 Pankhurst Room, Unity Well Being Centre, Nelson on **Wednesday 26th June 2024** at 6.30pm

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Mr Nicholas Harbour
Assistant Town Clerk to the Town Council

Committee Membership

Councillor Shabaz Ahmed	Councillor Sughra Bibi
Councillor Naeem Akhtar	Councillor Anam Nawaz
Councillor Zafar Ali	Councillor Mohammad Adeel Qamar
Councillor Thabasum Ruby Anwar	Councillor Atique Rehman
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 29 May 2024. <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 May 2024. 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 May 2024 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 May 2024. 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 May 2024. 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.	Budget Monitoring Review To review the budget spends so far in the financial year 2024/ 25 and identify any significant differences thus far.
8.	Asset Register To review the Nelson Town Council asset register in line with recommendations received by the internal auditor.

9.	<p>Improvements at Lomeshaye Play Area and MUGA To consider the approval of funding for repairs and maintenance at Lomeshaye Play Area and MUGA. The works include cleaning of the site, resurfacing of damaged safety surfacing, removal of overgrown vegetation and installation of new bins. A report has been provided detailing the works.</p>
10.	<p>Nelson Food Festival 2024 To consider a request for an additional £1,000 to be contributed towards the hosting of the Nelson Food Festival for 2024. This item was deferred to this meeting by the Events, Promotional and Marketing committee.</p>
11.	<p>Annual Playground Inspections To consider the approval of funding for the annual playground inspection checks for 2024-25. The cost of each inspection is £70.00 per site and a detailed report is provided in relation to health and safety aspects and expected lifespan of existing equipment.</p>
12.	<p>Small Grant Application – Nature Warriors To consider a small grant application received from Nature Warriors to part fund new equipment to help the organisation support local residents with Health and wellbeing initiatives. The funding request is for £1,000.00. This item was deferred at the May meeting to be considered again once more information had been provided from the applicant.</p>
13.	<p>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.</p>
14.	<p>Date of the Next Committee Meeting To note the date of the next committee meeting scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25th September 2024 at 6.30pm, at the Unity Well Being Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson.</p>