

Minutes of Finance and General Purposes Committee held on 6 December 2022 at 7pm	
Councillors Present	J. Cousins, Lokabandhu, M. White, P. Manning, R. Cook, S. Henderson, M. Oakden, I Mutch, L. Osborn and S. Roney-Dougal
Apologies	Cllr I. Donfrancesco
In Attendance	Town Clerk
Public Participation	0 members of the public were present.

22. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Donfrancesco had offered apologies for this meeting owing to a personal commitment.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No members present had any pecuniary interests to declare.

24. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022 were considered and **SIGNED** as a correct record of the meeting.

25. TO CONSIDER THE PROVISIONAL 2023-24 TAX BASE AND ANY EFFECT THAT NEW INFORMATION MAY HAVE ON THE 2023-24 BUDGET

The updated tax base figures had not been received in time for the meeting as promised by the billing authority.

Cllr Henderson recommended a precept of £637,123 be demanded from the billing authority, representing a 52% increase in the precept. This was seconded by Cllr Roney-Dougal.

Cllr Lokabandhu proposed an amendment that the precept be increased by 55%. This was seconded by Cllr White. A vote was taken on the amendment which was defeated by majority.

Cllr Henderson's proposal was voted on and was **RESOLVED** by majority.

16. TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 25 July 2023.

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