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29 November 2019

You are summoned to attend a meeting of **Finance & General Purposes Committee** as detailed below:
Nicki Barry, Clerk

DATE, TIME AND LOCATION: 9 December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Town Council Offices

MEMBERS: Cllrs: Burdett, Flahive (Chairman), Hankinson, Leeks, Lovegrove, Mullan, Page, Slimin and Tighe

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

Arising from this Agenda, Members and Officers are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting. To receive any applications made by Members for a dispensation to allow them to speak and vote on an agenda item in spite of a disclosable pecuniary interest.

3. MINUTES

To receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 14 October 2019 the contents of which will be taken as correct unless there is a specific resolution otherwise.

4. OPEN FORUM

The meeting will recess for not more than 15 minutes for questions and comments from members of the public.

5. BUDGET

To review the budget year to date and to determine the precept for 2020/21. **To follow.**

6. BASINGSTOKE & DEANE BOROUGH COUNCIL PLAN AND BUDGET CONSULTATION

To receive a consultation. **Attached.**

7. REQUEST TO PURCHASE LAND ADJACENT TO TADLEY DENTAL CARE

To receive a request from Tadley Dental Care to purchase Tadley Town Council land adjacent for car parking.

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF TADLEY TOWN COUNCIL FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE HELD IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES AT 7.30PM ON 14 OCTOBER 2019

Present: Cllrs Flahive (Chairman), Hankinson, Leeks, Lovegrove, Page, Slimin and Tighe

In Attendance: Clerk, 1 member of the public

1. APOLOGIES

Were received and accepted from Cllrs Burdett, Moss and Mullan.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no declarations of interest or dispensation requests.

3. MINUTES

15/20FGP It was

RESOLVED (7/0/0) to receive and confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee meeting held on 12 August 2019.

4. OPEN FORUM

Spencer Whatmore from Break For Life gave some background information in support of his grant application.

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16/20FGP It was

RESOLVED (7/0/0) to alter the order of business.

9. GRANT APPLICATION

Break For Life – Running costs £2039 (referred back from Full Council 2 September)

17/20FGP It was

RECOMMENDED (7/0/0) to make a grant of £2039.

5. BUDGET

The budget year to date was reviewed as attached.

6. MEETINGS SCHEDULE

18/20FGP It was

RESOLVED (7/0/0) to set the meeting dates for 2020 as attached.

7. IPADS TERMS OF USE

19/20FGP It was

RESOLVED (7/0/0) to agree terms of use as attached.

8. TADLEY ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Cllr Flahive gave an update: The group met on the 7 October with Cllrs Flahive, Lovegrove and Slimin and Borough Cllr Carruthers in attendance. Items discussed included air monitoring, clean air zones at schools, cycle routes, website links, publicity, tree planting, electric vehicle charging points

and litter picking. The group felt they had made an encouraging start. The next meeting will take place on 11 November at 7.30pm in the Council Offices.

The meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Signed: Dated: 9 December 2019



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and Deane

Council Plan 2020 to 2024 and budget 2020 to 2021 consultation

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Declaration



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Date: (DD/MM/YY)

9/12/19

We would like to hear your views on the proposed priorities identified in the draft Council Plan 2020 to 2024 and the proposals for the 2020 to 2021 budget that will deliver on these priorities. We would also like to know how these could impact you or your organisation and thoughts you may have on alternative options to balance the budget.

Your views will be used to inform discussions at the council's Cabinet and Council meetings in February 2020. A consultation report will be published on the council's consultations webpage: <https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/yoursay>.

Q1 Are you responding on your own behalf or on behalf of an organisation or group? Please ✓ one box only.



I am providing my own response



Organisation or group

Please provide the name of the organisation or group on whose behalf you are submitting this response. The name of your organisation or group may appear in the final consultation results report.

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Q2 It would be helpful if you could provide the first 5 digits of your postcode so that Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council can understand the distribution of responses.

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Council Plan priorities

Q3 The Council Plan for 2020 to 2024 sets out Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council’s priorities for providing services to residents. We want to provide a good place to live, work and to enjoy leisure time. The Council Plan has four priorities and each priority has five commitments (this is outlined in our Priorities on a Page document here www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities).

To what extent, do you agree or disagree that the following are the right priorities for Basingstoke and Deane?

	Strongly agree	Tend to agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Tend to disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
Strengthening communities	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Protecting and enhancing our environment	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Improving safety	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Planning for the future	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Q4 What do you think the council needs to do to achieve these priorities?

Q5 Do you have any other comments on the council plan priorities?

Budget proposals

Q6 Unlike many councils, and thanks to careful financial management, we have been able to maintain our front line services. To help us understand your priorities for the future, please select the top three services that you think should be protected going forward:

- ☒ Collecting recycling and rubbish bins
- ☒ Dealing with antisocial behaviour
- ☐ Keeping streets clean and litter free
- ☐ Provision of parks and other green spaces
- ☒ Parking provision in residential areas
- ☐ Housing needs and advice
- ☐ Protecting our natural environment

Please note any comments on this:

Q7 Thinking about the overall approach to balance the council’s proposed budget for 2020 to 2021 (as outlined in the ‘Overview of budget proposals’ here www.basingstoke.gov.uk/priorities), to what extent do you agree or disagree that this is the right approach for Basingstoke and Deane? Please ✓ one box only.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☒ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Don't know

Please note any comments on this:

Options for the budget

Review charges for optional services that the council provides

Reasonable fees and charges are part of our proposals for a balanced budget, ensuring we remain a low tax council. The budget for the next year includes an average 3% increase in fees and charges to cover inflation and rising costs. We believe this is a fair way of balancing the cost between those who decide to use these optional services and everyone having to pay.

Q8 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposal to review charges for some services to consider possible savings? Please ✓ one box only.

☐ Strongly agree

☒ Tend to agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Tend to disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

Look at the way we provide our services in the future

The council delivers a wide range of services. Some of these services are required by law, such as waste collections, planning, housing benefits and licensing, and others that it chooses to run to provide additional benefit to local people, such as support for local community groups, sports facilities and community safety services.

Two particular services that the council is looking at reviewing are public conveniences and community transport.

Q9 There are some public conveniences in the borough that are not used frequently and others that could be managed in a better way to allow for improvements to these facilities. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the council reviewing its provision of local public conveniences? Please ✓ one box only.

☒ Strongly agree

☐ Tend to agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Tend to disagree

☐ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

Q10 The council currently provides support to local community transport providers. There may be opportunities to provide these services and cover local transport needs in other ways. To what extent do you agree or disagree with the council reviewing its provision of local community transport? Please ✓ one box only.

☐ Strongly agree

☐ Tend to agree

☐ Neither agree nor disagree

☐ Tend to disagree

☒ Strongly disagree

☐ Don't know

Generate additional income

Q11 The council could consider ways of generating additional income, such as alternative investment opportunities and selling our services to other organisations. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this option? Please ✓ one box only.

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☒ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Manage and use our buildings and land more effectively

Q12 The council could look at ways of managing and using its buildings and land more effectively, such as selling assets it currently owns. To what extent do you agree or disagree with this option? Please ✓ one box only.

- ☒ Strongly agree
- ☐ Tend to agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Tend to disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know

Q13 If you have any comments on the options we have presented, or any other ideas about how we can balance the council budget, please note them in the box below:

Q14 If you are responding as:

- An individual please go to Q15.
- If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, please let us know whether our proposals align with your organisation’s priorities, what impacts they could have on your organisation and, where relevant, how these could be mitigated.

About you

We are committed to improving our services and promoting equality of opportunity for everyone and want to make sure that we get a range of views that are as representative as possible of the borough population. The answers you give to the questions below will be used to help us to achieve this. It is not compulsory, and for each question there is an option to tick 'Prefer not to say' or you can leave it blank. All responses will be treated in confidence and the information you provide will not be linked to you personally.

Q15 What is your gender?

- ☐ Male ☐ Female ☐ Other ☐ Prefer not to say

Q16 What is your age group?

- ☐ 17 or under ☐ 18 to 24 ☐ 35 to 44 ☐ 55 to 64 ☐ 75+ ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ 25 to 34 ☐ 45 to 54 ☐ 65 to 74

Q17 Do you consider yourself to be disabled or as having a long-term physical or mental health condition? The Equality Act 2010 describes a person as disabled if s/he has a physical or mental impairment (including some illnesses), which has a substantial and long-term adverse effect on that person's ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities.

- ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

Q18 Which of these ethnic groups do you feel you belong to?

White

- ☐ White British ☐ White Irish ☐ White Gypsy / Traveller ☐ Any other White background

Black/African/Caribbean/Black British

- ☐ African ☐ Caribbean ☐ Any other Black/African/Caribbean background

Mixed / Multiple Ethnic Groups

- ☐ White and Black Caribbean ☐ White and Asian ☐ Any other mixed/multiple ethnic background
- ☐ White and Black African

Asian or Asian British

- ☐ Bangladeshi ☐ Indian ☐ Pakistani
- ☐ Chinese ☐ Nepalese ☐ Any other Asian background

Other Ethnic Group

- ☐ Arab ☐ Other ethnic group

If 'Other', please state if you wish

- ☐ Prefer not to say