

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF FULL COUNCIL  
HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2025**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors Browning, Chowns (Chair), Eakin, Harvey, Hughes, Kettle, Morris, Newsham and Sinclair

**ALSO PRESENT:** Angela Price – Town Clerk  
Julia Lawrence – Deputy Clerk  
Honor Holton – Minute Taker

**C636. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bradford. Councillor Howells' apologies were received as per his request for 6-month dispensation.

**C637. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None received.

**C638. TO NOTE THE NOLAN PRINCIPLES**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the Nolan Principles be received and noted.**

**C639. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON 23 JANUARY 2025**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the minutes of the meeting of Council held on 23 January 2025 be approved and signed as a correct record.**

**C640. TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE ACTION SHEET**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the action sheet be received and noted.**

**C641. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE BUDGET FOR 2025/2026**

**RESOLVED:**

**That the following recommendations be approved:**

- 1. That the draft budget for 2025/26 be approved as presented.**



2. That the Town Clerk be authorised to request a precept of £734,622, an annual increase from £188.80 to £198.71 per Band D equivalent property (an annual increase of £9.91 - £0.83 per month).

**C642. TO CONSIDER COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO PLANNING APPLICATION P242783/O**

Members considered at length the draft response to the Planning Application that had been circulated at the meeting. Various comments/amendments were noted as part of the response.

**RESOLVED:**

1. That subject to amendments being made as agreed, the Clerk be authorised to forward this Council's response to Planning Application P242783/O (Lidl Application) to Herefordshire Council Planning Officers accordingly.
2. That a copy of the final response be shared with all Councillors.

**C643. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

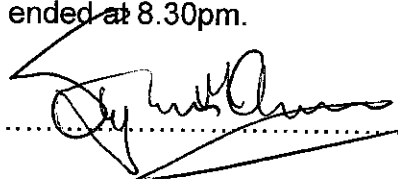
**C644. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 6 FEBRUARY 2025**

**RESOLVED:**

1. That an ex-gratia payment be paid to Post Holders 50 and 60 in the sum of £500 and £250 respectively.
2. That the Clerk be authorised to engage the services of Hoople in respect of personnel advice and support at a cost of £75.00 per hour, with a ceiling of £5,000.
3. That management duties of Post Holder 47, be temporarily moved to Post Holder 50 for a period of at least six-months with a review in month five and that Post Holder 50 receive an uplift in salary from spinal column point 22-24, which is an increase of £1,600.00 per annum.

The meeting ended at 8.30pm.

Signed .....

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Date .....

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