## **Stone Town Council**

# Minutes of the Meeting held in St Michael's Suite at the Frank Jordan Centre, Lichfield Street, Stone, on Tuesday 28 June 2022

**PRESENT:** Councillor J. Powell in the Chair and

Councillors: A. Best, J. Davies, Mrs J. Hood, C. Thornicroft and R. Townsend

Officers: L. Trigg & Mrs T. Williams

ABSENT: Councillors: K. Argyle, Mrs A. Burgess, Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham,

M. Green, M. Hatton, J. Hickling, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason and S. Walley

### C23/024 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors: Mrs L. Davies, Mrs K. Dawson, I. Fordham, M. Green, J. Hickling, T. Kelt, R. Kenney, P. Leason and S. Walley

## C23/025 <u>Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations</u>

None received

#### C23/026 Internal Auditor's Report 2021-22

The Council considered the following documents which had been circulated with the agenda, prior to the meeting:

- a. Formal Internal Audit submission to the External Auditors\*
- b. Report from Internal Auditor\*

The Town Clerk reported that the Council is required to consider an Internal Audit Report before approving the accounts for submission to the External Auditors.

RESOLVED: To note the Internal Auditor's report and submission to external Audit

#### C23/027 Annual Governance Statement 2021-22

The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement\* which must be approved prior to consideration of the Council's accounts.

RESOLVED: To approve the Annual Governance Statement and supporting explanations for submission to the External Auditor for the year 2021-22.

<sup>\*</sup> Items marked with an asterisk refer to reports or papers circulated with the agenda or distributed at the meeting. They are attached as an appendix to the signed copy of the Council minutes.

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The Council considered the Town Clerk's report\* and the accounting statement\* which had been circulated with the agenda for the meeting.

### **RESOLVED:**

- a) To approve the Council's Accounts for 2021-22 as set out in the report of the Town Clerk, including the use of the rollover reserve to allow the transfer of budgets between financial years and its proposed use in 2022-23.
- b) To note the variances between the forecast outturn for 2021-22 and the actual outturn, and the reasons identified for the major variances.
- c) To approve the financial statement for submission to the Council's external auditors.

**TOWN MAYOR** 

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