



Sleaford Town Council  
Finance & Strategy Panel  
Notes and Report of Meeting – 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020  
10.05am – 11.05am

Panel Members present:

Councillor Anthony Brand (Lead)  
Councillor Linda Lowndes  
Councillor Paul Edwards-Shea  
Councillor David Suiter

Meeting supported by the Clerk and Administration Officer (LS)

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Stephen Shanahan-Kluth, Tarek Hayat and Ken Fernandes.

**2. Welcome by Panel Lead**

The Panel Lead welcomed the Panel members and gave a brief update on the Town Hall refurbishment which will commence in February 2020.

**3. Notes from the last meeting on 05<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

The notes had been previously presented to Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019

**4. Eastgate Car Park Charges 2020/2021**

The Clerk explained that he has asked to meet with a 2<sup>nd</sup> tier Officer at NKDC (at which he will be accompanied by STC councillors) to discuss the timeline for the extension on the NCCD building before procurement process is commenced. A reply is awaited.

**Action**

The permit holders to be formally notified of the refurbishment and that in the future the fees will be reviewed in line with RPI.

**Recommendation to Council:**

Panel Members approved the report and recommended that the report and recommendations are presented the next Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 for ratification.

Vote 3: for 1: abstained.

**5. Sleaford Town Council Budget and Precept 2020-2021**

The Clerk explained that the Full Council had sight of the draft budget and it was indicated that an inflation-based increase was required, therefore the Clerk has reworked the draft budget to incorporate this along with a few minor adjustments.

**Recommendation to Council:**

Panel Members approved the report unanimously and recommended that the report and recommendations is presented the next Full Council on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020 for ratification.

**6. Strategic Vision for Sleaford Town Council 2019-2023**

The Panel Lead explained that the statement was presented to the Full Council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019 and was agreed in principle.

**Action**

The Panel Lead/Clerk recommended the Vision Statement to go out to consultation via press release, notice boards, website and social media. With the responses to be back by the February/March 2020

**7. Strategic Plan**

Noted

**8. Date and time for next meeting - Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020 10am**

As this would be the last Finance and Strategy Panel meeting the Clerk would be attending the Panel Lead formally thanked the Clerk for his contribution over past years.

The Meeting closed at 11.05am