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# LEGAL AND FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

| MINUTES OF MEETING HELD: | 24th June 2024, 7.30pm                 |  |  |
|--------------------------|--|--|--|
| VENUE:                   | Council Chambers, Suite 3, 4 The Limes |  |  |

| Presen    | t: Cllrs  | P Jeater (Chair)        | P Davey        | J McGuinness        | M Hart         |  |  |  |
|-----------|---|-------------------------|----------------|---------------------|----------------|--|--|--|
|           |   | C Russell (arrived      |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   | 7.44pm)                 |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| Also      |   | A Wood (Clerk and       |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| present   |   | RFO .                   |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| Absen     | t Clirs   | R Whittow-Williams      |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/054  | To elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for this committee                            |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Cllr Jeater was elected as Chair<br>Proposed: Cllr Davey,                     |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Seconded:<br>All agreed   | CIII HUIT               |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Allagreea   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Cllr Hart wo  | ıs elected as Vice-Cha  | ir             |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Proposed: (   | Cllr Jeater             |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Seconded: Cllr McGuinness   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | All agreed  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/055  |   | or Absence – for noting |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | Apologies were noted from Cllr Whittow-Williams.                              |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| 1504/05/  | <b>A</b>  | ments and Declarations  |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/056  |   |                         | s of interest  |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | No declarations were made.  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/057  | Public Participation  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | No members of the public were in attendance.                                  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/058  | To approve the minutes of the Legal and Finance Committee meeting held on     |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | The minutes were approved and signed as an accurate record by Cllr Jeater.    |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/059  | Matters arising for report / Information Exchange (not for resolution)        |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | No matters were arising for report.   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           |   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/060  | To consider any grant applications received                                   |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | A grant request from the Anglo-European School was considered and rejected    |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | on the basis that the benches would be sited on school grounds and therefore  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | not be available for use by the wider public. The grant policy was created to |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
|           | support local organisations, clubs and societies.                             |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
| LF24/061  | To review #   | ne new model Financia   | d Pegulations  | for presentation to | Full Council   |  |  |  |
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|           | Cllr Russell arrived at 7.44pm  |                         |                |                     |                |  |  |  |
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The committee reviewed the new regulations and amended them to suit this council. It was **RESOLVED that the amended document will be presented to Full Council for adoption in July.** 

Proposed: Cllr Hart Seconded: Cllr Jeater

All agreed.

#### LF24/062

# To discuss the Seymour car park quotations in relation to the Public Contracts Regulations 2015

The Clerk presented a briefing document that covered the legalisation relating to the publication of the above project. She also presented legal advice received from Roger Taylor of Wellers Hedleys that stated "I consider that the Council can proceed on the basis of the three tenders already received and does not have to restart the process. It would only be necessary to retender if the proposals were substantially in excess of the threshold". Following a discussion, it was **RESOLVED that this committee recommend to Full Council that based on the advice received, that the current work undertaken still stands and that the project can continue on that basis.** 

Proposed: Cllr Hart Seconded: Cllr Jeater

All agreed.

## LF24/063 Ris

# **Risk Management**

The Clerk reported on a recommendation by the Internal Auditor that the council consider the level of fidelity guarantee insurance it has with the view to increasing it. It was **RESOLVED that the level be increased to £500,000 at a cost for the remainder of the year of £76.82+IPT**.

Proposed: Cllr Russell Seconded: Cllr Davey

All agreed.

#### LF24/064

## **GDPR** matters

Nothing tabled.

#### LF24/065

## Finance and Payment approval

- The new payments and receipts for May / June 2024 were reviewed and approved.
- The profit and loss report for May 2024 was reviewed.
- The budget tracker for this financial year was reviewed and will considered in more detail in September.

#### LF24/066

# Items for inclusion in the next agenda (not requiring resolution or action)

Nothing raised.

# LF24/067

## Chair to close the meeting

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

The next Legal and Finance Committee is on the 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024, 8.22pm, Council Chambers, Suite 3, 4 The Limes, Ingatestone, CM4 0BE

# Appendix LF24/065

| BALAN              | ICES     | IN BANK ACC                  | COUNTS DAT        | ED 31/05/24                |   | 256,690.95                 |
|--------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| Unity '            | Trus     | Bank Curre                   | ent Account       |                            |   | 61,583.53                  |
| _                  |          | Bank Savir                   |                   |                            |   | 56,583.82                  |
| Petty              |          |                              | .507.000          |                            |   | 43.61                      |
|                    |          |                              |                   |                            |   |                            |
| Cashp              |          |                              | -                 |                            |   | 62.03                      |
| Skipto             | n Bu     | ilding Societ                | ty                |                            |   | 0.00                       |
| Redwo              | od E     | Bank                         |                   |                            |   | 52,298.93                  |
| Skipto             | n Bu     | ilding Societ                | ty                |                            |   | 0.00                       |
| Cambi              | ridge    | <b>Building So</b>           | ciety             |                            |   | 86,119.03                  |
| Date:              | 19/0     | 5/2024                       |                   |                            |   | ·                          |
|                    | 15/0     | 0,202.                       | Day Books:        | Supplier Payments (        | Summary)  |                            |
| Date Fr            | om:      | 19/05/2024                   |                   |                            |   |                            |
| DateTo             |          | 31/12/2050                   |                   |                            |   |                            |
| Dutero             |          | 31/12/2030                   |                   |                            |   |                            |
| No                 | Type     | Date                         | N/C               | Ref                        | Details   | Gross B                    |
| 13841              | PP       | 24/05/2024                   | SSE               | SSE 857692                 | Seymour electricity quarterly charge  | 284.48 R                   |
| 13775              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | HEELISLO          | HL9457                     | Internal audit fee for 2023/24 year   | 400.00 R                   |
| 13777              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | CSH               | CSH 649162                 | Seymour bin emptying for April 2024   | 261.50 R                   |
| 13779              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | CIRCLES           | Circles 1826               | Final planting of ferns for Bell Mead community garden                                    | 233.00 R                   |
| 13781              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | LODGE             | Ice 12129274               | Phone calls, broadband and line rental for month  | 84.44 R                    |
| 13785              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | PRINTWIS          | PWaste 44731               | Tetrapak bin emptying monthly charge  | 83.45 R                    |
| 13787              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | JMPAYROL          | JM 41049                   | Monthly payroll fee   | 42.00 R                    |
| 13796              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | JPB               | JPB 1546                   | 3 x ashes interments  | 184.50 R                   |
| 13798              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | EALC              | EALC 17748                 | A Zakharyeva course - standing orders   | 96.00 R                    |
| 13800              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | LODGE             | ICE 28366                  | Remote backup and support for IT (monthly charge)   | 126.00 R                   |
| 13839              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | PLAYSAFE          | Playsafety 79385           | Annual RoSPA report on Fairfield playgrounds  | 264.00 R                   |
| 13864              | PP       | 28/05/2024                   | EBM               | EBM dd                     | Printing and copying monthly dd   | 31.95 R                    |
| 13880              | PP       | 31/05/2024                   | JPB               | JPB SO 1565                | Grounds maintenance monthly SO  | 3,922.60 R                 |
| 13863              | PP       | 03/06/2024                   | BRENTWOO          | BBC rates x 4 June         | Business rates for June 2024  | 877.00 N                   |
| 13888              | PP       | 05/06/2024                   | EARTHANC          | EA39574                    | Dog bin post and installation tool  | 283.20 N                   |
| 13886              | PP       | 06/06/2024                   | JS                | JSpurge 1460               | Seymour annual boiler service   | 80.00 N                    |
| 13890              | PP       | 06/06/2024                   | BBALARMS          | BB 4587                    | Seymour alarm maintenance monthly charge  | 54.00 N                    |
| <b>13909</b> 13862 | PP<br>PP | <b>07/06/2024</b> 10/06/2024 | SSE               | BT M008ED dd               | Seymour wifi monthly dd   | <b>30.38 N</b><br>704.52 N |
| 13844              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | TRADE             | SSE 963173<br>TUK 6559     | Seymour gas quarterly charge<br>Shelving for Little Library                               | 25.51 N                    |
| 13846              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | MS2               | MS2 240624                 | Rent and service charge for quarter   | 5,498.23 N                 |
| 13866              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | ROADWARE          | RWare 16958                | Replacement bin for Fairfield playground  | 259.14 N                   |
| 13869              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | JK                | JK x 2 May 24              | Office and pavilion clean for May 2024  | 820.00 N                   |
| 13881              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | JPB               | JPB 1565                   | Installation of bin base and 2 x interments   | 365.35 N                   |
| 13883              | PP       | 14/06/2024                   | CSH               | CSH 654038                 | Seymour bin emptying for May 2024   | 218.02 N                   |
| 13783              | PP       | 26/06/2024                   | TRADE             | TUK 938936                 | Replacement exterior light for Seymour  | 23.48 N                    |
| 13911<br>13924     | PP<br>PP | 14/06/2024                   | LODGE<br>POZITIVE | ICE 28435<br>Poz 5842710   | Replacement computer for A Wood (Facilities) Lychgate electricity for month dd            | 894.00 N<br>11.72 N        |
| 13924              | PP       | 14/06/2024<br>17/06/2024     | SAGE              | Sage 63563230              | Sage annual subscription June 24 - May 25   | 11./2 N<br>518.40 N        |
| 13923              | PP       | 17/06/2024                   | BBALARMS          |                            | Seymour alarm maintenance monthly charge  | 18.00 N                    |
| 13903              | PP       | 25/06/2024                   | EUROFFIC          | Euro4525661                | Office paper  | 65.57 N                    |
| 13905              | PP       | 25/06/2024                   | PRINTWIS          | TUK46439                   | Tetrapak recycling monthly charge (2 months   | 166.90 N                   |
| 13907<br>13917     | PP<br>PP | 25/06/2024<br>25/06/2024     | LODGE<br>AWRIGHT  | Ice12129563<br>AWright exp | Broadband, line rentals and calls May 24<br>Toilet rolls, mileage, postage, water testing | 89.81 N<br>58.32 N         |
| 13917              | PP       | 25/06/2024                   | SOLO              | Solo 3899969               |   |                            |
| 13921              | PP<br>PP | 25/06/2024                   | OFFICE            | OFO 096990                 | Summer show 2024 banners x 5 Replacement office chair for A Wood                          | 317.59 N<br>110.40 N       |
| 13933              | PP       | 25/06/2024                   | EALC              | EALC 17812                 | A Zakharyteva council finance course  | 96.00 N                    |
| 13935              | PP       | 25/06/2024                   | JMPAYROL          |                            | Monthly payroll fee   | 42.00 N                    |
|                    |          |                              |                   |                            |   |                            |

| Date:          |       | 19/06/2024               |      |                    |   |                      |  |
|----------------|-------|--------------------------|------|--------------------|---|----------------------|--|
|                |       |                          |      |                    | <b>Bank Payments &amp; Receipts by Bank Account</b>                     |                      |  |
| Date F         | rom : | 19/05/2024               |      |                    |   |                      |  |
| Date T         | o :   | 31/12/2050               |      |                    |   |                      |  |
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| No             | Type  | Date                     | N/C  | Ref                | Details   | Gross E              |  |
| 13834          | BR    | 21/05/2024               | 4002 | 250                | Interment fee Finch C285A   | 141.50               |  |
| 13835          | BR    | 21/05/2024               | 4002 | 251                | Memorial fee Langley J74  | 280.00               |  |
| 13850          | BR    | 22/05/2024               | 4002 | 252                | Exclusive rights and interment Pritchard                                | 492.00               |  |
| 13895          | BR    | 23/05/2024               | 4005 | ss24               | Headstrong - summer show stall  | 25.00 F              |  |
| 13851          | BR    | 24/05/2024               | 4002 | 253                | Memorial fee Pearce K156 BACS   | 280.00 F             |  |
| 13896          | BR    | 24/05/2024               | 4005 | ss24               | J Chamoun - summer show stall   | 25.00 F              |  |
| 13773          | BP    | 28/05/2024               | 8203 | SLCC AGM           | A Wood SLCC Essex AGM and training day                                  | -25.00 F             |  |
| 13837          | BP    | 28/05/2024               | 7086 | 3696               | War memorial renovation work  | -2946.00 F           |  |
| 13897          | BP    | 28/05/2024               | 6502 | galleywood         | donation for 10 x stackikng chairs                                      | -50.00 F             |  |
| 13836          | BP    | 30/05/2024               | 7085 | Hirst Signs        | Lampost sign at station   | -88.60 F             |  |
| 13852          | BR    | 30/05/2024               | 4900 | 254                | Garden waste bags x 6   | 21.00 F              |  |
| 13855          | BR    | 30/05/2024               | 4900 | petty cash         | Garden waste bag sales  | 29.00 F              |  |
| 13884          | BP    | 14/06/2024               | 6300 | 4087185            | Replacement no dog sign for playground                                  | -31.59 N             |  |
| 13943          | BP    | 20/06/2024               | 2220 | June 24 payroll    | June 24 net wages   | -4829.68             |  |
| 13944          |       | 20/06/2024               |      | June 24 payroll    | June 24 paye  | -921.40 I            |  |
| 13945          |       | 20/06/2024               | 2210 | June 24 payroll    | June 24 Ee NIC  | -133.03              |  |
| 13946          |       | 20/06/2024               | 2210 | June 24 payroll    | June 24 Er NIC  | -425.48              |  |
| 13947          |       | 20/06/2024               | 2230 |                    | June 24 pension admin   | -18.49 I             |  |
| 13948          |       | 20/06/2024               | 2220 |                    | June 24 staff pension   | -231.10              |  |
| 13949          |       | 20/06/2024               | 2230 | June 24 payroll    | June 24 pension   | -932.22              |  |
| 13899          |       | 25/06/2024               | 6502 |                    | Replacement downlights for pavilion                                     | -49.20               |  |
| 13908          |       | 25/06/2024               | 6501 | 18403              | Replacement goal wheel  | -47.75               |  |
| 13928<br>13931 |       | 25/06/2024<br>25/06/2024 | 6300 | CHES 415<br>150922 | Repaint of skate park, graffiti removal<br>Legionella testing June 2024 | 1 00.00-<br>1 00.00- |  |
|                | -) -  | 23/00/2024               | 0302 | 130922             | Legionella testing June 2024  | -00.00               |  |