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Governance Committee 8 JUNE 2022

Present: Councillors: Tony Bevis, Philip Circus, Michael Croker, Ray Dawe, Christian Mitchell, Sam Raby and Kate Rowbottom

Apologies: Councillors: Peter Burgess and David Skipp

GO/1 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor Philip Circus be elected Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

GO/2 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED

That Councillor Peter Burgess be appointed Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year.

GO/3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 14 June 2021 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

GO/4 DECLARATION OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interest.

GO/5 ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

GO/6 RECEIPT OF EXTERNAL GRANT FUNDING

The Monitoring Officer presented the report to the Committee that suggested a change to the governance arrangements to allow the receipt of grant monies and consequent expenditure up to a threshold of £100,000 to be approved by the Section 151 Finance Officer, the Leader together with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking.

Members agreed that the Chairman of Overview and Scrutiny be consulted upon the receipt of these grant monies and consequent expenditure.

Members also agreed that should Council agree the recommendation, the decision be reviewed in 12 months.

RESOLVED

RECOMMEND TO COUNCIL

Allow the receipt of grant monies and consequent expenditure up to a threshold of £100,000 to be approved by the Section 151 Finance Officer and the Leader in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Finance and Parking and the Chairman of Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

The receipt by the Council of grant money has become more and more commonplace. Currently approval is needed which means every grant received needs approval from Full Council, preventing service areas from operating swiftly and efficiently by not being able to bid and spend the monies in time and as a consequence grant opportunity may be missed.

GO/7 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business.

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm having commenced at 5.30 pm

CHAIRMAN