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Minutes of the Legal & Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 2.00pm, in the Town Council Office, Lady Street, Dulverton.

Present: Chairman: Mrs Christine Dubery. Cllrs. Mr Nick Thwaites, Mr Alan Ottey and Mrs Margaret Rawle.

Apologies: Cllr. Mrs Louise Parrish

Deferment of business for comment by the public. None

Declarations of Interest: None

Chairman's Comments & Meeting Management: None

Administration Budgetary Requirements – 2024/25

Members considered the anticipated administration costs for 2023/24 (Appendix D) and subsequently:

RESOLVED: To submit the proposals concerning the administrations costs as per for inclusion in the budgetary requirements for 2024/25. Proposed by Mrs Dubery, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

Chairman's allowance 2024/25

RESOLVED: To approve Chairman's Expenses of £400.00. Proposed by Mr Thwaites, seconded Mr Ottey and carried.

Recommended Budgetary Requirements and Precept – 2024/25

Members reviewed the Grounds Committee (Appendix B) and Town Management Committee budget (Appendix C) recommendations and made amendments where they considered appropriate.

Members considered the budgetary requirements for Year Commencing 1st April 2023 and following lengthy discussion determined that it would likely be set somewhere between £89,000 and £92,200.

However, members were reluctant to make a recommendation to full council until details of the base rate had been provided by Somerset County.

Appointment of Internal Auditor – Year Ending 31st March 2024

RESOLVED: To appoint Mr Paul Russell, Microshade VSM as the Internal Auditor for Year Ending 31st March 2024. Proposed by Mr Ottey, seconded by Mr Thwaites and carried.

Correspondence: None

Urgent matters to be considered with permission of the Chairman: None

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