

Minutes of the **Council**  
of the **Test Valley Borough Council**  
Being held virtually by Microsoft Teams  
on Wednesday 27 January 2021 at 5.30 pm

Attendance:

**Councillor M Hatley (Chairman)**

**Councillor M Cooper (Vice-Chairman)**

Councillor N Adams-King  
Councillor I Andersen  
Councillor G Bailey  
Councillor D Baverstock  
Councillor C Borg-Neal  
Councillor Z Brooks  
Councillor P Bundy  
Councillor T Burley  
Councillor J Burnage  
Councillor D Coole  
Councillor N Daas  
Councillor C Donnelly  
Councillor A Dowden  
Councillor C Dowden  
Councillor D Drew  
Councillor C Ecclestone  
Councillor M Flood  
Councillor S Gidley

Councillor N Gwynne  
Councillor K Hamilton  
Councillor V Harber  
Councillor I Jeffrey  
Councillor A Johnston  
Councillor L Lashbrook  
Councillor P Lashbrook  
Councillor N Lodge  
Councillor N Matthews  
Councillor R Meyer  
Councillor K North  
Councillor P North  
Councillor J Parker  
Councillor R Rowles  
Councillor T Tasker  
Councillor C Thom  
Councillor A Ward  
Councillor A Warnes

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**Prayers**

The Mayor opened the meeting by reflecting on the number of deaths in the UK which had passed the 100,000 mark. Thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost someone to the pandemic.

The Mayor also marked today as Holocaust memorial day however due to the current restrictions the day could not be marked as it normally would.

Prayers were led by Reverend John Wharton followed by a short period of silence to remember all those that had lost their lives to the pandemic and those who suffered as a result of the holocaust.

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**Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Cross.

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**Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

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**Declarations of Interest**

The Mayor reminded Members that a dispensation had been granted in respect of item 11 on the agenda, the Members Allowances Scheme, so Members were able to take part in that item.

There were no declarations of interest.

353 **To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 11 November 2020**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the meeting held on 11 November 2020 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.**

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**Mayor's Announcements**

Following a request from Councillors Andersen and P Lashbrook the Mayor confirmed that the Chief Executive had agreed that officers would be instructed to lower flags flying on Council buildings to half-mast on the day of the announcement of the death of a sitting or former Test Valley Borough Council Councillor.

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**To receive and adopt Committee reports**

**Minutes of Meetings:**

**Resolved:**

**That the minutes of the following Committees and Cabinet meetings be received:**

*Northern Area Planning Committee – 22 October 2020*

*Southern Area Planning Committee – 27 October 2020*

*General Purposes Committee – 4 November 2020*

*Cabinet – 4 November 2020*

*Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 10 November 2020*

*Southern Area Planning Committee – 17 November 2020*

*Licensing Committee – 19 November 2020*

*Cabinet – 2 December 2020*

*Southern Area Planning Committee – 8 December 2020*

*Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 9 December 2020*

*Northern Area Planning Committee – 7 January 2021*

*Southern Area Planning Committee – 12 January 2021*

*Cabinet – 13 January 2021*

*Overview & Scrutiny Committee – 20 January 2021*

**To adopt recommendations from the following:**

Cabinet – 2 December 2020

Asset Management Plan Update

**Resolved:**

- 1. That the revised 2020/21 and original 2021/22 Asset Management Plan be approved and funded as set out in paragraph 9.5 and Annex 1 and 2 to the report.**
- 2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, after consultation with the Finance Portfolio holder and Head of Service responsible for any project, be authorised to amend the Asset Management Plan during the year, as discussed in paragraph 7.3.**

Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/22 – 2023/24

**Resolved:**

- 1. That the Medium Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2021/22 to 2023/24 be approved.**
- 2. That the Medium Term Financial Forecast outlined in Annex 3 to the report be noted.**

Capital Programme Update 2020/21 to 2022/23

**Resolved:**

1. That the new capital schemes with a total cost of £1,150,000 as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be added to the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme.
2. That the revised estimates and financing for the 2020/21 to 2022/23 Capital Programme as shown in Annex 2 to the report, be approved.

Funding enhancements to the sports and recreational facilities under construction at Ganger Farm, Romsey

**Resolved:**

That in order to secure enhancements to sports and recreational facilities at Ganger Farm:

1. £207,705 of capital spend be included in the Council's Capital Programme for 2020/21.
2. That recommendation 1 be funded as follows:
  - a. £82,426 from unallocated section 106 Developer contributions
  - b. £125,279 from the Capital Receipts Reserve pending receipt of and recoupment from further Section 106 Developer contributions and external funding.

Abbotswood on site public art commission

**Resolved:**

1. That £56,000 be allocated from Section 106 contributions for on-site public art in respect of the public art commission for Abbotswood in Romsey.
2. That £5,869 be allocated from Section 106 contributions for on-site public art in respect of the future maintenance.
3. To award the contract to Thrussells (Thomas and Gary Thrussell).

Cabinet – 13 January 2021

Council Tax Support Scheme 2021/22

**Resolved:**

1. That the Council Tax Support scheme for 2021/22, as shown in Annex 1 to the report, be approved.
2. That the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, be authorised to make any necessary changes to the Scheme that are required by the Council Tax Reduction Schemes (Prescribed Requirements) Regulations 2021 when they are confirmed by the Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government.
3. In the event that the temporary uplift to Universal Credit continues, the Head of Finance and Revenues, in consultation with the Finance Portfolio Holder, be authorised to continue to disregard the increase in income as a national response to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Nutrient Neutrality – Off Site Mitigation Financial Contributions Framework

**Resolved:**

1. That the Council approves a framework for seeking financial contributions to address the adverse effects on the international designated nature conservation sites (SPAs, SACs and Ramsar sites) in and around the Solent from excessive nutrients in the water environment, as set out in the Annex to the report.
2. That the financial contributions be used to secure the use of land, including through the purchase of land and/or credits, to provide off site mitigation solutions in order to achieve nutrient neutral development.
3. That the Head of Planning Policy and Economic Development in consultation with the Planning Portfolio Holder be authorised to make changes of a minor nature to improve the presentation of the Annex to the report and to correct typographical errors prior to publication.

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**Questions under Rule 11.1**

There were no questions under rule 11.1.

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### **Questions under Rule 11.2**

1. Councillor Meyer submitted a question asking 'Should they choose to exercise their Powers and Duties, will the Council Leader support Andover Town Council's building and operation of new Andover Public Toilets on land currently owned by this Council, subject to the necessary planning permissions?'

*The Leader responded in that the Borough Council already facilitated a number of toilets in various locations in Andover Town Centre which were open to the public including the relatively new fully accessible Changing Places toilet which would help people with complex disabilities. The Leader reminded Members that the Council had recently adopted a brand new Master Plan for the town which involved much of the Council's current land holdings however, if the Andover Town Council had a detailed proposal they would like to discuss with the Council then the Leader would be happy to hear it.*

2. Councillor Meyer submitted a question asking 'Does the Cabinet have any plans to introduce this financial year or next, a Test Valley Business Investment Fund, to help the creation of and to support the sustainable growth of local independent businesses within Test Valley? If not, can the Council Leader advise as to whether the Cabinet has a considered position on the introduction of such an Investment Fund?'

*The Economic Development and Tourism Portfolio Holder reminded Members that the Council had both the Business Investment Grant and the Independent Retail Grant with a total over the last three years of £103,500. That wasn't a Business Investment Fund as such but the Council was investing in businesses which was hopefully sustainable for the future. In addition the Council had a skills fund from the Andover Airfield application in 2011 that was close to £0.5m. On page 214 in the minutes book there was a reference to the Overview and Scrutiny on 9 December when there was an Economic Portfolio review. The presentation dealt with how the Council would back sustainable business across Test Valley. More recently on 13 January 2021 The Economic Development and Tourism Portfolio Holder took the Interim Economic Development Strategy plan to Cabinet which looked at how the Council would continue to encourage investment in businesses across Test Valley for a sustainable future.*

*Lastly it was important to be aware that the Council had put £375,000 into the Hampshire Community Bank which would be directly invested in businesses along the lines of Councillor Meyer's question. The Council were due to add a further £150,000 to that cause which was in the capital programme. Investors in that Bank included other Hampshire authorities, Solent University and Portsmouth University. More information was available on the Council's website. The Council do not have a Business Investment Fund plan at the moment and it would not be recommended as its not the Council's place to pick winners however the Council very comprehensively support the local business economy.*

3. Councillor Coole submitted a question asking 'The Test Valley Borough Council/Andover Town Council negotiations on the transfer of Andover Special Expenses Levy Services' assets, services and responsibilities, continue to be subjected unacceptable and questionable delays by Test Valley Borough Council.

For 10 months, I have been requesting the most basic information regarding Andover Special Expenses Levy Services and have been denied it by various excuses including COVID-19, both as the TVBC Minority Opposition Group Leader and as a Member of Andover Town Council. Over the same period, 493 Freedom of Information requests were dealt with by the Council. If the excuses given to me are to be believed after 10 months, then it either suggests the Council is incapable of delivering the most basic of Andover Levy information to Members and other Local Authorities, or it is being deliberately obstructive. The Borough Council continues to drag its heels over the provision of capital valuations of the assets maintained by the Levy Services. This is contrary to the Local Government Association/National Association of Local Councils' One Community Guide to Effective Partnership Working between Principal and Local Councils. It is also contrary to various Acts of Parliament, to deny Members access to information they require to carry out their tasks.

On 7th March 2020, the Section 151 Officer was requested to provide, amongst other Levy-related information, capital valuations of the assets maintained by the Levy Services. The information was not provided. On 20th May, following an update request, the Section 151 Officer confirmed the information would be forwarded as soon as possible. At the 10th June Council Meeting in response to my Levy Question under Rule 11, the Deputy Leader confirmed the outstanding Levy information would be provided. The information was not provided. A further Question under Rule 11 was submitted for the 11th November TVBC Council Meeting but later withdrawn after the Chief Executive provided the majority of outstanding information on 21st October and promised the remaining financial information would be provided over the forthcoming weeks. The remaining information was not provided.

Can you please confirm exactly when this Council will end this Andover Levy nonsense and exactly when the outstanding capital valuation information will be provided to both myself and Andover Town Council?

*The Deputy Leader responded that all the information in respect of the levy was provided by the Chief Executive on 21 October. It should be noted that as no Borough Council assets were included within the levy charge Councillor Coole had all of the levy information requested. As a result the provision of information about the value of TVBC assets in Andover was purely an academic exercise. The staff who would need to undertake this work were currently involved in the priority areas of paying the Covid grants and preparing next year's Council budget. Therefore the information that Councillor Coole had requested would be provided in due course once this work was completed.*

Councillor Coole asked a supplementary question 'is it not true that the only reason Capital valuation does not feature in the Andover Levy services as stated in the 2020 budget precept report the only reason it is not included is because you do not include those calculations in the levy as listed in the report by former Head of Finance, Mr Will Fullbrook.'

*The Deputy Leader explained that the levy doesn't pay for any of the assets and there were no assets included in the levy.*

Councillor Coole referred the Deputy Leader to the 2020 budget precept budget book report where he felt that it quite clearly stated the reason why asset valuations were not included in the levy services and therefore did not agree with the Deputy Leader's response.

*The Deputy Leader suggested that Councillor Coole did not understand how the levy and local government finance worked and he would be happy, when the officers have time, to arrange for him to be informed as to how the levy is different to the asset valuation.*

4. Councillor Coole submitted a question asking 'Can you please advise what this Council's total annual Andover BID Levy bill was for 2020/21, what the total forecasted bill is for 2021/22, how much additional financial support has this Council provided Andover BID since its formation, and as a total how much further additional financial support does this Council currently plan to give Andover BID for both the remaining period of 2020/21 and for 2021/22?'

*The Leader responded that the Test Valley Borough Council Bid levy for 2020/21 was £19,276 and the estimate for 2021/22 is £20,000. In terms of direct contributions to the Bid, Test Valley had contributed £15,000 towards the pilot town centre ranger scheme and although not direct contributions to the Bid the Council had also worked alongside the Bid to deliver single wifi provision in the town including the Chantry Centre and Town Mills at a cost of just short of £15,000. The Council were also working with the Bid to help fund an exciting programme of town centre events to the tune of £15,000 that is known to increase footfall when the high streets reopen again. Again not a direct contribution to the Bid but a joint project to promote Andover Town Centre.*

Councillor Coole asked a supplementary question 'is Romsey town receiving the same contributions as the Andover Bid?'

*The Leader responded that there was no Bid in Romsey but Romsey received a large amount of money from the Council and a lot of that were projects that had filtered through from Romsey Future. He would be happy to provide Councillor Coole with a list of all the contributions that the Council had made to projects in Romsey.*

5. Councillor Dowden submitted a question asking 'Would the Leader instigate ASAP a review of the Planning Enforcement process at Test Valley Borough Council?'

*The Deputy Leader would be supportive of that and suggested that any review of planning enforcement should be conducted and led by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a scope prepared for that Committee to take this forward.*

6. Councillor A Dowden submitted a question asking 'Anti-Social Behaviour during the last six months in Valley Park has increased significantly. The Valley Park Parish Council and the Community Association along with Hampshire Constabulary, Places People have been holding Team's meetings, hosted by Test Valley Officers.

The group have concluded that the only way to reduce such behaviour is to raise funding to employ Youth Outreach worker's for at least two evenings a week with the specific aims of reducing such behaviour. Will the Council Leader commit to help with the funding of such a project.?'

*The Leader responded that the pandemic and lockdown in particular has had a marked effect on young people and the provision of services for them. Test Valley Borough Council officers had been working hard with other partners to identify ways to engage young people with constructive positive activities in Valley Park. As part of the discussions with partners the Borough Council had already allocated sports development funding for the area as pump priming to help set up and establish a sustainable sports and physical activity programme as part of the partnership approach to engaging with and supporting young people in the area. Whilst Test Valley Borough Council was not directly responsible for the provision of youth services they do work hard across the Borough to support the work of community groups and organisations that do so much for young people whether that be running a youth network meeting for practitioners, maintaining the directory of services available for children and young people in Test Valley or in cases such as this helping facilitate local conversations to develop area specific plans and projects. The Council could have and were already committed to supporting such projects.*

Councillor Dowden asked a supplementary question 'the Parish Council has agreed to put in £4,000 towards employing youth outreach workers if the Borough Council does not support, because this is an expensive project up to £15,000, the police have insufficient numbers to police the area, the borough is suffering substantial costs due to the damage being caused and therefore without support from the Borough Council this project will not go ahead. Places Leisure have agreed to offer facilities to assist but what we need first and the advice from Youth Options is that we need detached youth workers to get to know these individuals and probably to be able to direct to the police the actual trouble makers. So I repeat would the Leader support this project otherwise it will not go ahead.

*The Leader responded that the Council had been working in partnership with various organisations on the ground to try to deal with the problem in a different and more positive way and had already put in quite a lot of money to the tune of £7,000. Councillor Dowden had recently applied for grant funding which both the Leader and Councillor Jeffrey would look on favourably. Primarily the responsibility for youth work was a function of Hampshire County Council and suggested that Councillor Dowden had conversations within Hampshire County Council as he was a County Council member. The Leader would however be more than happy to hear more details of the proposal in Valley Park.*

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### **Notice of Motion - Rule 12**

1. Council considered the following motion moved by Councillor Coole and seconded by Councillor Harber.

‘That this Council resolves to:

Write to our Members of Parliament and the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, urging them to introduce legislation to substantially reduce the maximum noise level of fireworks sold to the public for private displays.

Continue to actively encourage the advanced publication of all public firework displays within the Borough’s boundary, to allow residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people, and to promote an advanced public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks – including precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks.’

**Upon being put to the vote the motion was carried.**

2. Council considered the following motion moved by Councillor Coole and seconded by Councillor Ecclestone.

‘That in the interests of transparency, the way that individual Members vote on Resolutions and Motions be recorded for all Council and Committee Meetings and be made publicly available on the Council’s Website. And that the Council’s Constitution be amended accordingly.’

**Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.**

3. Council considered the following motion moved by Councillor Coole and seconded by Councillor Harber.

That to combat period poverty, this Council will:

Provide free period products in Council owned/managed female and gender-neutral toilet rooms or cubicles.

Top up the Government's Period Product Scheme for Schools and Colleges in England provision from 35% to 100% by making available on application, a Period Poverty Payment of £17.30 per eligible student to Schools and Colleges in Test Valley, to help them provide free period products in their female and gender-neutral owned/managed toilet rooms or cubicles.

Invite and encourage all Test Valley Parish/Town Councils, businesses, charities, community and other organisations, to introduce free period products in their female and gender-neutral owned/managed toilet rooms or cubicles.'

The Mayor stated that under Council Procedure Rule 12.4, a motion whose subject matter comes within the province of the Cabinet or any Committee, shall, upon being moved and seconded stand referred to the Cabinet or Committee for consideration and report without discussion, save for the mover of the motion reading it out should they wish to do so.

**The Mayor confirmed that the subject matter of this motion falls within scope of the Cabinet, and therefore stands referred to Cabinet.**

4. Council considered the following motion moved by Councillor Ecclestone and seconded by Councillor Coole.

'In light of the lack of public consultation when the Andover War Memorial was originally moved in 1956 and the on-going groundswell of public opinion for the restoration to its position on the High Street we move:

That TVBC joins with Andover Town Council in conducting a public consultation on the resiting of the Memorial on the High Street with the goal of a Referendum in May 2021 on the subject for the residents of Andover.'

**Upon being put to the vote the motion was lost.**

5. Council considered the following motion moved by Councillor Coole and seconded by Councillor Ecclestone.

Before Councillor Coole read out his Motion, The Mayor reminded Councillors that an application in relation to the Rendezvous was to be considered at the Council's Northern Area Planning Committee the following evening. He also reminded members sitting on that Committee who wished to contribute to debate that they should avoid predetermining their position in the course of debate

'That the Andover Special Expenses Levy Service Community Hall, The Rendezvous, be repurposed as a Town Centre Youth Club.'

**Upon being put to the vote the Motion was lost.**

6. The motion on the agenda to be proposed by Councillor Adams King and seconded by Councillor Bundy relating to a South Hampshire Green Belt designation for the countryside surrounding the cities of Southampton and Portsmouth and continued support to the Partnership for South Hampshire was not dealt with within the time allowed for the meeting and therefore stands referred to the next Council meeting on Friday 27 February 2021.

### 359 **Members' Allowances Scheme - Recommendations of the Independent Review Panel**

Consideration was given to a report by the Corporate Portfolio Holder which set out the recommendations of the Independent Review Panel which recommended a new scheme of allowances. The Panel met on 26 and 27 October 2020 and comprised Mr Trevor Cox, Mr Michael Cronin and Mr Steve Vale who chaired the Panel.

The Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003 provides for each Local Authority to decide its own scheme and the amounts to be paid under that scheme.

Councils are required to establish and maintain an Independent Remuneration Panel to provide the Council with advice on its Members' Allowances Scheme and the amounts to be paid. The Panel was also asked to examine the current allowances paid to the Mayor and Deputy Mayor to cover their expenses and to recommend the future level of these allowances.

The Corporate Portfolio Holder stated that in light of the position the Council finds itself in as a result of the pandemic it would be prudent to delay the increase of allowances until 1 September 2021.

#### **Resolved:**

1. **That the Independent review panel's report, attached as Annex 1 to the report, be noted.**
2. **That the following recommendations be considered and if accepted that from 7 May 2021 to 31 August 2021 payment shall be made to Members in the amounts as provided for in the scheme of the Members Allowances adopted by Council on the 23 January 2019 and that from the 1 September 2021 the recommendations in the following paragraphs shall take effect.**
3. **That payment of the Basic Allowance and Special Responsibility Allowances (SRA) be paid as set out at Annex 2.**
4. **No member of the Council shall receive more than one SRA.**
5. **If a Councillor is unable to undertake all more most of the duties covered by an SRA for a continuous period of one calendar month or more because of illness, the provision in the Members Allowances Regulations to adjust the allowance payable to that Councillor pro rata to the proportion of the year for which the special responsibilities have not been undertaken will be applied. A Councillor who takes on the**

duties covered by an SRA for a continuous period of one month or more, when another Councillor is ill, absent or unavailable for other reasons shall be entitled to receive the SRA pro rata for the period in question.

6. A Child Care and Dependent Carer's Scheme will be available, which:
  - a. Makes payment towards the costs necessarily incurred by a Councillor in engaging a carer to look after children or dependents who live at the same address as the Councillor, when the Councillor is absent from home undertaking any of the duties set out in Regulation 7 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003.
  - b. Provides an hourly payment in line with actual costs incurred by the Councillor in purchasing the care, up to a maximum of £13.26 per hour (subject to any CPI-based adjustment in April 2021).
  - c. Precludes any payment if the caring is undertaken by a member of the Councillor's own immediate family (e.g. spouse, partner, older child or grandparent).
  - d. Limits the maximum level of payment in any one week to a maximum of 8 hours or the duration of 2 hours (whichever is the lesser period).
7. Travel and subsistence allowances will be paid in respect of the same "approved duties" as in the Council's previous arrangements for such allowances.
8. Subsistence allowances will be paid to cover the costs actually incurred by Councillors, but not exceeding the following rates (subject to any CPI-based adjustment in April 2021):
  - a. Daytime (more than four hours away, ending before 7pm): £7.23
  - b. Evening (more than four hours away, ending after 7pm): £12.66
9. The following rates of travel allowance will be paid:
  - a. Use of member's own car: 45p per mile (all engine sizes)
  - b. Use of member's own motorcycle: 24p per mile (all engine sizes)
  - c. Use of member's own bicycle: 20p per mile
  - d. Payment for carrying passengers: 5p per passenger per mile.

The above rates will be kept in line with HMRC's assessment of "per mile" operating costs.
10. Reimbursement of the costs for rail travel will be paid, but restricted to the appropriate class other than first class.

11. **Payments will be made to any co-opted members of the same travel and subsistence allowances which apply to Councillors in respect of attendance at meetings etc. plus any reasonable out of pocket expenses incurred, subject to the approval of the Head of Legal and Democratic Services.**
12. **All the above allowances and allowance rates, other than the rates of travel allowance, will be indexed as follows:**
  - a. **In the case of the Basic and Special Responsibility Allowances an increase on 1 April 2022 of the same percentage as the increase/decrease in the Consumer Prices Index for the preceding September; and increases/decreases thereafter on the 1 April each year by the same percentage as the increase/decrease in the Consumer Prices Index for the preceding September**
  - b. **In the case of the allowance rates, an increase on 1 April 2021 of the same percentage as the Consumer Prices index for September 2020; and increases/decreases thereafter on 1 April each year by the same percentage as the increase/decrease in the Consumer Prices Index for the preceding September.**
13. **All allowances will be withheld or recovered from any Councillor who is suspended or disqualified.**
14. **The attendance records of members at meetings will be published on the Council's website.**
15. **A full review of all allowances by the Independent Review Panel will be undertaken in the Summer or Autumn of 2024 with a view to recommending a revised allowance scheme for implementation from May 2025), unless members wish allowances to be reviewed again at an earlier stage, or there are changes in the Council's organisation or structure which require an earlier review of the current scheme.**
16. **The Borough Council is also recommended to set its Mayoral and Deputy Mayoral Allowances for 2021/22 at £16,500 and £6,050 respectively, with these allowances being increased on 1 April 2022 by the same percentage as the increase in the Consumer Prices Index for the preceding September; and increased thereafter on the 1 April each year by the same percentage as the increase in the Consumer Prices index for the preceding September.**

360 **Andover Town Centre and South of Romsey Town Centre Project - Amended Delegation**

Consideration was given to a report by the Leader and Deputy Leader to update and amend the delegated authority for the expenditure of budget related to the regeneration of Andover and Romsey town centres.

The report outlined proposed amendments to the delegated authority for approving future expenditure arising from the Andover and Romsey masterplan projects.

**Resolved:**

**That delegated authority for the expenditure from the allocated Masterplan budget be amended as follows:**

- a) For works up to and including the ceiling sum of £5,000 delegated authority be given to the Regeneration Manager or Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development;**
- b) For works up to and including the ceiling sum of £25,000 delegated authority be given to the Regeneration Manager or Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development in consultation with Head of Finance & Revenues;**
- c) For works above £25,000 up to and including £50,000 delegated authority be given to the Regeneration Manager or Head of Planning Policy & Economic Development in consultation with Head of Finance & Revenues, Finance Portfolio Holder and either the Andover Vision Portfolio Holder, where the expenditure relates to Andover Town Centre, or the Romsey Future Portfolio Holder where the expenditure relates to South of Romsey Town Centre;**
- d) For works over £50,000 approval will be required in line with the Council's Financial Regulations.**

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**Rule 9.2**

**Resolved:**

**That as the business was unlikely to be concluded by 9:30 pm the meeting be extended by 30 minutes under the provision of Rule 9.2.**

(The meeting terminated at 10.15 pm)