

POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

3 November 2022 at 8.00 pm

Present: Councillors Gunner (Chair), Pendleton (Vice-Chair), Mrs Cooper (Substitute for Roberts), Cooper, Dixon, Goodheart, Oppler, Stanley and Dr Walsh

Councillors Gregory, Haywood and Yeates were also in attendance for all or part of the meeting.

391. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE

An Apology for Absence had been received from Councillor Roberts.

392. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest made.

393. EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE HOUSING & WELLBEING COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 NOVEMBER 2022

The Chair referred to the Extraordinary Meeting of the Housing & Wellbeing Committee that had been held immediately prior to this meeting and confirmed that the minutes from that meeting had been circulated to Members.

These minutes contained a recommendation at Minute 390 [Cost of Living Report] and the Chair read out the recommendation to the Committee. This was asking the Committee to approve (1.3) a virement of £180,000 to fund the cost-of-living crisis initiatives identified in recommendation 1.2 from additional interest on balances in 2022/23. It confirmed that if there were any monies outstanding, the matter would be reported back to the Housing & Wellbeing Committee for decision on spending.

The Chair invited debate on this recommendation. A question was raised by Councillor Stanley over finances where he sought confirmation that any funding from Arun to the Citizens Advice would be allocated to supporting only Arun residents and not residents from any other authority. Assurance was provided by the representative in attendance from the Arun and Chichester Citizens Advice that this would be the case.

Councillor Stanley then confirmed that he wished to make an amendment to the recommendation to read as follows (additions have been made using **bold**):

“To approve (1.3) a virement of £180,000 to fund the cost-of-living crisis initiatives identified in recommendation 1.2 from additional interest on balances in 2022/23. If there are any monies outstanding it comes back to the Housing & Wellbeing Committee for decision on spending **on items relating to the cost of living emergency**”.

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This amendment was then seconded by Councillor Dixon.

As there was no discussion on this amendment, it was approved by the Committee.

The Chair then returned to the substantive recommendation, as amended, which was duly proposed by Councillor Pendleton and seconded by Councillor Cooper.

The Committee

RESOLVED

To approve (1.3) a virement of £180,000 to fund the cost-of-living crisis initiatives identified in recommendation 1.2 from additional interest on balances in 2022/23. If there are any monies outstanding it comes back to the Housing & Wellbeing Committee for decision on spending on items relating to the cost of living emergency.

(The meeting concluded at 8.06 pm)