

DISS TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Executive Committee held via Zoom on **Wednesday 15th December 2021 at 8pm.**

Present: Councillors: D. Poulter (Chair)
M. Gingell (Vice-Chair)
S. Browne
K. Murphy
S. Olander (ex-officio)
J. Robertson
E. Taylor (ex-officio)
J. Welch
J. Wooddissee

In attendance: S. French (Deputy Town Clerk)
A. Jamieson (RFO)

EX1221/01 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Valori.

EX1221/02 **NOMINATION OF SUBSTITUTE REPRESENTATIVES**
Councillor Welch was nominated to substitute for Councillor Valori.

EX1221/03 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

EX1221/04 **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There were no members of the public present.

EX1221/05 **BUDGET 2022/23**
Councillors discussed the report ref 47/2021. The level of increase that is proposed by the report is currently sitting at 1.29% having been brought down by the RFO from 6.5% in previous report. Members discussed and agreed that they would propose that Diss Town Council should aim for a 2.5% increase on precept. Members noted that the current inflation rate is thought to be sitting around 5.9%.

Councillors discussed moving some money from Earmarked Reserves (EMR) to the general fund to look at getting the precept to 2.5%. Members agreed that the Budget Action Group would have another meeting before the Full Council meeting to look at which projects money can be moved from to enable a 2.5% precept request. It was:

RESOLVED: The budget will be funded in part by a 2.5% increase in precept with Council to delegate responsibility to the Deputy Town Clerk and the Budget Action Group to propose reprofiling of Earmarked Reserves allocations in order to achieve the '22/23 original EMR' on appendix 4 of report 47/2122 and to submit their recommendations to the January Full Council meeting.

EX1221/06 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
Members noted that the next meeting of the Executive Committee is scheduled for Wednesday 2nd March 2022.

Meeting closed at 9pm.

Chairman: Councillor Poulter