



**Minutes of the Oversight Committee, held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 19:00, at Old
Landscore School, Greenway, Credition, EX17 3LP**

Present: Cllrs S Huxtable, G Fawssett, G Cochran, R Backhouse and J Cairney
Apologies: Cllrs L Brookes-Hocking, F Letch and J Harris
Minute Taker: Rachel Avery – Town Clerk

MINUTES

58 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr Huxtable opened the meeting at 19.02 and members introduced themselves.

59 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public in attendance.

60 APOLOGIES

Decision: It was resolved to approve apologies from Cllr F Letch (personal) and Cllrs L Brookes-Hocking and Harris (holiday). (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

61 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

61.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

61.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

There were no dispensation requests.

62 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

It was **noted** that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

63 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business.

64 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

65 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Decision: The minutes from the Oversight Committee meeting held on Tuesday, 10 September 2024, were **approved** as a correct record. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

66.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN 01 SEPTEMBER 2024 AND 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Decision: The transactions between 01 September 2024 and 30 September 2024 were **approved**. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

66.2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

Decision: The bank reconciliation to 30 September 2024 was **approved**. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

66.3 TO NOTE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2024

The bank account balances as of 30 September 2024, were **noted**.

66.4 TO NOTE YEAR TO DATE REPORT

The document was **noted**.

67 MDDC ASSETS AND FUNDING

Consideration was given to the report.

Decision: It was **resolved** to request further information as a matter of urgency. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

Decision: It was **resolved** that a meeting would take place on Thursday 24 October at 11.00.

68 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Decision: It was **resolved** to approve the Sexual Harassment Policy, noting that mention of councillors should be included in the document. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran)

69 DEVON COUNTY COUNCIL PENSION FUND REQUEST

Consideration was given to the report.

Decision: It was resolved to write to DCC, requesting confirmation that:

- Devon County Council investigates withdrawing £84 million that remains in investments and pension funds from companies selling arms to Israel including Rolls Royce (£1,951,241), Barclays Bank (£12,889,533), BAE Systems (£4,969,449), and Babcock (£360,850)
- that DCC will seek to fully divest from these companies and to uphold values of peace, justice, and ethical responsibility. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable, Cllr Cairney abstained from voting)

70 OLD LANDSCORE SCHOOL

It was **noted** that Old Landscore School would close on 01 November 2024.

71 WEBSITE

It was **noted** that the Town Clerk would obtain two further quotes for the website.

72 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Decision: Following the additional meeting of the Oversight Committee, it was **resolved** that the next scheduled meeting will take place on Tuesday 12 November 2024. (Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

73 PART II

Decision: It was resolved to approve the exclusion of the public and press were from the meeting under section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.
(Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

74 STAFFING

Decision: It was resolved to approve the proposal as set out in item 4.1 of the report.
(Proposed by Cllr Huxtable)

75 COUNCIL OFFICES

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update.

76 REPORTS PACK

Signed

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