

Ashington Town Council

DRAFT Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Services Committee Meeting held at 6:00pm on Wednesday 3rd August 2022, in The Council Chamber, Town Hall

COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Cllrs Lynne Grimshaw (Chair) Caroline Ball, Michelle Brannigan, Marjorie Chambers, Glyn Davies, Jim Lang, John Tully, Sophie Robinson, Pauline Thompson, and Bob Walkinshaw.

ALSO, IN ATTENDANCE:

Sarah Eden – Clerk/RFO, Stephen Humphrey – ATC Assets and Facilities Manager, Sharon Parmley – Administration (Minute taking)

The Chair sought members agreement to receive an urgent item (Minute Reference FGS 22/340), the Chair believing it was urgent by reason of special circumstances i.e. the matter having arisen since the agenda was prepared and it was unreasonable to delay a decision until the next meeting.

FGS 22/233 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Eleanor Armstrong, Victor Bridges, Louis Brown, Vicky Brown, Matthew Cuthbert, Lawrence Henderson, Liam Lavery and Mark Purvis.

FGS 22/234 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

There were no disclosures of interests.

FGS 22/235 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

FGS 22/236 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

FGS 22/237 SUSPENSION OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was AGREED to suspend Financial Regulation 11 to allow consideration of a single contract price, for the reasons set out in enclosure ii, sent out in advance of the meeting.

FGS 22/238 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

It was AGREED to PASS the following resolution.

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, permitted under Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Exempt Information) (England) Order 2006) Act as the matter is commercially sensitive.

FGS 22/239 STANDPIPES ON ALLOTMENTS**a) NWL Reports**

It was AGREED to RECEIVE relevant contraventions extracted from NWL reports on standpipes on allotments with reference to the Water Supply (Water Fitting) Regulations 1999 sent out in advance of the meeting.

b) Quotation

It was AGREED to RECEIVE a quotation for the work required, and additional work requested by Allotment Associations sent out in advance of the meeting.

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It was **FURTHER AGREED** that the order be placed with W.L Straughans as follows:
Cost per replacement tap of £525 (no. 55 taps x £525= £28,875). No. 50 existing taps and no. 5 additional taps requested by Allotment Associations.

Additional works to re-site any tap is at £575 per day plus materials. This work is estimated at 3 days (3 days x £575 + £750=£2,475).

Total £31,350

Green Lane Allotment Association will contribute the full cost towards the additional no. one tap requested (£575).

Woodhorn Road Allotment Association will contribute the full cost towards the additional no. two taps requested (£1,150).

Seaton Hirst Allotment Association will contribute the full cost towards the additional no. two taps requested (£1,150).

The budget commitment from the Council is £28,725 for these essential works to take place. As a result, the allotment budget requires money moved in at the half-year review.

FGS 22/340 EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM - UPDATED QUOTATION FOR ELECTRIC VEHICLE

It was **AGREED to RECEIVE** a verbal update from the Assets and Facilities Manager regarding the previously received and agreed quote for a new leased electric vehicle.

Previously AGREED Quote

E-dispatch 50kwh Enterprise Pro

Deposit	Deposit (£)	Monthly Payment	Total Cost over term (4 years)
12 month	£ 4,828.56	£ 402.38	£ 24,142.80

It was **AGREED** to proceed with updated quote for the electric vehicle and place the order, at an increased cost of £1,413 over 4 years.

Updated QUOTE

E-dispatch 50kwh Enterprise Pro

Deposit	Deposit (£)	Monthly Payment	Total Cost over term (4 years)
12 months	£ 5,204	£ 423.98	£ 25,555

FGS 22/240 DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th September 2022, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.