# Woodley Town Council

# Minutes of a meeting of the Strategy & Resources Committee held at the Oakwood Centre on Tuesday 21 January 2020 at 8:00 pm

Present: Councillors K. Baker (Chairman); J. Anderson; S. Brindley; A. Chadwick;

T. McCann; B. Rowland; P. Wicks

Officers present: D. Mander, Town Clerk; K. Murray, Deputy Town Clerk;

L. Matthews, Committee Officer

**Also present:** Councillor M. Doyle

2 members of the public

# 59. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J. Cheng and K. Gilder.

# 60. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest made by Members.

# 61. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26 NOVEMBER 2019

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ That the minutes of the Strategy and Resources Committee meeting of 26 November 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

# 62. **COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY**

Members noted that a by-election would be held on 27 February 2020 to fill the casual vacancy in Coronation East ward.

# 63. **FINANCE**

#### a) **Budgetary Control**

The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 1/20.

# **RESOLVED:**

♦ To note Report No. SR 1/20.

# b) Payments

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ To approve the following payments, listed in **Appendix A** (November) and **Appendix B** (December):

|               | Current account | Imprest account |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| November 2019 | £90,447.85      | £51,281.13      |
| December 2019 | £85,658.79      | £51,449.35      |

#### c) Council borrowing

Members noted the schedule of loan repayments provided in the agenda and were pleased to note that the loan in regard to Bulmershe Leisure Centre had been fully paid off in September 2019. Members all agreed that it was very useful for this information to be provided to them when the budget for the following year was being set.

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ That a summary of the Council's outstanding loans would be provided to the Committee annually with the budget information.

#### 64. OAKWOOD CENTRE UPDATE

The Deputy Town Clerk presented report No. 2/20 and informed Members that the installation of solar panels on the Oakwood Centre was complete and the panels were operational.

Members were pleased to note that the seating in the theatre had been reupholstered as part of the improvement plan to upgrade the facility. In reply to a question about the planned upgrading of the audio-visual equipment and connectivity, the Deputy Town Clerk informed Members that advice on the requirements had been sought from hirers and the technicians who had been using the theatre.

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that progress on the Oakwood Centre roof repairs had been slow, partly due to the surveyor assigned to the project having left the company engaged to carry out the next stages of the work. Officers were making arrangements to move the project on as quickly as possible.

#### **RESOLVED:**

♦ To note Report No. SR 2/20.

## 65. **CATERING PARTNERSHIP**

The Deputy Town Clerk presented report No. 3/20 of the Catering Partnership meeting held on 17 January 2020. The report was tabled at the meeting, as the Catering Partnership meeting had taken place after the agenda for this meeting had been issued.

# **RESOLVED:**

◆ To note Report No. SR 3/20.

### 66. **RISK MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY**

a) The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 4/20 of the Risk Management Working Party meeting held on 19 December 2019. Members considered the risk register and a suggestion was made that it would be easier to scrutinise the register if the number of risk items could be reduced by amalgamating some of the items. It was also suggested that the high-risk items could be emphasised by placing them on the front page of the register, regardless of which risk area they came from. The Town Clerk agreed to report these recommendations to the working party. Members also asked that, in future, particular consideration be given to the items concerning the environmental impact of the Council's actions and the Town Council's target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. 4/20.
- b) The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 5/20 of the Risk Management Working Party meeting held on 9 January 2020.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. SR 5/20.
- To recommend that Council adopt the 2020/21 Risk Management Strategy, attached at Appendix C.
- That the Risk Register be presented to Council.

# 67. HUMAN RESOURCES AND HEALTH AND SAFETY ADVICE/SUPPORT

The Town Clerk presented Report No. 6/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. 6/20.
- ♦ To continue to engage Ellis Whittam to provide Human Resources and Health and Safety support and services, as set out in the appendix provided with the report, with effect from 28 February 2020 for a period of 5 years at a cost of £5,950 per annum.

#### 68. **CHARGES 2020/21**

# a) Oakwood Centre charges 2020/21

The Town Clerk presented the Proposed Charges 2020/21 Appendix.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

◆ That the 2020/21 charges at the Oakwood Centre, as set out in the Proposed Charges 2020/21 Appendix, be approved.

## b) Leisure Services charges 2020/21

Members considered the recommendation from the Leisure Services Committee regarding the charges for Town Council leisure facilities. Members thanked the Leisure Services Manager for providing comparison prices for services provided by other facilities, as these were very useful.

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

◆ That the charges for Leisure Services in 2020/21, as set out in the Proposed Charges 2020/21 Appendix, be approved.

#### 69. **REVISED ESTIMATES 2019/20**

# a) Strategy and Resources Committee

The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 7/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- To note Report No. SR 7/20.
- To approve the allocation of any balances remaining in the Legal and Professional Expenditure budget code to an earmarked reserve for that purpose at the 2019/20 year end.
- ◆ To approve the 2019/20 Revised Budget Estimates, as set out in the Budget Appendix.

Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 2

# b) Leisure Services and Planning Committees

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ To approve the 2019/20 Revised Budget Estimates of the Leisure Services and Planning Committees, as set out in the Budget Appendix.

Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 2

#### **70. BUDGET ESTIMATES 2020/21**

# a) Strategy and Resources Committee

The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 8/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. SR 8/20.
- ◆ That the 2020/21 Budget Estimates for the Strategy and Resources Committee, as set out in the Budget Appendix, form part of the 2020/21 Budget and be presented for approval.

Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 2

# b) Leisure Services and Planning Committees

#### **RESOLVED:**

 That the 2020/21 Budget Estimates for the Leisure Services and Planning Committees, as set out in the Budget Appendix, form part of the 2020/21 Budget and be presented for approval.

Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 2

# c) Budget and Precept 2020/21

The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 9/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ To note Report No. SR 9/20.

# **RECOMMENDED:**

- ◆ That the budget for 2020/21 be presented to Council for approval.
- ◆ That a precept level of £1,203,188 for the 2020/21 financial year be presented to Council for approval.

Voting: For: 5 Abstentions: 2

# 71. **CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

The Deputy Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 10/20, which included an initial calculation of the Council's carbon footprint and an explanation of how the assessment had been made. Members were informed of the initial steps that had already been taken to reduce the Council's carbon footprint and the potential future energy savings to be considered.

Members discussed the proposal to set up a Climate Emergency Working Party and considered the draft Terms of Reference.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. SR 10/20.
- ♦ That a Climate Emergency Working Party be established.
- ◆ To approve the draft Terms of Reference of the Climate Emergency Working Party, attached at **Appendix D**.
- ◆ To appoint Councillors Baker, Jewell and Wicks to the Climate Emergency Working Party.

# 72. **PROJECTS SCHEDULE 2019/20**

The Deputy Town Clerk presented the updated Projects Schedule 2019/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

To note the information contained in the updated Projects Schedule 2019/20.

# 73. **COMMUNITY GRANTS**

Due to the lateness of the hour it was

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ◆ That the review of the guidelines for awarding Community Grants to groups and organisations and to individuals be deferred until the next meeting on 28 April 2020.
- 74. It was proposed by the Chairman and

#### **RESOLVED:**

◆ That as business was unlikely to be completed by 10pm the meeting continue in order to complete the business set out in the agenda.

#### 75. **WOODLEY BUSINESS CLUB**

Members considered a request from Woodley Business Club for free use of the Oakwood Centre for the 2020 Festival of Business and for the monthly committee meetings relating to the Festival in 2020.

#### **RESOLVED:**

• That officers determine all the organisations that are given use of the Oakwood Centre for free, or for a discounted rate, and that this information be provided to the next meeting.

# 76. **WOODLEY TOWN COUNCIL WEBSITE STATISTICS**

Members noted the statistics for website views, searches and usage given in the agenda.

# 77. **COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL)**

- a) Members noted that the November Neighbourhood CIL Proportion (Transfer to Parish/Town Councils) Report identified potential CIL funds to the Town Council of £72,085.
- b) Members noted that CIL payment of £38,621 received by Wokingham Borough Council was due to be paid to the Town Council in April 2020 and that a further £105,197 due to the Town Council had been invoiced by the Borough Council but not yet received by them.

# 78. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

There were no suggestions for future agenda items.

# 79. **PUBLICITY AND WEBSITE**

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To publicise the following:
  - The work being undertaken by the Town Council with regard to the Climate Emergency.

# 80. **EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

#### **RESOLVED:**

• That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted in relation to legal matters, it was advisable in the public interest that the public and press were temporarily excluded and asked to withdraw for the following agenda items.

# 81. YOUTH SERVICES SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT

The Town Clerk presented Report No. SR 11/20.

#### **RESOLVED:**

- ♦ To note Report No. SR 11/20.
- ◆ To delay the tendering of the contract for the provision of detached youth work and associated support and activities for young people in Woodley and extend the existing Service Level Agreement provided by Just Around the Corner for a period of one year, to 31 March 2021, at the same rate paid in 2019/20.

| The meeting closed at 10:35 pm |  |
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# Woodley Town Council Current Account

# List of Payments made between 01/11/2019 and 30/11/2019

| 04.1140   | AL                                 | 207.00  | D. C                               |
|-----------|------------------------------------|---------|------------------------------------|
|           | Alan Hadley Ltd                    |         | Refuse collection                  |
|           | Alan Hadley Ltd                    |         | Refuse collection                  |
|           | Alan Hadley Ltd                    |         | Refuse collection                  |
|           | Allder Glass Ltd                   |         | Supply & fit new glass OC          |
|           | AYS Cleaning Contractors Ltd       |         | Contract cleaning                  |
|           | Be Fuelcards Ltd                   | 115.43  |                                    |
|           | Be Fuelcards Ltd                   |         | BP Unleaded-Depot                  |
|           | Bourne Amenity Ltd                 |         | Rock salt/spreader                 |
|           | Bowak Ltd                          |         | Cleaning supplies                  |
|           | Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd         |         | Vending supplies                   |
|           | Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd         |         | Vending supplies                   |
|           | Brewers Decorator Centrers         |         | Building supplies                  |
|           | Brown Bag Cafe Ltd                 |         | Catering services                  |
|           | Brown Bag Cafe Ltd                 |         | Catering services                  |
|           | BT Telephone Payment Centre        |         | Phone WPLC                         |
|           | Castle Water                       |         | Water rates                        |
|           | Club Manager Ltd                   |         | Clubmanager monthly fee            |
|           | Crown Gas & Power                  |         | Gas supply - Oakwood Centre        |
|           | Crown Gas & Power                  |         | Gas supply - WPLC                  |
|           | Crown Gas & Power                  |         | Electricity supply                 |
|           | Crown Gas & Power                  |         | Gas supply - Coro Hall             |
|           | EDF Energy 1 Ltd                   |         | Electricity supply                 |
|           | Energy Electrical Distributors Ltd |         | Electrical supplies                |
|           | Energy Electrical Distributors Ltd |         | Electrical supplies                |
|           | Epos Now Ltd                       |         | Monthlly till support              |
|           | Fuel Fitness Ltd                   |         | Coach                              |
|           | Funiture@work Ltd                  |         | Oak framed noticeboard             |
|           | Global 4 Communications            | 294.89  |                                    |
|           | HMRC Cumbernauld                   |         | PAYE & NI                          |
| 01-Nov-19 |                                    |         | Web page monthly charge            |
|           | J P Lennard Ltd                    |         | Badminton nets/ropes               |
|           | John Willis                        |         | Window cleanining                  |
|           | Kim Bedford                        |         | Councillor training                |
|           | Krowmark Ltd                       |         | Staff uniform                      |
|           | Laundry Depot                      |         | Laundry/pressing                   |
|           | LAX Events Ltd                     |         | Sound system-Remembrance day       |
|           | Les Mills Fitness UK Ltd           |         | Bodybalance - Coach                |
|           | Lister Wilder Ltd                  |         | Air blow gun/hose/air line control |
|           | Lloyds Bank                        |         | Cardnet service charges            |
|           | Mailcoms Ltd                       |         | Ink cartridge-post                 |
|           | Mainstream Digital Ltd             |         | Phone                              |
|           | Merchant Rentals Ltd               |         | Cardnet rental                     |
|           | Merchant Rentals Ltd               |         | Cardnet rental                     |
|           | Office Furniture Online            |         | WPLC office supplies               |
|           | Office Furniture Online            |         | WPLC office supplies               |
|           | Pat Pals Ltd                       |         | Electrical PAT testing             |
|           | PHS Group                          |         | Qtrly dust mat rental              |
| 12-Nov-19 | Plusnet Plc                        |         | Phone OC                           |
|           | Plusnet Plc                        |         | Phone-WPLC                         |
|           | PPL PRS Ltd                        |         | Music licence                      |
|           | PPL PRS Ltd                        |         | Music licence                      |
|           | Prudential                         |         | AVC payment deducted from pay      |
| 15-Nov-19 | Reading Community Energy Soc Ltd   | 1222.19 | Electricity supply                 |
|           |                                    |         |                                    |

| 01-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 15-Nov-19 06-Nov-19 05-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 15-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 22-Nov-19 15-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 01-Nov-19 | SGW Payroll Ltd Siemens Financial Services Spaldings Ltd SSE Southern Electric SSE Southern Electric St John Ambulance SWALEC The Berkshire Pension Fund The Crown Estate Commissoners Trade UK - BandQ Trade UK - Screwfix Tudor Environmental Tudor Environmental Unison Collection Ac | 684.70<br>66.00<br>467.02<br>170.06<br>1100.80<br>80.22<br>471.53<br>1837.46<br>162.00<br>39.41<br>16104.93<br>730.00<br>389.00<br>503.46<br>576.00<br>122.77<br>34.00<br>282.00<br>475.00<br>123.45<br>2246.00<br>358.00<br>162.00<br>884.00<br>386.00 | Support fee - VAT digital tax Grass seed/wild flowers Publicity WTCMI Coronation Hall/Oakwood signs Oct 19 Payroll-services Gym equipment rental Decorating supplies Electricity supply Electricity supply First Aid training Public toilet - Electrical supply Pension - employers and employees WTCMI-Christmas Tree Building supplies Building supplies Gardening supplies Gardening supplies Union fees deducted from pay Phone Premises licence renewal Hire of digger - Depot Rates-WPLC Rates-Coro Hall Rates-Chapel Hall Rates-Oakwood Rates-Public Toilet Town Council elections charges |
|---|--|---|---|
| 01-Nov-19   | Wokingham Borough Council  | 26399.76<br>90447.85  | Town Council elections charges  |

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List of Payments made between 01/11/2019 and 30/11/2019

| Date Paid | Payee Name             | Amount Paid | d                           |
|-----------|------------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 12.00       | College parking charge      |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 27.96       | Halfords spray cans         |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 100.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 200.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 04-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 100.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 11-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 150.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 11-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 11-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 11-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 11-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 100.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 18-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 200.00      | Refund deposit              |
| 18-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 18-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 39.40       | Refund-travel claim         |
| 25-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 25-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 50.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 25-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 45.00       | Refund deposit              |
| 25-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 40.80       | Refund deposit              |
| 25-Nov-19 | (Personal Information) | 54.60       | Inv 15909 paid twice-refund |
| 06-Nov-19 | Amazon.co.uk           | 249.00      | Bissel carpet cleaner       |

| 07-Nov-19 | Amazon.co.uk               | 76.42      | Chalkspray can/snapframes/cups |
|-----------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
| 25-Nov-19 | Amazon.co.uk               | 7.99       | Cable ties                     |
| 25-Nov-19 | Amazon.co.uk               | 18.35      | BIC Clic ball pens             |
| 04-Nov-19 | Aslam                      | 150.00     | Refund deposit                 |
| 27-Nov-19 | DVLA                       | 160.00     | Vehicle tax-RX68 DXZ           |
| 12-Nov-19 | Epos Now Ltd D/D           | 30.00      | Monthly till support licence   |
| 01-Nov-19 | Fast Keys                  | 10.24      | Metal cupboard keys cut        |
| 07-Nov-19 | Floor&Wall Solutions.co.uk | 129.00     | Anti-slip strips               |
| 27-Nov-19 | Lloyds Bank                | 47476.54   | Nov 2019 payroll-net           |
| 08-Nov-19 | Lloyds Bank D/D            | 14.37      | Bank service charges           |
| 14-Nov-19 | Lloyds Bank D/D            | 257.48     | Cardnet service charge         |
| 13-Nov-19 | Mailcoms Ltd D/D           | 89.88      | Ink cartridge-Post             |
| 14-Nov-19 | Mainstream Digital Ltd     | 1.02       | Phone                          |
| 25-Nov-19 | PETTY CASH A/C             | 134.91     | Top up petty cash              |
| 26-Nov-19 | Robert Dyas                | 58.91      | Xmas lighting & batteries      |
| 06-Nov-19 | Shop-flints.co.uk          | 70.70      | Decorating supplies            |
| 01-Nov-19 | Solopress.com              | 231.36     | Flyers & leaflets              |
| 08-Nov-19 | Solopress.com              | 131.22     | Posters & Banners              |
| 26-Nov-19 | Solopress.com              | 50.28      | Banners OC                     |
| 04-Nov-19 | Solpress.com               | 113.70     | Flyers & leaflets              |
| 26-Nov-19 | The Royal British Legion   | 50.00      | 2x Poppy wreaths               |
| 04-Nov-19 | Woodley Central WI         | 50.00      | Refund deposit                 |
| 18-Nov-19 | XL Displays.co.uk          | 150.00     | External notice boards         |
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| D . D . I              | B N  |             |  |
|------------------------|--|-------------|--|
|                        | Payee Name                                     | Amount Paid |  |
|                        | A1 Locksmiths(Berkshire) Ltd                   |             | Depot keys cut                                     |
|                        | ACL Consultancy Solutions Ltd                  |             | Support/advice re SLAs                             |
|                        | Airquee Ltd                                    |             | Annual bouncy castle inspection Refuse collection  |
|                        | Alan Hadley Ltd                                |             |  |
|                        | Angel Springs Ltd AYS Cleaning Contractors Ltd |             | Rental charges<br>Cleaning supplies                |
|                        | Be Fuelcards Ltd                               |             |  |
|                        | Be Fuelcards Ltd                               |             | Annual Admin card charge                           |
|                        | Berkshire Tree Care                            |             | Unleaded fuel-Depot<br>Remove 2x trees Woodford Pk |
| 20-Dec-19<br>20-Dec-19 |  |             |  |
|                        | Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd                     |             | Cleaning supplies<br>Vending supplies              |
|                        | Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd                     |             | Vending supplies  Vending supplies                 |
|                        | Brake Bros Foodservice Ltd                     |             | Vending supplies  Vending supplies                 |
|                        | Brewers Decorator Centrers                     |             | Building supplies                                  |
|                        |  |             | <b>5</b>   |
|                        | Brown Bag Cafe Ltd                             |             | Catering services                                  |
|                        | Brown Bag Cafe Ltd                             |             | Catering services                                  |
|                        | Broxap Ltd                                     |             | Cast iron Ripon seat                               |
|                        | Castle Water                                   |             | Water rates  |
|                        | CDK Casting Ltd                                |             | Bronze plaque                                      |
|                        | CF Corporate Finance Ltd                       |             | Otrly Photocopier rental                           |
|                        | Churchill Contract Services Ltd                |             | Contract Cleaning                                  |
|                        | Club Manager Ltd                               |             | Clubmanager monthly fee                            |
|                        | CoolerAid Ltd                                  |             | Bottled water                                      |
|                        | CoolerAid Ltd                                  |             | Bottled water                                      |
|                        | Crown Gas & Power                              |             | Gas Supply   |
|                        | Crown Gas & Power                              |             | Gas supply   |
|                        | Crown Gas & Power                              |             | Gas supply   |
|                        | Crown Gas & Power                              |             | Gas supply   |
|                        | DCK Accounting Solutions Ltd                   |             | Budget setting support                             |
|                        | EDF Energy 1 Ltd                               |             | Electricity supply                                 |
|                        | Energy Electrical Distributors Ltd             |             | Electrical supplies                                |
|                        | Entertainment Solutions Ltd                    |             | Winter extravaganda entertainment                  |
|                        | Epos Now Ltd D/D                               |             | Monthly EPOS till charge                           |
|                        | Fraser Office Supplies Ltd                     |             | Stationery supplies                                |
|                        | Global 4 Communications                        | 300.05      |  |
|                        | H F Newberry                                   |             | Mayor's Christmas cards - 2019                     |
|                        | HMRC Cumbernauld                               | _           | PAYE & NI  |
| 02-Dec-19              |  |             | Monthly web service fee                            |
|                        | JM Spurling Planning Consultants               |             | Planning report                                    |
|                        | Krowmark Ltd                                   |             | Staff uniform                                      |
|                        | Lamps-Tubes Luminations Ltd                    |             | WTCMI - Christmas lighting                         |
|                        | Lightatouch                                    |             | Internal audit service                             |
|                        | Lloyds Bank D/D                                |             | Bank charges                                       |
|                        | Lloyds Bank D/D                                |             | Cardnet service charge                             |
|                        | Lloyds Bank D/D                                | 37.98       | Bank charges                                       |
|                        | Lyreco UK Ltd                                  | 444.99      | Stationery supplies                                |
| 16-Dec-19              | Mainstream Digital Ltd                         | 2.10        | Phone  |
|                        | Margaret Macknelly Design                      |             | Hearld newsletter Nov 2019 design                  |
|                        | Merchant Rentals Ltd                           |             | Cardnet monthly rental                             |
| 16-Dec-19              | Merchant Rentals Ltd                           | 15.29       | Cardnet monthly rental                             |
| 13-Dec-19              | Pat Pals Ltd                                   | 248.40      | Electrical PAT testing                             |
| 12-Dec-19              | Pitney Bowes Ltd                               | 150.00      | Postage top up                                     |

|           | Plusnet Plc<br>Plusnet Plc       |          | Phone<br>Phone                    |
|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
|           | PPL PRS Ltd                      |          | Music licence                     |
|           | Prudential                       | _        | AVC payment deducted from pay     |
|           | Public Works Loan Board          |          | Loan repayments                   |
|           | R.E.S. Systems Ltd               |          | Fire extinguisher service         |
|           | Rialtas Business Solutions Ltd   |          | Omega software support            |
|           | Round & About Publications Ltd   |          | Half page advert                  |
|           | Sabercom Ltd                     |          | Annual software assurance charge  |
| 13-Dec-19 |                                  |          | Coronation Hall/Oakwood signs     |
|           | SGW Payroll Ltd                  |          | Payroll services                  |
|           | Siemens Financial Services       |          | Gym equipment rental              |
| 04-Dec-19 | SSE Southern Electric            |          | Electricity supply                |
|           | SSE Southern Electric            |          | Electricity supply                |
| 13-Dec-19 | SSE Southern Electric            |          | Electricity supply                |
| 27-Dec-19 | SWALEC                           |          | Public toilet-Electric supply     |
| 06-Dec-19 | Technical Surfaces Ltd           |          | Matchfit 3G pitch service         |
| 20-Dec-19 | Thames Valley Water Services Ltd | 246.00   | Water sample testing              |
| 13-Dec-19 | The Berkshire Pension Fund       | 16204.93 | Pension - employers and employees |
| 04-Dec-19 | The Letterworks Ltd              | 792.00   | Hearld newsletter Nov 2019 issue  |
| 20-Dec-19 | The Reindeer Centre              | 2280.00  | Reindeer & Grotto hire            |
| 06-Dec-19 | The Wokingham Paper Ltd          | 420.00   | WTCMI advertising                 |
| 20-Dec-19 | Trade UK - BandQ                 | 1125.01  | Building supplies                 |
| 20-Dec-19 | Trade UK - Screwfix              | 1007.05  | Building supplies                 |
| 04-Dec-19 | Ukactive                         | 307.50   | Music licence                     |
|           | Unison Collection Ac             |          | Union fees deducted from pay      |
|           | Veolia ES - UK Ltd               |          | Refuse collection                 |
| 18-Dec-19 | Vodafone                         | 370.34   | Phone                             |
| 02-Dec-19 | Wokingham BC - Rates             | 2246.00  | Rates-WPLC                        |
|           | Wokingham BC - Rates             |          | Rates-Coro Hall                   |
|           | Wokingham BC - Rates             |          | Rates-Toilet                      |
|           | Wokingham BC - Rates             |          | Rates-Chapel Hall                 |
| 02-Dec-19 | Wokingham BC - Rates             |          | Rates-Oakwood                     |
|           |                                  | 85658.79 |                                   |

# Woodley Town Council CLERKS IMPREST A/C

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| 02-Dec-19<br>02-Dec-19<br>09-Dec-19<br>10-Dec-19<br>10-Dec-19<br>10-Dec-19 | Payee Name (Personal Information) | Amount Paid 50.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 49.98 Gym member refund 100.00 Grant - Dec 2019 100.00 Grant - Dec 2019 200.00 Grant - Dec 2019 100.00 Grant - Dec 2019 50.00 Refund deposit        |
|--|--|---|
| 16-Dec-19<br>16-Dec-19<br>23-Dec-19<br>23-Dec-19<br>23-Dec-19<br>23-Dec-19 | (Personal Information) Amazon.co.uk                      | 50.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 15.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 50.00 Refund deposit 351.75 Refund deposit 22.99 50m outdoor Ethernet cable |

| 16-Dec-19 | Amazon.co.uk                 | 49.95    | Cups for carol concert            |
|-----------|------------------------------|----------|-----------------------------------|
| 20-Dec-19 | Amazon.co.uk                 | 115.16   | LED lighting TCMI                 |
| 09-Dec-19 | Barbados & Friends           | 150.00   | Refund deposit                    |
| 10-Dec-19 | Berkshire Multiple Sclerosis | 250.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 10-Dec-19 | Kick Twist Cheerleading      | 200.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 16-Dec-19 | Kim Bedford                  | 358.95   | Councillor training               |
| 18-Dec-19 | Lloyds Bank                  | 46700.89 | Net Dec 2019 payroll              |
| 13-Dec-19 | Lloyds Bank D/D              | 13.50    | Bank charges                      |
| 03-Dec-19 | MCOL Justice.gov.uk          | 60.00    | Money online claim                |
| 18-Dec-19 | PETTY CASH A/C               | 171.68   | Top up petty cash                 |
| 09-Dec-19 | PH Retreats Ltd              | 114.50   | Refund deposit                    |
| 02-Dec-19 | Reading Spring Gardens Brass | 50.00    | Refund deposit                    |
| 18-Dec-19 | Replacement keys             | 5.90     | Oakwood key replaced              |
| 16-Dec-19 | SCL Education & Training     | 36.00    | C/m paid invoice in error         |
| 09-Dec-19 | Scribbl.co.uk                | 61.23    | Tea bags                          |
| 12-Dec-19 | Solopress.com                | 35.64    | Flyers & leaflets                 |
| 16-Dec-19 | Stagedepot.co.uk             | 135.15   | 15amp 2 way splitter/bond         |
| 10-Dec-19 | The Link Visiting Scheme     | 250.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 10-Dec-19 | Waitrose                     | 101.08   | Mayor's reception-Wine/mince pies |
| 10-Dec-19 | Wokingham Job Support        | 200.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 10-Dec-19 | Wokingham Veteran Tree Assoc | 100.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 10-Dec-19 | Wokingham Volunteer Centre   | 250.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 10-Dec-19 | Woodley Adpot a Street       | 200.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 23-Dec-19 | Woodley Light Operatic       | 200.00   | Refund deposit                    |
| 10-Dec-19 | Woodley Photographic Club    | 200.00   | Grant - Dec 2019                  |
| 09-Dec-19 | Woodley Womens Guild         | 50.00    | Refund deposit                    |
|           |                              | 51449.35 |                                   |
|           |                              |          |                                   |

# Risk Management Strategy 2020/21

Risk is the threat that an event or action will adversely affect an organisation's ability to achieve its objectives and to successfully execute its strategies. Risk management is the process by which risks are identified, evaluated and controlled. Risk management is an essential feature of good governance. An organisation that manages risk well is more likely to achieve its objectives.

The effective management and mitigation of risk is a key issue for the success of any organisation or activity and it is important to understand the risks inherent in any decision. A structured approach to risk management can achieve this by enabling the decision to be made within a framework of better information about the potential outcome of a particular course of action. The Town Council has adopted a structured approach to risk management.

This strategy is intended as guidance to the Council and its management team and will be made available to all staff.

#### Aims and benefits

The aim of this strategy is to develop an awareness of the benefits of risk management within the Council. It also encourages everyone involved to adopt an open and structured approach to risk management. The Council intends that effective risk management will help to deliver -

- Increased certainty and fewer surprises.
- Better management of threats to cost, time and performance.
- Better grasping of opportunities to improve services.
- More effective management of change.
- Better management at all levels through improved decision making.
- Clear ownership and accountability for risk and its management.
- Better value for money for the council taxpayer.

#### **Process**

The overall process for the management of risk is set out at **Appendix 1**.

#### **Ownership**

The Risk Strategy is owned by the Council and implemented through the offices of the Town Clerk.

#### **Assessment of risk**

Each risk will be assessed in terms of its probability of occurrence and the potential impact on the Council. The following are the criteria by which each risk will be assessed:

#### Probability of Occurrence:

| Category           | Probability | Possible Indicators   |
|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Almost Certain (4) | >90%1       | Frequent occurrence   |
| Likely (3)         | >60%        | Regular occurrence    |
| Possible (2)       | >10%        | Occasional occurrence |
| Unlikely (1)       | <10%        | Has never occurred    |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>·Any risk assessed as greater than 90% is almost certain to happen and should be addressed.

# Evaluation of Impact:

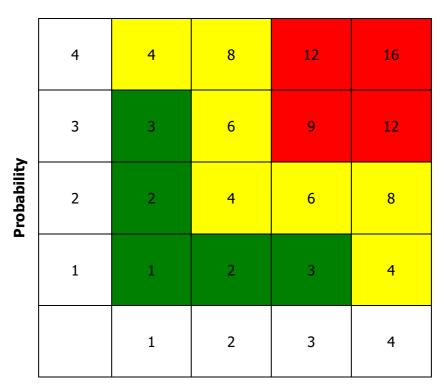
| Impact on Performance | Risk Threat   |
|-----------------------|---|
| Major<br>(4)          | Financial Impact >£25,000 Fatality / disabling injuries to public or staff / Adverse national media attention / external intervention / total service disruption / extensive legal action against the Council   |
| Serious<br>(3)        | Financial Impact >£15,000 Adverse local media attention / extensive public complaints / adverse comments by regulators or auditors / significant service disruption / failure to deliver projects or targets / service disruptions / injuries to public or staff / legal action against the Council |
| Significant (2)       | Financial Impact >£5,000 Adverse service user complaints / service disruption / minor injuries and near misses to staff and public  |
| Minor<br>(1)          | Financial impact less than £5,000 / isolated complaints / minor service disruption  |

# Priority Ranking:

The ranking of an individual risk is calculated by multiplying its probability by its impact.

# Risk Matrix:

The risk, using the above impact and likelihood ratings, can then be plotted onto the risk matrix and its classification identified:



**Impact** 

Red = High Risk, Yellow = Medium Risk, Green = Low Risk

# **Roles and responsibilities**

Risk management is only considered to be truly embedded when it functions as part of the Council's day to day operations. In order for this to be achieved it is vital that clarity exists to determine the various roles and responsibilities of individuals involved throughout the Council in the risk management process.

To ensure that this level of clarity exists, the Council has established a structure that shows how Members, Officers, Committees, Working Parties and individuals contribute to the overall risk management process.

# Organisational Structure and Summary of Key Roles

| Council                                | <ul> <li>Monitor risk management activity (via Strategy and Resources Committee)</li> <li>Adopts the Annual Risk Management Strategy</li> <li>Certification of the Council's Annual Statement on Internal Control</li> </ul>  |
|--|---|
| Strategy and<br>Resources<br>Committee | <ul> <li>Considers risk management policy and strategy and related documents and recommends adoption of the strategy to Full Council</li> <li>Approve content of risk registers and proposed risk mitigation plans and monitor implementation from reports from the Risk Management Working Party</li> </ul>  |
| Risk<br>Management<br>Working<br>Party | <ul> <li>General oversight of the Council's risk management process</li> <li>Receive regular reports to review/scrutinise/challenge current and proposed risk management procedures and processes</li> <li>To recommend any amendments to the risk management framework, strategy and process</li> <li>Identify, analyse and prioritise risks</li> <li>Determine responsibilities and actions to control risks</li> <li>Monitor progress on managing risks against action plans/projects</li> <li>Review implementation of the risk management framework, strategy and process</li> </ul> |
| Town Clerk                             | <ul> <li>Report to Members on the framework, strategy and process</li> <li>Provide advice and support on risk management matters</li> <li>Maintain the risk management policy, strategy and framework through review with management team (at regular team meetings and individually)</li> <li>Identify, analyse and prioritise risks</li> <li>Determine risk management action plans and delegate responsibility for control</li> <li>Monitor progress on the management of risks</li> </ul>   |
| Staff and other stakeholders           | <ul> <li>Maintain awareness of risks, their impact and costs and feed these into the formal risk management process</li> <li>Control risks in their every day work</li> <li>Monitor progress in managing job related risks</li> </ul>   |

# Risk registers

The Council will maintain computer based Strategic and Operational Risk Registers.

#### RISK MANAGEMENT PROCESS

# **Identifying risks**

Risks and opportunities may be identified at any stage and should be included in the Risk Register. In order to capture as many of the risks and opportunities facing an activity or project methods used for identification could include:

- Reviews initiated by individuals, committees or panels and managers.
- Checklists.
- · Questionnaires.
- Learning from other projects, councils and auditors.

As risks are identified they will be recorded in the Risk Register. Each risk must be described in terms of the source of the risk, the consequences if it happens and the effect it would have on the Council's activities or project as the case may be.

## Risk ownership

Once a risk has been identified, it will be given an owner who is the person best able to manage the risk. The owner will be responsible for all aspects relating to the management of the risk or opportunity.

#### Risk evaluation

Each risk will be evaluated in accordance with the evaluation process set out in this strategy. This information will be entered in the Risk Register and will enable prioritisation of the risks within a certain area.

#### Risk planning

Once each risk has been identified and evaluated actions for dealing with it will be developed. These are known as risk responses and fall into one of four areas:

| Terminate:     | An action that allows the risk to be avoided.                                  |
|----------------|--|
| Treat/Monitor: | An action that will reduce the impact and/or the probability of a risk.        |
| Transfer:      | Is there a stakeholder or another organisation better able to manage the risk? |
| Bear/Tolerate: | Accept the consequences if the risk occurs.                                    |

The Risk Register will identify the option selected to deal with each risk together with any actions that might be required.

Once the risk responses have been developed the risk owner must then decide which option to adopt. In reaching decisions as to which response should be used, a cost/benefit comparison should be made. For mitigation activities attracting significant cost (> £5,000) results will need to be recorded. It may be that external help is required to help decide the appropriate course of action, in which case the risk owner should record the date by which a decision must be made and the potential consequences if the decision is not taken by that date.

Following the decision to adopt a particular risk response, the owner must ensure that:

- The secondary risks associated with implementing the risk response are assessed and recorded.
- Where one exists the project plan is updated to include the activities associated with the risk response.
- Entries are made in the fields on the risk register detailing the predicted probability and impact evaluation, once the response activities are completed.
- A fallback/contingency plan is developed to address the consequences of the risk happening despite the response activities.

Risk owners must monitor the progress and success of their chosen response to risk on a regular basis. They should review all their risks and provide an evaluation of probability and impact on a regular basis.

#### **Review**

The highest priority risks are to be reviewed by the Risk Management Working Party. Risk monitoring will be reported to the Strategy and Resources Committee at the next meeting following the monitoring process.

The effectiveness of the process will be reviewed in April every year by the Risk Management Working Party and the Strategy and Resources Committee.

# **Climate Emergency Working Party – Terms of Reference**

# **Parent Committee: Strategy and Resources Committee**

### **Overall purpose**

To identify, consider and develop actions and opportunities to enable the Council to meet its target of becoming a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 and to make recommendations to the Strategy and Resources Committee in order to achieve this.

# **Membership of the working party**

There shall be at least three members of Council appointed to the working party. Officers will attend the meetings of the working party, as appropriate.

### **Meetings**

Meetings of the working party will take place as appropriate and necessary.

# **Terms of operation**

To have general oversight of the Council's Climate Emergency actions.

To develop the Climate Emergency Action Plan with community partners and Wokingham Borough Council.

To publish and publicise the Climate Emergency Action Plan.

To identify opportunities for the Council to reduce its carbon footprint.

To identify and encourage wider community involvement.

To identify opportunities to provide advice and information on Climate Emergency issues and initiatives to Woodley residents, businesses and visitors.

To monitor progress on actions.

To identify action priorities and report to S&R for consideration/funding.