

## The Executive – 13 July 2023

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Minutes of the meeting of **The Executive** held on **13 July 2023** when there were present:-

Chairman: Cllr J R F Mason  
Vice-Chairman: Cllr J E Newport

Cllr J E Cripps  
Cllr A H Eves  
Cllr M Hoy

Cllr L J Newport  
Cllr A L Williams  
Cllr Mrs V A Wilson

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs J R Gooding and C M Stanley.

### **OFFICERS PRESENT**

J Stephenson - Chief Executive  
S Worthington - Acting Service Manager Democratic Services RDC & BBC  
P Shepherd - Revenues and Benefits Manager  
V Meanwell - Democratic Services Officer

### **133 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2023 were noted and signed by the Chairman.

### **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

#### **Resolved**

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

### **134 BUSINESS RATES WRITE OFF**

The Executive considered the report of Interim Director of Resources seeking agreement to write off a sum in respect of business rates.

A typographical error in paragraph 1.1 of the report was noted; it should state 1 May 2020.

In response to a Member question as to why the debt went back to May 2020, officers advised that the company occupied the premises from May 2020 and at that time received Small Business Rate Relief with a 100% deduction. In August 2022 the Valuation Office Agency split the rating assessment into two parts; legally they were no longer entitled to Small Business Rates Relief on either part and therefore had to be billed for the full business rate amount

going back to 1 May 2020, which resulted in these charges which were now subject to the write off.

In response to a Member question in relation to the share of the write off that should be funded by RDC officers advised that the cost was as set out in report, i.e., £6,680.00; the other preceptors would bear the rest of the cost. RDC had a write off provision which covered its portion of the debt.

Cllr J R F Mason moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr J E Newport, that the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

### **Resolved**

That the sum of £16,699.00 in respect of business rates is written off. (IDR)

(This was agreed unanimously)

### **135 BUSINESS RATES WRITE OFF**

The Executive considered the report of the Interim Director of Resources seeking agreement to write of a sum in respect to business rates.

Cllr J R F Mason moved a Motion, seconded by Cllr J E Newport, that the recommendation set out in the report be approved.

### **Resolved**

That the sum of £21,961.29.00 in respect of business rates is written off. (IDR)

(This was agreed unanimously)

The meeting closed at 7.44 pm

Chairman .....

Date .....

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