



**Tidworth Town Council  
Leadership November 2023**



Minutes of the Leadership Committee Meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> November 2023 in Unit 3D Castledown Business Park, Ludgershall at 7.10pm.

<b>Attended</b> Councillors H Jones (HJ) (In the chair), P Hedge (PH), C Webb (CW) Cllr L Coleman (LC) Cllr C Danso Town Clerk (CL) Rob Mason		<b>23/029L 1. Apologies: Cllr M Connolly</b>
<b>Item</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action by</b>
23/030L	<b>2. Declarations of interest</b> CW item 4	
23/031L	<b>3. Minutes of October 2023 meeting</b> Approved at November 2023 full town meeting. No matters arising	
23/032L	<b>4. Guest</b> <b>Freedom of the Town</b> Rob Mason attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of presenting the Freedom of the Town to the Garrison as a way of enhancing the Military/Civilian relationship. There was a discussion regarding the benefits and cons and all were in agreement that although relationships were good there is no official cohesion however Freedom of the Town wasn't necessarily the way to do this. It was noted that ALL residents of Tidworth benefited from the free events and activities TTC provide. It was suggested that perhaps awarding Freedom of the Town could be given at the awards evening, but this could be Military or Civilian. CL suggested that one of the categories for an award could be the 'Garrison Commanders' Award. CW will speak to him.	CW
23/033L	<b>5. Budget 2024/25</b> The Committees have made their recommendations. PH explained the increase for the Community Services budget, this is mainly due to the increased cost of the Grounds Maintenance contract and the addition of the skate park and Riverbourne Corridor. MC is currently working on the calculations and to give himself and the Town Clerk time to gather the figures it was agreed to hold a Leadership meeting the following Tuesday (28 <sup>th</sup> Nov) so	

	that recommendation can be made at Decembers full Town meeting.	MC
23/034L	<p><b>6. Mayors Charity</b></p> <p>An application had been received via a Social Prescriber at the Castle Practice.</p> <p>The application is to purchase a cooker for a resident at the cost of £240.00, other sources had been researched.</p> <p><b>CW proposed that TTC purchase the cooker using funds from the Mayors Charity, seconded by HJ, carried</b></p>	
23/035L	<p><b>7. S137 Grant</b></p> <p>A request for a S137 grant towards the hire fees for the Civic Centre had been received.</p> <p>Because the application was from a business TTC are unable to award the grant.</p> <p>This led to a discussion regarding potential discounts/offers that could be offered.</p>	
23/036L	<p><b>8. Civic Centre</b></p> <p>There is still no confirmed handover date.</p> <p>The provisional opening date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.</p> <p>A quote had been received for the purchase and installation of the IT infrastructure.</p> <p><b>CW proposed that the quote of £6252.78 (inc VAT) from Guardian Angel PC is accepted, seconded by PH, carried.</b></p> <p>Prices had been provided for a laptop and PC for the reception area, the members are unsure which is the best option CL will ask IT support for his opinion.</p>	CL
23/037L	<p><b>9. Correspondence</b></p> <p><b>None</b></p>	
23/038L	<p><b>10. Date of next meeting</b></p> <p><b>TBC</b></p>	Agenda items to be submitted to the Clerk 7 days before meeting

**There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm**