

Minutes of the Meeting of the **FINANCE COMMITTEE** held in the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **TUESDAY, 4TH DECEMBER 2018 AT 5.00 P.M.**

Present: Councillor Wilson (Chairman) and Councillors Blackburn, Brownson and Chappell

Also Present: Councillor Fleming and David Anderson (Town Clerk)

FIN.34/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Allen and S. Zair

FIN.35/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Item No 4.2a - Authorisation of Cheques, a. Written Under Delegated Powers

Councillor Blackburn declared an 'other non-registerable personal interest' in respect of cheque no's 1691 and 1712 and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

Councillor Brownson declared an 'other non-registerable personal interest' in respect of cheque no 1703 and took no part in the discussion or voting thereon.

FIN.36/18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

FIN.27/18 ACCOUNT BALANCES AS AT 4TH DECEMBER 2018

The Town Clerk reported account balances as follows: -

Lloyds Deposit Account	£42,159.63
Lloyds Current Account	£1,758.04
Darlington Building Society	£85,000.12
Nationwide	£85,000.58
Santander	100,000.00

Members noted that funds had been transferred from the Darlington Building Society and Nationwide to the Lloyds Deposit Account and that notification had been given to Santander to transfer £15,000 the Lloyds Deposit Account. The transfer of funds would result in the Council having no more than £85,000 (save a few pence) in each account in line with the Internal Auditors recommendation.

RECOMMENDED: That the information be noted.

FIN.28/18 AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES – DELEGATED POWERS

In accordance with delegated powers, payments totalling the amounts below had been made as detailed in the report. (For copy see file of Minutes).

Current Account	£24,998.01
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RECOMMENDED: That the action taken be confirmed.

FIN.29/18 CHEQUES PRESENTED FOR AUTHORISATION

No cheques were presented for authorisation.

FIN.33/18 APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY FUND AND DONATIONS

Members considered applications for grants under the Community Fund from the following organisations: -

Signed:
Chair

1. Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
2. Bishop Auckland Cricket Club
3. The Angel Trust

Consideration was also given to a donation to the Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches to assist the project to provide a Christmas dinner for any person or couple that would otherwise have no company on Christmas day.

- RECOMMENDED:**
1. That a grant of £100 be made to Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club
 2. That a grant of £500 be made to Bishop Auckland Cricket Club
 3. That a grant of £500 be made to The Angel Trust
 4. That a donation of £300 be made to the Fellowship of Christian Churches to assist with the provision of Christmas dinner project.

All grants and donations are made under the Localism Act 2011 (Power of Competence).