HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL

MEETING of the STRATEGY & REVIEW COMMITTEE held Wednesday, 15 JANUARY 2025

MINUTES

PRESENT Councillors; Butterick (Chair), Guilfoyle, Hedges, Hoyle and Woodhead.

Town Clerk: Emma Green

358. To receive apologies for absence and any substitutions.

Apologies were received from Cllrs Morse.

359. To receive members` interests relating to agenda items for this meeting.

There were no interests declared.

360. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 27 NOVEMBER 2024

Minute 291 – It was noted that the rule of a councillor serving 12 months before becoming Chair of a committee, should be included in the revised Standing Orders.

Minute 291 – The work on a new councillor induction is ongoing.

361. TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Terms of Reference for the committee were enclosed for information.

362. CURRENT BUDGET 2024-25

There was no significant change to the current budget, staffing costs have reduced significantly this month. An underspend of circa £30k is expected.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick Seconded by Cllr Fraser and **RESOLVED:** note for information

363. HEBDEN ROYD TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET SETTING 2025-26

The budgets for the Town Council and Hebden Bridge Picture House for 2025-26 were considered. There was a need to make savings across all committees and this had been noted by the committees. As such, the budget requests were realistic and manageable.

It was noted that due to strong trading and the good cash flow of the Picture House that there will not be a request for revenue support from the Town Council.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick Seconded by Cllr Fraser and **RESOLEVD:** that a business case had been made for the requirements of a second screen at the Picture House and to transfer the allocated fund in to earmarked reserves.

It was moved by Cllr Butterick Seconded by Cllr Woodhead

RESOLVED:

- To recommend approval of the budget as presented
- To recommend a precept of £503,859.
- This is an increase of 7.5%
- The Council Tax Base has increased from 3305 to 3432 (to be confirmed by CMBC on 21.1.25) this mean the increase in cost to a band D property 3.5% £146.79 compared to £142.00

Meeting finished at 8:40pm.