

Policy and Finance Committee 12.05.26

17/26/27 TO CONSIDER RISK MANAGEMENT REPORTS AS MAY BE RECEIVED.

The Chairman allowed Members time to read the report contained and circulated in the reports pack.

Members considered the content of the report. The Town Clerk advised that, although the cost quoted by the proposed provider is higher than that of the previous supplier, it offers a more comprehensive Health and Safety support package.

The Town Clerk further advised that, while three quotations would normally be sought, the absence of any current Health and Safety support necessitates an appointment without delay to ensure appropriate arrangements are in place.

Following a unanimous vote (11 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions), it was proposed by Councillor Johns, seconded by Councillor McCaw and **RESOLVED** to:

1. Approve the appointment of Company A to provide retained health and safety and fire safety support services, and to assist the Town Council in maintaining effective management arrangements to meet its statutory compliance obligations, at a cost of £5,640 + VAT for a period of 12 months.
2. Approve, in addition to the above, the provision of consultancy sessions as required, charged at £200 for a half day and £320 for a full day.
3. Allocate the above expenditure to budget code P&F 6214 – Health & Safety, and to **RECOMMEND** to the Personnel Committee that staff training costs be allocated to budget codes 6682, 6656, and 6676.
4. Suspend Financial Regulation 5.8, due to the inability to obtain three fixed quotations within the required timescale, in order to ensure that appropriate health and safety arrangements are implemented without delay.