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Minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee Meeting held on 8th January at 6pm in the Committee Room, Victory Hall

Present: Cllrs Cotter (Chair), Baines, Norton & Spademan, the Clerk & RFO

1. Cllr Cotter welcomed those present. No apologies were received
2. Declarations of Interest – None declared
3. Public Participation – None present
4. **APPROVED** the minutes of the Corporate Governance meeting held on 11th December 2024. The Chair signed the minutes as a true and accurate record.
5. **Clerk’s Report -RECEIVED** an update regarding ongoing action items from previous meetings ([clerks-report-corporate-governance-january-2025.pdf](#)). The following was discussed during the meeting:
CGC 13/13, 7 The Folley – The Council will clear the Folley and carry any necessary tree work to prevent the pathway becoming impassable.
CGC 22/03, 9 & FC 23/11, 14 – S106 Funding – Discussed draft project list, which now includes all projects discussed at Stanway Parish Council (SPC)/Colchester City Council (CCC) November 2024 meeting. Listing will be split in 2, SPC Project List and Community Wishlist and also updated to reflect 2025/26 budget, including mid and long term projects, to present to January Full Council Meeting for approval.
6. **RFO Report – RECEIVED** a verbal update regarding current and ongoing financial matters was provided. The RFO is arranging for the agreed savings account applications to be signed by the approved signatories.
7. **Budget 2025 - 26 – CONSIDERED** and unanimously **APPROVED**, with a few minor explanation enhancements, the draft budget for the 12 months commencing April 1st, 2025 and the medium term financial plan for the following five years. **AGREED** to present to January Full Council Meeting for budget and precept demand approval. The RFO was commended and thanked for leading this thorough process, which has resulted in an informative, insightful and prudent budget proposal.
8. **Jansma Park Working Group – NOTED** agenda for 16th January meeting. No further additional information was suggested or decisions required.

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9. **Information Update – None presented**

10. **Agenda Items for Subsequent Meetings**

i) Full Council to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVE** DRAFT budget and precept demand for 2025-26.

ii) Full Council to **CONSIDER** and **APPROVAL** DRAFT S106 Project Lists for submission to CCC.

iii) Full Council to **CONSIDER** any potential boundary changes that may follow if Essex County Council, alongside Southend-on-Sea City Council and Thurrock Council approve to request inclusion on the [government's Priority Programme for Devolution](#). Cllr Spademan will provide updates with suggestions to Full Council.

11. **CONFIRMED** the date and time of the next meeting as Wednesday, 12th February 2025 at 19.00 hours, Committee Room, Victory Hall, Stanway Community Centre, Villa Road, Stanway.

The Chair closed the meeting at 19.25 hours