REPORT TO PICKMERE PARISH COUNCIL

3rd December 2019

AGENDA ITEM 9.1 REVISED STANDING ORDERS AND FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

1 Report

1.1 Your council approves the contents of your standing orders incorporating financial regulations from time to time. You last approved these documents at your May 2019 meeting as an interim measure pending a more comprehensive review to be completed before the end of 2019 taking into account the Model SOs published by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The attached two documents therefore represent a revised version of each.

1.2 As is inevitable in these circumstances, the revised documents are longer and more complex than those they seek to replace, reflecting additional provisions and an attempt at greater precision in their wording. As is evident, the financial regulations have been split off from the standing orders. Both documents cover some scenarios which your council may not require in the foreseeable future (for instance provisions regarding the purchasing of contracts for sums in excess of £25,000) but these are included for the sake of comprehensiveness.

1.3 In principle there is little or no fundamental change in content from the previous interim documents, though the provisions are sometimes more detailed and some of the financial thresholds are proposed to be changed slightly.

2 Recommendation

2.1 That the proposed revised Standing Orders and Financial Regulations documents be accepted and adopted for use by your Council.

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