



Dear Councillor,

I hereby summon you to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Custom House, on Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Fidler

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL **AGENDA**

Meeting: Full Council
Venue: The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP
Membership: All Councillors
Date: Wednesday 29th July 2026 at 7pm

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve apologies for absence from Members of the Council.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded to declare any dispensations granted.
3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
 - (i) **PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK**
To be in writing prior to the meeting. Three questions in total permitted and a maximum of 15 minutes overall to be spent on this item.
 - (ii) **REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE**
NB. Updates received at the meeting can only be noted.
4. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**
To approve the Minutes of Council held on 24th June 2026 (Minutes: 174/26-182/26)
Only questions of record may be considered
5. **FINANCES**
 - (i) To receive a report of payments; Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st to 31st July 2026, totalling

- £9,335.67 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 31st July 2026, totalling £80,555.78.
- (ii) To consider and approve the following virements as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee:
 - a. Increase the "Subscriptions & Membership Budget" by £395
 - b. Increase "Meeting Expenses" by £150
 - c. Increase "HR & H&S Support" by £150
 - d. The remainder of the balance brought forward, £86,796.00, to be moved to the "General Reserves Budget"
 - (iii) To consider and approve the following virement as recommended by the Town Promotion Committee – the underspend across the Town Promotion Committee budgets from 2025/2026 (£27,971.99) be carried forward for use in two new projects; a "Westcliff Arcade Lights" project and increased funding for the "Banner Lampposts Project" – specific costs to be confirmed by the Town Promotion Committee.
 - (iv) To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, detailing options currently available for a renewed gas supply contract.

6. CONSULTATIONS: KCC BUDGET CONSULTATION

To consider the Council's corporate response to the KCC Budget Consultation. Included with the agenda pack is the "easy read" version of the consultation, including questions. More detailed information can be found at <https://letstalk.kent.gov.uk/budget-consultation-2027-28>. The deadline for a response is the 7th September 2026.

7. M.V. CORONIA WATCHFUL

To receive and note a written progress report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, including:

- (i) Condition Survey
- (ii) Review of Survey
- (iii) Follow up questions
- (iv) Redacted sales form

8. CIVIC BADGES

To receive a report from Mrs K Hobbs, Mayor's PA, and consider how to proceed with the purchase of civic badges.

9. RAMSGATE TUNNEL

- (i) To receive and note the Ramsgate Tunnel Emergency Plan.
- (ii) To receive a letter from Whitney Gee, Programme Manager & Tunnel Manager at KCC, seeking support for the "A299 Whitstable to Ramsgate" bid to the Department of Transport's Structures Fund for the "A299 Whitstable to Ramsgate". A draft letter of support is provided for consideration.

10. POLICIES & PROCEDURES

- (i) To consider a proposed amendment to the allotment termination and appeals process. The proposal is that the Chair of the Asset Management Committee be delegated authority to approve allotment terminations, with the Chair of the Council serving on any subsequent appeal panel. This is intended to strengthen the independence of the appeals process by ensuring appeals are considered by a councillor with less prior involvement in the day-to-day management of allotment matters.

- (ii) To approve an amendment to Standing Order 3(i) as such: "*A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak and remain seated when ~~standing~~ speaking*".

11. COMMITTEE MINUTES

To note the following Committee Minutes (for approval by the respective committees):

- (i) Asset Management Cttee 24th June 2026 (Minutes: 166/26 – 173/26).
- (ii) Planning & Infrastructure Cttee 1st July 2026 (Minutes: 183/26 – 188/26).
- (iii) Finance & General Purposes Cttee 8th July 2026 (Minutes: 189/26 – 199/26).

12. TDC ASSETS: EAST CLIFF BANDSTAND

To receive a written progress report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider how to proceed with the information contained therein.

13. LETTERS OF SUPPORT

To consider the following requests for support in principle, to accompany grant applications:

- (i) Heritage Lab CIC - Arts Council England bid
- (ii) St George's Church - Historic England Listed Places of Worship Renewal Fund bid.

14. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th August 2026 at 7pm.