



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Custom House, on Wednesday 28th January 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 28th January 2026

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 meeting held on 16th December 2025 (Minutes: 308/25 – 319/25). Only questions of record may be considered

5. FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)

- (i) To receive a report of payments; Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 31st January 2026, totalling £7,734.45 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st and 31st December 2025, totalling £59,503.13.
- (ii) To consider and approve the draft 2026/2027 budget as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee. Please note that the precept for 2026/2027 must be set at this meeting.

6. PRIORITIES 2025/2026 and 2026/2027

- (i) To consider a motion from Cllr Green that the council could embark on small projects within Ramsgate's parks.
- (ii) To consider a motion from Cllr Austin asking the council to consider if further drinking fountains should be installed under the management of the town council.
- (iii) To consider a proposal to refresh the painted street furniture in the town centre (the "Blue Posts").

7. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (i) Town Promotion Committee 10th December 2025 (Minutes 302/25 – 307/25)
- (ii) Planning & Infrastructure Committee 7th January 2026 (Minutes 001/26 – 008/26)
- (iii) Finance & General Purposes Committee 21st January 2026 (Minutes 009/26 – 015/26)

8. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

To approve and adopt the communication strategy, which sets out the strategic approach to internal and external communications, the delivery of the plans, and arrangements for managing communications during critical incidents:

- (i) Communication Strategy
- (ii) Communication Plan 2026-2027
- (iii) Crisis Communication Plan

9. POLICY AND PROCEDURE

To approve the following policies. The IT Policy is required to support compliance with AGAR Assertion 10 in relation to governance and internal control. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy provides a framework for the responsible and ethical use of AI, including risk management and decision-making safeguards:

- (i) IT Policy
- (ii) Artificial Intelligence (AI) Policy

10. SUBSIDISED BUS SERVICE

To receive and consider the information received by Cllr Green from Kent County Council about the bus service in Thanet.

11. CIVIC MATTERS

(i) To receive a report from Mrs K Hobbs, PA to the Mayor, and consider the recommendation contained therein for an additional civic event.

(ii) To receive a report from Mrs K Hobbs, PA to the Mayor, and consider the questions contained therein regarding the flying of flags.

12. UPDATES FROM THE COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Short verbal updates are invited from members. Updates received can only be noted.

13. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 25th February 2026 at 7pm.