



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend an ordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee to be held in the Council Chamber, The Custom House, at 7pm on Wednesday 21st January 2026 for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Fidler

Town Clerk & RFO

RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL **AGENDA**

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee
Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade
Membership: Cllrs Green (Chair), Albon, Austin, Crittenden, Driver, Hetherington, Hudson, Makinson and Young
Date: Wednesday 21st January 2026
Time: 7pm

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence from Members of the Committee.
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. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**
To approve the Minutes of the Extraordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3rd December 2025 (minutes 295/25 to 301/25) as a true record. Only questions of record may be considered.
4. **ACCOUNTS & BUDGETS**
 - (i) To receive and note the Receipts & Payments to 31st December 2025.
 - (ii) To receive a second draft of the 2026/2027 budget and consider if any further amendments need to be made before the Council is asked to approve the budget on the 28th January 2026.

5. **GRANT PROCEDURE – PREVENTING DUPLICATE GRANT CLAIMS**

To receive a written report for Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider the proposal contained therein to introduce controls in the grant procedure intended to prevent, detect, and deter duplication across RTC's own grants and external funders.

6. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEM – PARTIAL STAFFING REVIEW**

(i) It is recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

(ii) To receive a "Review of Staffing Arrangements and Associated Future Needs" as prepared by the Local Council Consultancy in December 2025 and consider the recommendations contained therein. The Committee has the delegated power to "*The power to employ and remunerate officers on such terms and conditions of employment as it considers appropriate provided the Council has first approved a budget to meet the recruitment and first year employment costs of any such officer and such costs will be contained by the offer of employment made*".

7. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 8th April 2026 at 7pm