



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 29th October 2025 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 October 2025 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 27th August 2025 (Minutes: 218/25 – 225/25). The ordinary meeting in September was cancelled.
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 September to 31st October 2025, totalling £11,758.90 and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO between 1st September to 31st October 2025, totalling £228,698.20.
- (ii) To receive and note the externally audited Annual Governance & Accountability Return for 2024-2025 and completion letter from Forvis Mazars LLP. In line with the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 the statement of accounts has been published on the council's website and noticeboard.
- (iii) To receive and consider Sevenoaks Town Council's "Make Your Mark in Sevenoaks" brochure and consider if sponsorship is something that Ramsgate Town Council should encourage; the Finance & General Purposes Committee could be tasked with working out the specifics. In Sevenoaks approximately £16k is received for a variety of levels of sponsorship and £8k towards the Christmas Lights.
- (iv) To consider and approve a series of virements, as recommended by the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

6. POLICY & PROCEDURE

To approve the following policies that have been updated following significant changes to the website. The website must comply with The Public Sector Bodies (Websites and Mobile Applications) (No. 2) Accessibility Regulations 2018 (as amended 2022), it has now been updated to the latest WCAG 2.2 AA Standard.

- (i) Accessibility Statement (as informed by the Accessibility Assessment Report, also attached)
- (ii) Privacy Policy
- (iii) Cookie Policy
- (iv) Terms of Use Policy

7. AIMS FOR 2026/2027

In advance of budget setting for the 2026/2027 financial year, and final term of this council, members are asked to consider the following:

- (i) A report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, suggesting that the recent Phase 1 "Plan for Neighbourhoods" consultation could be used to focus the council's activities in the coming year.
- (ii) A report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, suggesting the appointment of a part-time fixed-term Project Manager to drive forwards a number of projects.
- (iii) A report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding funding for external officers.

8. TDC ASSETS: FESTIVAL OF BRITAIN FOUNTAIN

To receive a report from Mrs R Smith, Town Centre and Tourism Manager, and consider if the Town Council has a role to play with the Festival of Britain Fountain.

9. LAND TRAIN FOR RAMSGATE

To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the possibility of a Land Train connecting Ramsgate with Broadstairs. This

report was initially considered by the Town Promotion Committee, who resolved to pass the matter to the full council for consideration.

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- (i) Planning & Infrastructure Committee 10th September 2025 (Minutes 226/25 – 231/25)
- (ii) Asset Management Committee 10th September 2025 (Minutes 232/25 – 237/25)
- (iii) Planning & Infrastructure Committee 1st October 2025 (Minutes 238/25 – 245/25)
- (iv) Town Promotion Cttee 22nd October 2025 (Minutes 256/25 – 265/25).

11. DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 26th November 2025 at 7pm.