



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, on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at 7pm, 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 19th March 2025
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 Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd January 2025 (minutes 012/25 to 020/25) as a true record. Only questions of record may be considered.
4. **ACCOUNTS & BUDGETS**
To receive and note:
 - (i) Financial Comparison – Income and Expenditure to 14th March 2025.
 - (ii) Financial Statement – Cashbook to 14th March 2025.

5. **GRANT PROCEDURE**

- (i) To receive and note the Grants awarded in 2024/2025.
- (ii) As resolved by the Council, to consider the success of the Grant Scrutiny Panel, and whether the Panel should continue. The division of the grant budget throughout the year should also be considered. An accompanying report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk is attached.

6. **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP**

To receive and note the Climate Change Task Group Minutes from 29th January 2025.

7. **QUADRENNIAL REVIEW OF PARISH COUNCIL ALLOWANCES 2025-2029**

To consider a request from the East Kent Joint Independent Remuneration Panel for input ahead of the next Quadrennial Review covering the period 2025–2029 and make a recommendation to the Council on how to respond.

8. **2025/2026 CALENDAR ARRANGEMENTS**

- (i) To received and consider if any amendments need to be made to the draft calendar of meetings prior to approval by the Council in May 2025.
- (ii) To receive a report from Mr D Williams regarding Climate Change Task Group meetings and consider the question contained therein.

9. **CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS:**

- (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 report of actions and recommendations following the first round of appraisal.

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

To be confirmed.