



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend a Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, The Custom House, on Wednesday 21st February 2024 at 7.00pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Fidler

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL **AGENDA**

Meeting: Finance and General Purposes Committee
Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade
Membership: Committee Members (all sixteen councillors)
Date: Wednesday 21st February 2024
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. MINUTES

Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 22nd November 2023 (minutes 206/22 to 213/22) as a true record.

Only questions of record may be considered.

4. ACCOUNTS

To receive, consider and note:

- (i) Financial Comparison – Income to 31st January 2024.
- (ii) Financial Comparison – Expenditure to 31st January 2024.
- (iii) Financial Statement – Cashbook to 31st January 2024.

5. **TECHNICIAN'S DEPOT**
To receive a written report from Mrs M Morgan, Technician Manager (Projects & Community), regarding the proposed Technician's Depot, and note this information.
6. **ALLOTMENTS**
To receive and consider a written report from Mrs M Nash, Allotments Officer, and consider how to proceed with new facilities at the allotment sites.
7. **INVESTMENT STRATEGY**
To consider and approve a Draft Investment Strategy.
8. **GRANTS**
 - (i) To receive and note a summary of grants awarded in the 2023/2024 year.
 - (ii) To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider the various questions contained therein around the processing of grant applications. The "Grant Fund Criteria Feb 2024" is also included as part of this discussion.
9. **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP**
 - (i) To receive and note the Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group Meeting held on 6th December 2023.
 - (ii) To receive and note the Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group Meeting held on 31st January 2024.
 - (ii) To consider and approve a draft "Procurement & Greener Working Policy".
10. **CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS**
 - (i) **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS**
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 verbal update from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the Assignment of a Lease within The Customs House. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially due to the lease arrangements to be considered.
 - (iii) To receive and note a report from Mr D Williams, Marketing & Communications Officer, regarding the Council's cyber security. A Cyber Risk Assessment is also enclosed. It is recommended that this matter be considered confidentially, as the council's online security will be discussed.
11. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 at 7pm