



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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025 at the conclusion of the Asset Management Committee Meeting at 7pm, for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

*Laura Fidler*

Town Clerk & RFO

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## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2025  
**Time:** 7pm

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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**
  - (i) Approve the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 (minutes 222/24 to 233/24) as a true record.
  - (ii) Approve the Minutes of the Extra-Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2024 (minutes 269/24 to 274/24) as a true record.Only questions of record may be considered.
4. **HSHAZ LIGHTING BUDGET**  
To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Responsible Finance Officer, and consider how to proceed with the matter contained therein.

5. **DRAFT BUDGET 2025/2026**

To consider the latest version (V3) of the draft budget for 2025/2026, with updated tax base, and consider if there's any final amendments to be recommended to the Council prior to approval on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

6. **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP**

To note the Minutes of the Climate Change Task Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2024.

7. **RAMSGATE SHED**

To receive a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, detailing a Climate Change Task Group proposal, and consider the proposal contained therein for a dedicated space for the Ramsgate Shed at 12 School Lane, using the Climate Change Task Group Budget.

8. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION (LGA) MEMBERSHIP**

To consider whether to subscribe to the LGA in 2025/2026 at a cost of £580+VAT. The Subscriptions & Membership budget will be insufficient to cover this cost, it is suggested that the Councillor Training budget might be an appropriate alternative budget.

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

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7pm.