



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes
Committee Meeting**

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate

Date: Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7pm

Present: Councillors: Green (Chair), Albon, Austin, Crittenden, Hetherington,
Hudson & Makinson

Also in attendance:
Cllr Shonk, observing
Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO

269/24 **APOLOGIES**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Driver (unwell). No
apologies were received from Cllr Young.

270/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.

271/24 **ACCOUNTS & BUDGETS**
Members considered a draft budget for 2025/2026, along with a note of
variances, and considered what changes need to be made prior to
consideration and approval by the Council. It was noted by Cllr Austin
that the likely
**RESOLUTION: The draft budget will be presented to the council
for approval with the following amendments:**
(i) HIP Budget to remain at £25k
(ii) Custom House sinking fund to be £15k
(iii) Saving towards the 2027 election will be £12k
**(iv) The Capital Project & Asset Acquisition budget to be
increased to i.r.o £200,000; the precept will be increased to
achieve this.**

272/24 **POLICY & PROCEDURES**
(i) To consider and approve a draft Environment Policy as
proposed by the Climate Change Task Group (CCTG). The
CCTG Chair and Officer were congratulated on their hard work.

Item 6(i)

RESOLUTION: This policy was approved with no amendments.

- (ii) To consider and approve three related HR documents:
- a) Appraisal Scheme.
 - b) Recognition & Reward Scheme.
 - c) Staff satisfaction survey.

RESOLUTION: These policies were approved with no amendments.

- (iii) To receive a draft Staff Volunteer Day policy and consider if this is something the Council would like to implement.

RESOLUTION: This policy was approved with no amendments.

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CONFIDENTIAL ITEM: CUSTOM HOUSE RENT REVIEW

- (i) It was 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.

RESOLUTION: The press and public were excluded for the following item of business.

- (ii) Members received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, regarding the Custom House rent review. It was recommended that this matter be considered confidentially, due to the rent negotiation to be discussed.

RESOLUTION: Further investigative work was agreed.

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DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 22nd January 2025 at 7pm.