



RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting

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

Date: Wednesday 10th October 2025 at 7pm

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

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

246/25 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Driver due to personal commitments.

247/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

248/25 **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Members received the Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on 9th July 2025 (minutes 173/25 to 185/25).

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

249/25 **ACCOUNTS & BUDGETS**

(i) The Committee received to note the Receipts and Payments to 30th September 2025 and General Reserves Report to 30th September 2025.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

(ii) The Committee received a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered virements contained therein for recommendation to Council.

RESOLUTION: The virements will be recommended to Council as received; the only amendment will be that the additional balance brought forward from 2024/2025 is recommended for addition to the Highways Improvement Plan budget.

- (iii) The Committee received a verbal update on preparation of the 2026-2027 budget from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO.

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

250/25 **CLIMATE CHANGE TASK GROUP**

The Committee received the Climate Change Task Group Minutes from 30th July 2025.

RESOLUTION: The Minutes were noted.

251/25 **GRANT PROCEDURE – CLARITY ON PAID SERVICES**

The Committee received a report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and considered the proposed amendments aimed at improving transparency regarding paid services within grant-funded events.

RESOLUTION: The amendments were approved.

252/25 **POLICY & PROCEDURE – CIVIC & COMMUNITY AWARD POLICY**

The Committee received and considered for approval a draft “Civic & Community Award Policy”.

RESOLUTION: This policy was approved.

253/25 **ANNUAL TREE INSPECTION REPORT**

The Committee received to note the annual tree inspection report by Invicta Arboriculture. It was AGREED that

RESOLUTION: This information was noted.

254/25 **KENT PENSION FUND: FUNDING STRATEGY STATEMENT
CONSULTATION**

The Committee considered how to respond to the Kent Pension Fund’s questionnaire.

RESOLUTION: The wording of the scheme (for employers and employees) should be clearer and easier to understand.

255/25 **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7pm