



**DOVER TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of the meeting of the FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE held on MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> DECEMBER 2024 at 6.00pm in the Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover.

**PRESENT**

Councillor Bedi  
 Councillor Bird  
 Councillor Calder (Until Min. No: 170)  
 Councillor Cowan (Chairperson)  
 Councillor Kember

Councillor Lamoon  
 Councillor Shread  
 Councillor Verrill  
 Councillor Wanstall  
 Councillor Mrs Wanstall

Councillor Dawes attended meeting, non-voting member on Committee.

**165. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence received from Cllrs Collor & Biggs, Town Mayor of Dover (Personal Commitments).

**166. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members present made no declarations of disclosable pecuniary and/or other interests as required by law.

**167. MINUTES**

The Committee noted the approved Minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> October 2024 as resolved at the Full Town Council Meeting, 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Minute No: 146a.

**168. TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

**168a)** The Committee noted that the schedule of payments for October 2024 were approved at the Town Council's Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Minute No: 150a.

Chairperson

- 168b) The Committee noted that the budget out-turn to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024 was approved at the Town Council's Meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> November 2024, Minute No: 150b.
- 168c) The Committee noted that the 2025/26 budget process was underway. Members wishing to make representations should contact the Chair of the committee. The Town Council budget will be resolved at the Full Town Council meeting on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

169. **GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY**

- 169a) The Committee noted that a meeting of the Governance Working Group is being arranged.
- 169b) The Committee considered the Town Clerk's report dated the 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2024 concerning Election costs.

RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND: That a virement of up to £15,000 be agreed, as necessary, if a further by-election is called. Funds to be taken from the General Reserve to the Elections Budget for 2024/25, with all decisions delegated to the Responsible Financial Officer and Town Clerk.

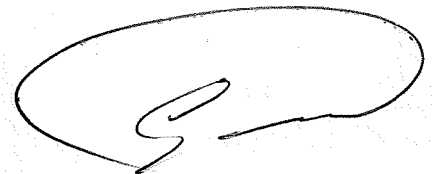
170. **COUNCILLORS' WARD GRANTS**

The Committee noted the current situation concerning Councillors' Ward Grants (handed out at the meeting).

171. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee will be held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2025 @ 6pm.

Meeting Closed @ 6.33pm



CHAIRPERSON  
Councillor G Cowan

Chairperson
