DOVER TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the INTERNAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE held on **TUESDAY 28TH JULY 2026** at **6.00pm** in the Town Council Offices, Maison Dieu House, Biggin Street, Dover.

PRESENT

Councillor Bedi
Councillor Cowan
Councillor Kember
Councillor Lamoon
Councillor Shread

Councillor Kember (Deputy Mayor) took the chair for start of Agenda item 1.

54. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRPERSON AND VICE-CHAIRPERSON

The Committee considered the appointment of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

Councillor Lamoon proposed and Councillor Cowan seconded the motion that Councillor Bedi be appointed Chairperson of the Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: Councillor Bedi was appointed Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

Councillor Bedi then took the chair.

Councillor Cowan proposed and Councillor Kember seconded the motion that Councillor Shread be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

RESOLVED: Councillor Shread be appointed Vice-Chairperson of the Internal Affairs Committee for the 2026/27 Municipal Year.

55. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence received from Councillors Dawes, Biggs, Brivio, Collor, Verrill, Bird & Sawbridge (Personal Commitments).

Chairperson

56. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

57. **MINUTES**

The Committee noted the approved Minutes of the Internal Affairs Committee meeting held o the 7th April 2026 as resolved at the Full Town Council Meeting, 20th April 2026, Minute No: **236.**

58. **TOWN COUNCIL FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

The Committee noted that the latest out-turn of the Internal Affairs Committee's 2026/27 budget was approved at the Town Council Meeting on the 20th July 2026, Minute No: **50b.**

59. **PSA TESTING**

The Committee noted the verbal update & presentation by Cllr Bedi concerning PSA Testing Programme

60. **BANK OF ENGLAND COMMUNITY ENGAGAMENT**

The Committee noted a verbal summary presented by Cllr Bedi concerning a Bank of England Community Engagement.

61. **CREDIT UNION FOR DOVER**

The Committee considered Cllr Bedi's report dated 22nd July 2026 concerning a Credit Union for Dover.

RESOLVED: To conduct a feasibility study into the establishment of a Community Credit Union for Dover. Delegations to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council and committee.

62. **FINANCIAL SKILLS PROGRAMME**

The Committee considered the Chairperson of the Council's report dated 22nd July 2026 concerning a Financial Skills Programme.

RESOLVED: That Dover Town Council develop & deliver a Financial Skills Programme for the residents of Dover Town Wards. Subject to further details of the programme being submitted to the next meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee.

63. **COMMUNITY ENERGY SCHEME**

The Committee considered Cllr Bedi's report dated 22nd July 2026 concerning a Community Energy Scheme.

RESOLVED: To investigate into the feasibility of a community energy project and the exploration of associated funding, investment and partnership opportunities. Delegations to the Proper Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Council and committee.

Chairperson

64. CONSULTATION

The Committee noted the Dover District Council's Playing Pitch & Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy consultation, along with any responses that members wish to make, to be submitted to the Proper Officer no later than 10th August 2026.

65. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Internal Affairs Committee, will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

Meeting Closed @ **6.52pm**

CHAIRPERSON
Councillor A Bedi

Chairperson