

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 13TH JANUARY 2025

In attendance:

Cllr Jenkins (Chairman)	Cllr Hinderwell	Cllr Powling
Cllr Weaver	Cllr Webster	
Petra Palfreyman, Locum Clerk	Paula Mendham, RFO	No members of the public

25/01 RECORDING OF MEETING

Chairman requested anyone present to identify their intention to record the meeting.

Cllr Webster and the Locum Town Clerk confirmed they were recording the meeting. The office recording device was also used.

25/02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Greenleaf. Councillors voted to accept the apology and the reasons given. All in favour.

25/03 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received.

25/04 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A period of up to 15 minutes (maximum of 3 minutes per person) for members of the public to ask questions or submit comments about items on the agenda.

No members of the public in attendance.

25/05 To confirm minutes of the Finance & Strategy meeting of 3rd July 2024

It was resolved by a majority vote to accept the minutes of 3rd July 2024.

Proposed: Cllr Powling, Seconded: Cllr Weaver. Abstained: Cllrs Hinderwell & Webster.

25/06 To review the Running Budget as of 31st December 2024

The Running budget was reviewed and agreed. Some discrepancies were discussed and will be reviewed by the Locum Town Clerk and RFO.

25/07 To review and agree the draft budget for 2025/2026

The draft budget was reviewed and following discussion ***it was agreed*** unanimously, with some minor changes. Proposed: Cllr Powling, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

25/08 To review the debtors as of 31st December 2024 and consider the next actions

The debtors to 31st December 2024 were discussed and future actions were agreed with the RFO.

25/09 To discuss and agree the mobile phone contract

The mobile phone contracts were reviewed as the current contracts have ended and 'sim only' plans can be set up. Following discussion ***it was agreed*** unanimously that the Locum Town Clerk and RFO review sim only plans available up to £11 per phone, to obtain the best value for money.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.