

WEST MERSEA TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE FINANCE & STRATEGY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20TH JANUARY 2026

In attendance:

Cllr Jenkins (Chairman)	Cllr Akker	Cllr Hinderwell
Cllr Webster	Paula Mendham (RFO)	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)

26/01 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

No apologies received.

26/02 To record declarations of interests

Members are invited to declare any relevant interests. Notwithstanding this item, Members may subsequently declare an interest at any point during the meeting.

None declared.

26/03 Public session (15 minutes, 3 minutes per speaker)

Priority will be given to those members of the public wishing to share information relating to items on the agenda. Once the public session is closed, members of the public are not permitted to speak.

MOP1- A local resident requested to review the supporting documentation for the agenda item concerning the draft budget and precept for 2026/27. This request was asked to ensure transparency.

26/04 To confirm minutes of the Finance & Strategy meeting of 18th August 2025

It was resolved unanimously to accept the minutes of 18th August 2025.

Proposed: Cllr Hinderwell, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

26/05 To approve for recommendation at full Council the Council's Budget for 2026/27 and to agree for the precept proposal to be submitted to Colchester City Council

It was resolved unanimously to approve for recommendation at full Council the Council's Budget for 2026/27 and to agree for the precept proposal to be submitted to Colchester City Council.

Proposed: Cllr Akker, Seconded: Cllr Webster. All in favour.

26/06 To agree the date Tuesday 14th April for the next Finance meeting

It was resolved unanimously to agree the date Tuesday 14th April for the next Finance meeting.

Proposed: Cllr Webster, Seconded: Cllr Hinderwell. All in favour.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted the public and press be excluded pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

26/07 To approve for recommendation at full Council the wage structure for 2026/27

It was resolved unanimously to approve the wage structure for 2026/27 at full Council.

Proposed: Cllr Hinderwell, Seconded: Cllr Jenkins. All in favour.

Meeting closed 3.40pm.