



## COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting to be held on Thursday 15th January 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,  
10 Melrose Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8JD**

9th January 2026

Councillors are summoned to attend the above meeting to deal with the following business.

**Kirsty Wadsworth**

Town Clerk

Members of the public and press are warmly welcomed to attend.  
Mobile phones to be switched to silent.

### **AGENDA**

- 26/08 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken
- 26/09 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
- 26/10 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
- 26/11 To receive County and City Councillors report
- 26/12 To confirm minutes of the Council meeting of 9th January 2026
- 26/13 To agree and approve a list of payments
- 26/14 To provide an update from:
  - (a) Committees
  - (b) Working Groups
  - (c) Representatives
- 26/15 To receive the Town Clerk's report
- 26/16 To consider and approve the Grounds Maintenance Tender

26/17 To agree the Council's Budget for 2026/27 and to agree for the precept proposal to be submitted to Colchester City Council on 16th January 2027

26/18 To approve the quotation to install a new footpath using a compacted gravel finish at Coast Road:  
Option A - £9,638.50 + VAT  
Option B - £7,761.00 + VAT  
Option C - £20,145.00 + VAT

26/19 To review and agree the quotation for the repair of the skatepark:  
Option A - £1,940.50 + VAT  
Option B - £7,101.00 + VAT  
Option C - £10,295.32 + VAT

26/20 To agree the quotation to supply and installation of the gate at Wellhouse park at a cost of £1,195.00 + VAT

26/21 To approve for the Town Clerk to renew her annual SLCC subscription at a cost of £379.00

26/22 To agree the CiLCA Learning and Confidentiality Agreement and for the Town Clerk to complete the CiLCA training at a cost of £1,350.00 (£860.00 payable to the EALC and £490.00 payable to the SLCC) subject to an annual price increase

26/23 To approve for the Town Clerk to attend the Co-option, Casual Vacancy and Election course (cost is yet to be confirmed)

26/24 The decision was made by the Town Clerk using her delegated powers and the Chair of the Environment Community Services Committee and Local Plan for the payment of the Local Plan leaflets - 5000x copies A4 folded at a cost of £192.50 (due to a change of content)

26/25 The decision was made by the Town Clerk using her delegated powers to replace the breaker and wire a supply for a daylight sensor on the lime tree Christmas tree lights on the Church Green at a cost of £265.00 + VAT

26/26 To agree to review and where necessary carry out Health and Safety Risk Assessments for all public open spaces under the Council's control

26/27 To approve the quotation to install an emergency cord in the High Street disabled toilet at a cost of £380.00 + VAT

**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.

26/28 To discuss and agree the wage structure for 2026/27