



COUNCIL MEETING

**Meeting to be held on Thursday 1st October 2026 at 7pm in the Council Chamber,
10 Melrose Road, West Mersea, Colchester CO5 8JD**

25th September 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.

A G E N D A

26/237 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

26/238 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

26/239 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

26/240 To receive County and City Councillors report

26/241 To confirm minutes of the Council meeting of 3rd September 2026

26/242 To agree and approve a list of payments

26/243 To provide an update from: -

- (a) Committees
- (b) Working Groups
- (c) Representatives

26/244 To receive the Town Clerk's report

26/245 To review and agree the Civility & Respect/Model councillor-officer protocol

26/246 To consider and approve a proposal to move from the Council's current health and safety adviser, Chestnut Associates, to a retained contract with WorkNest, including the appointment of WorkNest as the Council's Competent Person

- 26/247 To consider and approve the impulse/sonic tomography testing of the Lime tree on the Parish Church Green to assess internal decay, at a cost of £435.00 + VAT. The testing will provide detailed information on the extent of any deterioration before committing to any significant reduction works, as outlined in the Tree Survey Report
- 26/248 To consider and approve commissioning updated legionella risk assessments for Rushmere and the Council Office in order to ensure statutory compliance at a cost of £600.00 + VAT
- 26/249 To approve the estimate for replacement seat pads for the Chambers chairs at a cost of £615.00
- 26/250 To consider and approve West Mersea Town Council's submission of a planning application on behalf of Mersea Community Repair and Make (MCRM), now that the required architectural drawings and reports have been completed and formal agreement has been received from MIALGA and the allotment landowners
- 26/251 Local Plan – Regulation 19: To consider: -
(a) the draft Council submission prepared by the Local Plan Working Group; and
(b) to note the actions taken to inform residents and to agree any further measures required
Document to follow on (a) and (b)
- 26/252 (a) To review and approve the quotation for fencing and a gate along the oyster bed path, Coast Road, at a cost of £2,775.00 + VAT
(b) To approve a quotation for stump removal
(c) To receive an update on Openreach work to the existing path
- 26/253 To discuss concerns raised regarding the double gates at the School Gardens adjacent to the Co-op, including reports that the gates are being left open and the associated safety risk to young children, and to agree any necessary actions

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.

- 26/254 To receive an update on an employee's probation