

WEST MERSEA TOWN EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21ST JANUARY 2026

In attendance:

Cllr T Webster (Mayor)	Cllr J Akker	Cllr D Baker
Cllr N Hinderwell	Cllr R Jenkins	Kirsty Wadsworth (Town Clerk)

26/29 To receive apologies for absence and a vote of acceptance to be taken

Apologies received and accepted from Cllr Boylan, Cllr Powling, Cllr Weaver and Cllr Williams.

26/30 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 recorded.

26/31 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

No members of public present.

26/32 To agree 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 agree the Council's Budget for 2026/27 and the precept proposal of 3.75% increase, which is 38p per month increase for Band D household and a total precept of £426,088.00 proposal to be submitted to Colchester City Council.

Proposed: Cllr Jenkins, 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

26/33 To discuss and agree the wage structure for 2026/27

It was resolved unanimously agree the wage structure for 2026/27.

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

Meeting closed 9.08am.