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Minutes of a meeting of the **Resources Committee** of Buckingham Town Council held on Monday 27 April 2026 in the Council Chamber, Cornwalls Meadow, Buckingham at 8pm.

<b>Present:</b>	Cllr. F. Davies	Town Mayor
	Cllr. J. Harvey	
	Cllr. H. Haydock	
	Cllr. A. Mahi	
	Cllr. H. Mordue	Vice Chair
	Cllr. J. Mordue	
	Cllr. Ruth Newell	
	Cllr. L. O'Donoghue	Chair
	Cllr. A. Schaefer	
Cllr. R. Stuchbury		
<b>Also present:</b>	Ms. C. Molyneux	Town Clerk
	Mr. S. Beech	Compliance and Projects Manager
	Mrs. A. Benoy	Committee Administrator
	Mrs. N. Stockill	Senior Administrator
<b>Absent:</b>	Cllr. M. Try	

No members of the public attended and so there was no public session.

**661/25 Apologies for absence**

Members received and agreed apologies for absence from Cllr. M Try.

**662/25 Declarations of interest**

There were none.

**663/25 Minutes of last meeting**

Members agreed the minutes of the Resources Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2026.

**664/25 Budgets**

Members received and agreed the budget reports:

664.1/25 Detailed Income and Expenditure report and summary of budget variances.

664.2/25 Purchase Ledger from February and March 2026.

**665/25 Fund transfers**

Members noted the following:

31st March 2026: £125,000.00 was transferred from CCLA to the current account.

22nd April 2026: £100,000.00 was transferred from the current account to CCLA.

**666/25 Quarterly banking reconciliations**

Members noted that the quarterly banking reconciliations were signed by the Vice Chair on the 21st April 2026.

**667/25 Policies**

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**667.1/25 Equal Opportunities**

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and recommend to Full Council the amended Equal Opportunities policy.

Cllr. Harvey Proposed, Cllr. Haydock seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**667.2/25 Vulnerable Adults policy**

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members agree to amend the Safeguarding and Protecting Children Policy to include references to young people and vulnerable adults.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Davies seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMPLIANCE AND PROJECTS MANAGER**

It is recommended that Members delegate to the Compliance and Projects Manager to make the relevant textual amendments to achieve this and to retitle the policy appropriately.

Cllr. O' Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Davies Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMPLIANCE AND PROJECTS MANAGER**

**667.3/25 IT Policy**

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and agree the proposed new IT Policy.

Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Haydock seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMPLIANCE AND PROJECTS MANAGER**

**667.4/25 Newsletter policy**

To agree the recommendation from CSSC:

That useful numbers and contact page is included under permanent fixtures.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. O'Donoghue and unanimously **AGREED** that the Newsletter Policy be referred back to the Communications Strategy Sub-Committee for a redraft, with particular emphasis on advertising, governance, and picture credits, and with procedural arrangements removed. **ACTION: DEPUTY TOWN CLERK**

**668/25 Preventing Sexual Harassment Risk Assessment and Action Plan**

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager, who highlighted an error in the workplace relationships section where a misplaced "x" needed to be moved from high risk to low risk.

It was recommended that Members note the unchanged Risk Assessment and refer it to Full Council for noting.

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It was also recommended that Members review the completed Action Plan and refer it to Full Council for noting.

Proposed by Cllr. Harvey, seconded by Cllr. Davies, and unanimously **AGREED**, Members approved the recommendations, including the correction identified by the Compliance and Projects Manager. **ACTION: ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**669/25 Staff Handbook**

Members noted that Worknest are currently working on amendments.

**670/25 Health and Safety policy and handbook**

Members noted that Worknest are currently working on amendments.

**671/25 Financial Regulations**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk/Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and recommend to Full Council the amended Financial Regulations document.

The Compliance and Projects Manager advised Members that the report referenced the External Auditor where this should be the Internal Auditor.

Cllr. Schafer proposed, Cllr. Davies seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**672/25 Financial and Management Risk Assessment and Scheme of Delegation**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk/Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and recommend the amended Financial and Management Risk Assessment document to Full Council.

It is recommended that Members review and recommend the unchanged Scheme of Delegation to Full Council.

Cllr. Davis Proposed, Cllr. Schafer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendations. **ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**673/25 Review of Internal Controls**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk/Compliance and Projects Manager.

It is recommended that Members review and recommend to Full Council the revised Internal Controls document.

Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation. **ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

**674/25 Standing Orders**

Members received a report from the Compliance and Projects Manager.

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Cllr. Harvey proposed changes to the process for submitting apologies, suggesting that Members should be able to submit apologies by email without needing to provide a reason, and that any reasons given should not be announced publicly for security purposes.

The Compliance and Project Manager explained that a confidential list of reasons would be developed and provided to Members. This would allow members to submit apologies without disclosing details to the public or to anyone outside the Council. However, it was noted that members present at the meeting must be informed of the reason, as this is a legal requirement to approve a member's absence, particularly where the absence extends over a prolonged period.

Cllr. Harvey raised a query regarding Section 10, "Motions at Meetings that Do Not Require Written Notice." The Town Clerk emphasised the importance of Members adhering to the three-day notice rule to ensure adequate time for investigation and the application of due diligence prior to decision-making.

The Town Clerk agreed to present a report to the next meeting of Full Council on the provision for Members to raise urgent matters outside of the three-day rule.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

It is recommended that Members review and recommend the revised Buckingham Town Council Standing Orders to Full Council.

Cllr. Davies Proposed, Cllr. Ruth Newell Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

**ACTION: COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATOR**

### **675/25 Grants policy review**

Members received a report from the Town Clerk.

It is recommended that the next review of the Grants Policy takes place in three years' time ready for the next four-year cycle.

Cllr. O'Donoghue Proposed, Cllr. Schaefer Seconded and Members unanimously **AGREED** the recommendation.

### **676/25 Updates from representatives on outside bodies**

There were none.

### **677/25 Complaints and compliments**

Members received and noted the complaints and compliments log.

### **678/25 Action Report**

Members received and noted the Action Report.

### **679/25 Chair's announcements – for information only**

There were none.

**680/25 Date of next meeting: Monday 22nd June 2026**

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**COMMITTEE IN PRIVATE SESSION**

Exclusion of public and press

RECOMMENDED In terms of Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1972, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and it is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded. Members unanimously **AGREED**.

**680/25 Debtors list**

Members received the current list of debtors over 3 months old.

**681/25 Payment endorsements**

Members noted payment endorsement sheets 29 to 34 and to note that the payment on sheet 33 to Edwards Engineering was paid following authorisation by the Compliance and Projects Manager.

Meeting closed at: 9:03pm

Signed .....

Date .....