



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held at 7pm on
Tuesday 17th February 2026, Town Hall, High St, Haslemere, GU27 2HG

Chairman	Cllr Conrad Waters
Deputy Chair	*Cllr Bryan Carroll
Councillors	*Aslam, *Bayliss, *Carter, *Davidson, *Leach, *Nicholson

* present

The meeting was chaired by Cllr Carroll and clerked by Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

1/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Waters is recovering from surgery.

RESOLVED: That apologies received from councillors are accepted.

2/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests disclosed.

3/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held 21st October 2025 are agreed. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4/26 COUNCIL DEPOSITS WITH CCLA

Cllr Bayliss had previously circulated a paper for discussion. He remains irked at the buy out of CCLA by Jupiter and feels like the council was mislead when it originally opened an account with them. He is however satisfied with the security and yield that a deposit with the CCLA gives the council.

There was a brief discussion around the benefit of mutual organisations and whether CCLA had indeed acted in good faith over Jupiter's acquisition. It was noted that it would take a significant amount of officer and council time to identify a suitable alternative and implement a move to a different provider and councillors acknowledged that CCLA provides a safe investment vehicle with a good return.

RESOLVED: That the council's investments are reviewed, along with the council's Investment Strategy, in 2027, after the town council elections.

5/26 COUNCIL DEPOSITS

The committee noted the deposits held in the council's accounts, no action required.

6/26 FIDELITY INSURANCE

The Clerk confirmed that a number of large payments, including £100k to the Link project and £130k to the Town Meadow play area refurbishment are still to be made, meaning that £2m should cover the council's risk.

RESOLVED: That £2m fidelity insurance that the Council currently holds does not need to be increased for 2026-2027.

7/26 SMALL GRANTS

None for committee consideration. The committee agreed that the application from 5th Haslemere Guides asking for funding towards a Spain trip for three of its members could be dealt with under delegated authority by the Clerk as it did not meet the small grants criteria.

8/26 COUNCIL'S DIRECT DEBITS

The committee reviewed that list of current Direct Debits and noted their contents. No further action to be taken at this time. Cllr Leach suggested that the council might review its use of Castle Water, but the council is currently in a contract with them.

9/26 REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

The Clerk will review the following and bring to June committee for consideration:

- CCTV Policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Freedom of Information
- Transparency Code
- Pensions Discretion

Meeting finished 19:20 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Meeting