



HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held at 7pm on
Tuesday 16th June 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 clerked by Town Clerk, Lisa O'Sullivan.

10/26 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN 2026-27

Cllr Waters was nominated by Cllr Nicholson. Cllr Leach seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Waters is elected as Chair of Finance and Governance for 2026-27.

11/26 ELECTION OF DEPUTY CHAIRMAN 2026-27

Cllr Carroll was nominated by Cllr Waters. Cllr Leach seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations.

RESOLVED: That Cllr Carroll is elected as Deputy Chair of Finance and Governance for 2026-27.

12/26 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllrs Aslam and Bayliss have work commitments.

No other councillors sent apologies.

RESOLVED: That apologies received from councillors are accepted.

13/26 DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

No interests disclosed.

14/26 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESOLVED: The minutes of the Finance and Governance Committee meeting held 17th February 2026 are agreed. These were signed by the Chairman as a true record.

15/26 COUNCIL DEPOSITS

The committee considered the council's current deposit holdings. The Clerk recommended that funds are moved from CCLA, which is over the limit agreed by Council, to the council's Nationwide account. The Chair noted that this fulfils the requirement for risk being spread across institutions and some councillors' preference for money to be held with mutuals.

RESOLVED: That £250,000 is moved from the Council's CCLA deposit account to Nationwide.

16/26 VAT REVIEW

The Clerk reported that Mulberry and Co had undertaken a review of the council's current VAT situation, the committee had previously been provided with their report. The Clerk reported that since that report had been completed, she had confirmation that the Town Hall is not Opted To Tax.

RESOLVED:

1. In relation to actions where further assistance is required, Mulberry and Co continue to be used to provide advice. A recommendation needs to be made to and agreed by Full Council before any decision is made on how to manage new land going forward. The Clerk will keep the Chairman fully updated.
2. That HTC pays back HMRC £3250 from general reserves.

17/26 SMALL GRANTS

RESOLVED: That Haslewey (Haslemere & District Community Centre) is awarded a small grant of £1000 for funding counselling sessions.

The committee asked that Haslewey be encouraged to apply for a revenue grant for future years. The Clerk confirmed she had already spoken to them about it.

18/26 REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED: That the following updated documents, as circulated with the Agenda, are adopted by Council:

- CCTV Policies:
 - 2026 CCTV policy
 - 2026 CCTV privacy notice
 - 2026 Data protection policy
 - 2026 2026 Subject access request policy
- Complaints Procedure
- Freedom of Information
 - 2026 FoI Policy
 - 2026 FoI internal process
 - 2026 FoI publication scheme
- Transparency Code
- Pensions Discretion

It was noted that the Clerk's Delegation Schedule should be reviewed at September Full Council.

Meeting finished 19:16 pm.

Signed.....

Date.....

Chairman of Meeting