

FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE

The Minutes of the proceedings of the hybrid meeting of the Finance & Policy Committee, held on Monday 15th June 2026.

PRESENT: Councillor D. Challenger (in the Chair).

Councillors: M. Buckley, R. Davies, N. Davies, C. Griffiths, M. Hanson, E. Jones, M. Moore, V. Nevitt, M. Perfect, I. Roberts, and M. Whittaker.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Councillors V. Perfect and J. Stoneley.

IN ATTENDANCE: L. Wood, Town Clerk, N. Thornton, Support Officer and Members of the Public.

30. PUBLIC ENQUIRY ITEM

There were no members of the public present.

31. TO ELECT A CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27

Councillor M. Perfect proposed Councillor D. Challenger as Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee and this was seconded by Councillor N. Davies.

RESOLVED: That Councillor D. Challenger was elected as Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

32. TO ELECT A VICE CHAIR FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2026/27

Councillor M. Perfect proposed Councillor M. Hanson as Vice Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee and this was seconded by Councillor N. Davies.

RESOLVED: That Councillor M. Hanson was elected as Vice Chair of the Finance and Policy Committee for the Municipal Year 2026/27.

33. DECLARATION OF INTEREST – MEMBERS CODE OF CONDUCT

There were no declarations of interests made.

34. MINUTES

Councillor M. Perfect proposed the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 20th April, 2026 be approved, which was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 20th April, 2026 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

35. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The accounts for payment totalling £43,363.42 were circulated to Council for approval.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed the approval of the accounts, which was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the accounts for payment totalling £43,363.42 on the schedule be approved for payment.

36. MEMBERS ALLOWANCES AND EXPENSES 2025/26

The Council considered a report following advice received from the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales (IRPW) that the Council was required to publish its Determinations for the previous financial year together with details of allowances and expenses paid to Members during that period. It was noted that, in addition to submitting a copy of the information to the IRPW, the report was also required to be published on the Council's website.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed the Council accepts the report and this was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the report relating to Members' Allowances and Expenses for 2025/26 be approved and that the required information be submitted to the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales and published on the Council's website.

37. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

a. Internal Audit of Accounts 2025/26

The Council considered the Report of the Internal Auditor, JDH Business Services Ltd.

The Clerk reported that the issues raised had now been resolved.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed to accept the report and this was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the report of the External Auditor for the 2025/26 accounts be noted.

b. External Audit of Accounts 2025/26

The Council considered the Accounting Statements and the Annual Governance Statement – Part 1 and Part 2 – along with the section completed by the Internal Auditor. The Town Clerk advised the Council that the Chairman requires formal authorisation from the Council to approve and certify the Annual Return.

Councillor M. Perfect proposed the report is noted and the Annual Return be approved and certified by the Chairman and the Town Clerk. This was seconded by Councillor M. Buckley.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Report was approved, and the Accounting Statement of the Annual Return be approved and certified by the Chairman of the Council and the Town Clerk.

38. COUNCIL POLICIES

The Council considered the following Council Policies for approval and adoption.

Information & Data Protection Policy
Freedom of Information Scheme
Planning Procedures Policy

The Clerk reminded Council that the current Planning Procedures Policy was not working effectively and that amendments were required to ensure appropriate responses are received within the required timescales. The proposed changes were discussed.

Councillor N. Davies proposed to accept the amendments to the Planning Procedures Policy and the approval of the Information & Data Protection Policy and the Freedom of Information Scheme which was seconded by Councillor R. Davies.

RESOLVED: That the amendments to the Planning Procedures Policy be approved and adopted, and that the Information & Data Protection Policy and the Freedom of Information Scheme be approved and adopted.

39. TO APPROVE ANY MATTERS OF A FINANCIAL NATURE AGREED AT THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE 15th JUNE, 2026

Councillor M. Buckley proposed the approval and adoption of the financial recommendations made at each of the Committee meetings earlier this evening, which was seconded by Councillor R. Davies.

RESOLVED: The Council approved and adopted all financial recommendations from the Committee Meetings.

Date of Council Meeting	Monday 15 th June 2026
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