



**MEETING OF THE  
FINANCE & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Date: Tuesday 13 January 2026

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Chigwell Council Parish Offices, Hainault Road, Chigwell, IG7 6QZ

Members are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend the above meeting  
to transact the following business.

Members are respectfully reminded that each item of business should be carefully examined, with  
any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests duly declared

Members to be present:

Cllr Elliot Costa  
Cllr Tosin Amuludun  
Cllr Erika Skingsley

Cllr Debby Rye  
Cllr Faiza Rizvi

Acting Clerk: Cllr Celina Jefcoate

**Members of the press and public are invited to attend this meeting.** Members of the Public and Councillors are asked to **NOTE** that in accordance with Standing Orders 3 (i) and the Local Government Transparency Code 2015, photographing, recording, broadcasting, transmitting or otherwise reporting the proceeding of a meeting may take place.

Councillors are asked to **NOTE** that in the exercise of their functions, they must take note of the following: equal opportunities; crime and disorder; human rights; health and safety and biodiversity

*Cllr Jamie Braha and Cllr Debby Rye*

Acting Proper Officer to Chigwell Parish Council

Date: 8 January 2026

## FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE AGENDA

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and **AGREE** to accept any apologies for absence

### 2. ANY OTHER ABSENCE

To **NOTE** any other absence

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any Interest or Disclosable Pecuniary Interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. See notes at the end of the Agenda

### 4. MINUTES

To consider the minutes of the previous meeting held 9 December 2025 for **APPROVAL** ([Appendix 1](#))

### 5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive representations from any member of the public in attendance.

Order Note: Public Participation is conducted in accordance with Standing Orders to a maximum allotted time of fifteen minutes. Individual speakers are limited to three minutes under Order 3(g) or at the discretion of the presiding Chair. District and County Councillors may also make representations at this time

### 6. FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS AND BANK RECONCILIATIONS

To **REVIEW** the Summary Report from the Financial Officer ([Appendix 2](#))

To **REVIEW** the proposed payments for January and **APPROVE** if appropriate ([Appendix 3](#))

To **REVIEW** the card payments for December and **APPROVE** if appropriate ([Appendix 4](#))

To **REVIEW** the bank reconciliation to 31 December and **APPROVE** if appropriate ([Appendix 5](#))

To **REVIEW** the report detailing salary, superannuation and tax payments for January 2026 paid 11 January - ([Appendix 6](#))

To **NOTE** the reported cemetery activities to 31 December ([Appendix 7](#))

### 7. FINANCIAL REGULATION 5.15 EXPENDITURE

As per Financial Regulation 5.15, Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by the Clerk or RFO, under delegated authority, for any items below £1,000 excluding VAT. Such authorisation must be supported by a minute (in the case of council or committee decisions) or other auditible evidence trail.

Council are asked to **NOTE** the attached expenditure of individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure authorised by the Clerk or RFO for the period to 31 December 2025 ([Appendix 8](#))

#### 8. FINANCE OFFICER'S REPORT

To hear any recommendations from the Financial Officer and **AGREE** an appropriate course of action ([Appendix 9](#))

#### 9. INTERIM AUDIT REPORT

To **CONSIDER** the Auditor's report and recommendations ([Appendix 10](#)) and **AGREE** an appropriate course of action

#### 10. Q3 REPORT - SPEND AND INCOME TO DATE

To **CONSIDER** the officer report ([Appendix 11](#)) and **AGREE** an appropriate course of action regarding any recommendations therein.

#### 11. VIREMENT FOR RECENT BY-ELECTION COSTS

To **CONSIDER** the officer report ([Appendix 12](#)) and **AGREE** an appropriate course of action regarding any recommendations therein.

#### 12. BUDGET 2026/27

To **CONSIDER** the officer report ([Appendix 13](#)) and budget and **AGREE** the final budget to be recommended to Full Council for decision

#### 13. PRECEPT 2026/27

To consider the proposed precept request ([Appendix 14](#)) and **AGREE** the final document to be recommended to Full Council for decision

#### 14. UPDATE FROM THE CLERK

To **CONSIDER** the officer report ([Appendix 15](#)) and **AGREE** an appropriate course of action regarding any recommendations therein.

#### 15. MATTERS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD OR FOR DISCUSSION WITH NO DECISION

#### 16. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Agreed by Full Council as 10 March 2026

#### 17. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

In the event that the Agenda contains items where the public interest in maintaining confidentiality may outweigh the public interest in the item being made public, to **CONSIDER** the following motion to be proposed by the Chair:

"That the public and the press be excluded from the meeting, the Council believing that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business about to be discussed."

## 18. INCIDENT LOG

To consider and receive updated reports from the Clerk and RFO into governance and financial incidents and **AGREE** any further actions regarding any recommendations therein (**Confidential Appendix 1**)

### Notes on Declarations of Interest

Members with a disclosable pecuniary interest in an item should withdraw from the room while that item is being considered. Members should also leave the room if their continued presence is not compatible with the Council's Code of Conduct or the Seven Principles of Public Life.

The disclosure must include the nature of the interest. If you become aware during meeting of an interest that has not been disclosed under this item you must immediately disclose it. You may remain in the meeting and take part fully in discussion and voting unless the interest is prejudicial.

A personal interest is prejudicial if a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard it as so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest and it relates to a financial or regulatory matter.

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting on whether or not a personal interest should be declared, or whether a personal interest should be regarded as a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest. Members are advised to seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer well before the meeting if needed.

 **Indicates Councillors are expected to make a decision (within the remit of the committee)**