

Biddulph Town Council



MEETING: Finance Strategy and Management Committee
DATE: Tuesday 28 April 2026
TIME: 6pm
LOCATION: Council Chamber

AGENDA

122. APOLOGIES AND APPROVAL OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

123. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- i. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
- ii. Other Interests

124. MINUTES

To **confirm** the Minutes of the Finance Strategy and Management Committee meeting held on 24 March 2026 (approved at the Town Council meeting on 14 April 2026)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Minutes-Finance-24-March-2026-Draft-No-Confidential.pdf>

125. AUDIT AND ACCOUNT MATTERS

- a) To **approve** the bank reconciliation for February 2026 (attached)
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/ALL-BANKS-RECONCILIATION-FEB-2026.pdf>
- b) To **receive** the Cost Centre Year Comparison Summary until 22 April 2026 (attached)
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Cost-Centre-Comparison-22-April-2026.pdf>
- c) To **receive** the report from the internal control visit on Tuesday 31 March 2026 (attached) and to confirm that the year-end visit will take place in June 2026
- d) To **receive** the interim Internal Audit report for 2025-26 (attached)



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- e) To **receive** a copy of the Asset Register (Scribe report attached)
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Asset-Register-Records-April-2026.pdf>
- f) To **receive** a copy of the Practitioners Guide for 2026-27 (attached)
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/AD455-Practitioners-Guide-2026-27.pdf>
- g) To **receive** a copy of the revised three-year forecast (April 2026- March 2030)
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Draft-Three-Year-Forecast-April-2026.pdf>

126. TO CONSIDER THE 'WHAT DOES GOOD LOOK LIKE' DOCUMENT IN RELATION TO FINANCIAL AND STRATEGIC ISSUES (ATTACHED)

<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/What-Does-Good-Look-Like-2026.pdf>

127. POLICY REVIEW (ATTACHED)

- a) To **approve** the reviewed Councillors Handbook 2026-27
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Councillors-Handbook-2026-27.pdf>
- b) To **approve** the reviewed Mayoral Handbook 2026-27
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Mayoral-Handbook-2026-27.pdf>
- c) To **approve** the reviewed Protocol to Mark the Death of a Local Holder of Office
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Protocol-to-Mark-the-Death-of-a-Local-Holder-of-Office-March-2026.pdf>
- d) To **approve** the reviewed Flag Flying Protocol
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Flag-Flying-Protocol-March-2026.pdf>
- e) To **consider** whether changes are needed to the Financial Regulations for 2026-27
<https://biddulph.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/Financial-Regulations-2025.pdf>



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128. STANDING AGENDA ITEMS

- a) To **consider** disposal of any assets, in line with the Asset Management Policy and Financial Regulations
- b) To **confirm** approved suppliers as part of the Procurement Policy

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, the Council is to determine which items, if any, should be taken with the public excluded.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

129. TO RECEIVE AN VERBAL UPDATE ON TAX ADVICE DISCUSSIONS

130. TO APPROVE A QUOTATION FOR BARRISTER ADVICE

131. TO RECEIVE A VERBAL UPDATE ON GRANTS APPLIED FOR BY THE TOWN COUNCIL



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132. GRANTS

To **consider** and **approve** attached grant applications for 2026-27 (applications and summary spreadsheet attached).

133. QUOTATIONS

- a) To **approve** the quotation for remedial repairs to the lift in the Town Hall
- b) To **consider** the advice received for the Wharf Road roller shutter
- c) To **approve** the quotation for automatic doors at the Town Hall (deferred from the March 2026 meeting)
- d) To **consider** the purchase of a replacement OWL for streaming meetings

134. TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM STAFF APPRAISALS (TO BE TABLED)

SM Haydon
Chief Officer/ Responsible Financial Officer

copy to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Councillors Brady, Eardley, Harper, Hart, Hawley, Hopkins, Jackson, Jones, Rogers, Salt, Wood, Yates



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