

## WIRKSWORTH TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee held 10 November 2025

**FBP25/42 Present: Cllr A Clamp (Chairman), Cllr A Jordan, Cllr E McDonagh, Cllr A Pollock, Cllr S Spencer and Cllr C Whittall  
In attendance: Paul Jennings (Town Clerk)**

**FBP25/43 Apologies for Absence: None**

**FBP25/44 Variation in Order of Business: None**

**FBP25/45 Members' Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items: None**

**FBP25/46 Minutes:**

**The minutes of the meeting of the Finance Buildings and Personnel Committee dated 13 October 2025 were confirmed as a correct record.**

**FBP25/47 Monthly Budget Balance**

**REC that the position be noted, however the position in regards to occasion letting income against budget will be reviewed again in January**

**FBP25/48 Budget and Precept 2026-27**

To consider any issues that should be considered or included in the initial draft budget.

**REC that a precept of £268000 be set for 2026/27, which represents a £15000 increase on the previous year and based upon existing Band D level (1893.01) is equivalent to £0.15 per week for a Band D property.**

**FBP25/49 Safeguarding Policy and Procedure (attached)**

UKSPF grant funding requires grant recipients to have a policy for this issue.

**REC the more detail is given for the DCC officer (referrals under under PiPoT) and that the policy then be adopted.**

**FBP25/50 Community Grant (attached)**

Grassroot Wirksworth have requested a grant of £100 to assist with promotional costs associated with their work to re-open the Eco Centre as a sustainable, inclusive education facility.

**REC that a grant of £100 be made to the group.**

**FBP25/51 LGPS Consultation**

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) has opened a new consultation: "Local Government Pension Scheme in England and Wales: Scheme improvements (access and protections)".

The consultation seeks views on four proposals relating to the LGPS covering:

- the normal minimum pension age
- pension access for mayors and councillors
- academies in the LGPS
- the new Fair Deal

**REC that the matter be noted.**

**FBP25/52 Corporate Card (attached)**

As part of the process of changing banking arrangements, the existing debit card will be withdrawn, Unity Trust offer a corporate card in place of a debit card.

**REC that an application for a card be made for the Town Clerk, the limit to be up to £5000 pm to mirror the existing limit Scheme of Delegation for the Clerk (s3.3).**

**FBP25/53 DDDC Disposal of Assets**

The District Council are seeking comments on a proposal to sell land at Griggs Gardens.

**REC that no objection be made to the proposed disposal.**

**FBP25/54 Staff Matters**

Update on recruitment for vacant caretaker role.

**REC that a caretaking role of upto 16hr per week. The Town Clerk to determine potential budget impact of this in future financial years (it was noted that this post could be funded within the existing budget for 2025/26).**

**FBP25/55 Clerk's Time Sheet**

July -Sept 2025, to be signed by the Chair.

**REC that it be noted that the clerk accrued TOIL is 4 hours**

*The meeting closed at 7.55 pm*

Chairman