

KNOWSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES

A meeting of Knowsley Town Council's
Finance and General Purposes Committee
was held on Tuesday, 10th February 2026 in the Community Pavilion,
Committee Room, Pool Hey, Stockbridge Village, commencing at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillors: D Baum, B Donnelly, N Joseph (Vice-Chair)
L O'Keeffe.

Also in Present: Jane Thomas (Clerk of the Council).

APOLOGIES

Councillors: M Burke, J Donnelly (Chair), L Tomlinson.

123. PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

124. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received from members.

125. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CHAIR

There were no announcements from the Chair.

126. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

There were no announcements from the Clerk.

127. FINANCIAL MATTERS (OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2025)

Members considered the Revenue and Expenditure Report and the Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report for the period October to December 2025.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the Revenue and Expenditure Report and the Third Quarter Budget Monitoring Report for the period October to December 2025 be received and noted.

128. TOWN COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2026-2027

The Clerk presented a report outlining the draft budget and precept requirement for the financial year 2026/2027.

Following detailed consideration of the report and associated budget documentation:

RESOLVED:

- a) That the report be received and noted.
- b) That Full Council be recommended to approve the draft budget for the financial year 2026/2027 as presented.
- c) That Full Council be recommended to set a precept of £336,715 for 2026/2027, representing a 0% increase.
- d) That Full Council be recommended to formally close the Health & Safety Management and Operations Earmarked Reserve and transfer the remaining balance of £2,500 to a newly established Staffing Contingency Earmarked Reserve.

129. AMENDMENT TO TERMS OF REFERENCE – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE.

Members considered proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference of the Finance and General Purposes Committee to include delegated authority for administering expenditure from the Mayor's Charity Fund.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the amended Terms of Reference be recommended to Full Council for approval.

130. ADOPTION OF THE MAYOR'S CHARITY FUND, COMMUNITY GRANTS AND DONATION POLICIES

Members reviewed the Mayor's Charity Fund Policy, Community Grants Policy and Donations Policy.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the above policies be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption.

131. ADOPTION OF THE UPDATED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS 2025/26

Members reviewed the revised Financial Regulations for 2025/2026.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the Financial Regulations for 2025/2026 be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption.

132. ADOPTION OF ANTI-FRAUD/CORRUPTION & RESERVES POLICIES AND APPROVAL OF THE UPDATED DATA PROTECTION POLICY

Members reviewed the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy, the Reserves Policy and the updated Data Protection Policy.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the above policies be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption.

133. ADOPTION OF THE NEW CONSOLIDATED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, DIGITAL USE & SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY

Members reviewed the consolidated Information Technology, Digital Use and Social Media Policy.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the above policy be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption.

134. ADOPTION OF A SCHEME OF DELEGATION

Members reviewed the proposed Scheme of Delegation.

Following consideration:

RESOLVED:

That the Scheme of Delegation be recommended to Full Council for approval and adoption.

The meeting closed at 4.50 p.m.

Date:10 February 2026

Signed.....

**Cllr N Joseph
Vice-Chair of the Committee**