

SUDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE HELD IN
SUDBURY TOWN HALL ON MONDAY 10TH AUGUST 2026 AT 6.30PM**

Committee members present: Mr N Bennett - Chair
Mr T Regester
Mr S Hall
Mrs J Osborne
Mr A Stohr
Mr N Younger

Officers in attendance: Mrs C Morgan – Deputy Clerk and RFO

1. **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M Barrett. Councillor Mrs J Osborne was the substitute for Miss A Owen

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Mr T Regester declared he is a Babergh District Councillor.

3. **DECLARATIONS OF GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY**

There were no declarations of gifts or hospitality.

4. **REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

5. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on 7th July 2026 be confirmed and signed as an accurate record.

6. **ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

There were no actions from the previous meeting that the Deputy Town Clerk needed to raise.

7. TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £5,000 FOR LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLINT LODGE COMPENSATION CLAIM

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that in reviewing our expenditure and future requirements against previously agreed spend, she had requested an update from the Council's Solicitors regarding the remaining steps in the Compensation Claim. The Solicitors confirmed that all directions had now been complied with and that the matter was awaiting the Court's scheduling of the Hearing dates. Whilst a final cost could not yet be confirmed, it is suggested that **£5,000** be approved to cover preparation for the Hearing and the instruction of Counsel. It was confirmed that this expenditure falls within the allocated budget for 2026/27. The same applies to the expenditure outlined under agenda items 8 and 9.

RESOLVED

To approve expenditure of up to £5,000 for legal and professional cost associated with the Flint Lodge Compensation Claim, under the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

8. TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £5,000 FOR LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE FLINT LODGE TRIBUNAL HEARING

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that in reviewing our expenditure and future requirements against previously agreed spend, she had requested an update from the Council's Solicitors regarding the remaining steps in the Tribunal Appeal. The Solicitors confirmed that there is one direction outstanding, which may need additional review in early September. The hearing has been listed, and this matter will be concluded following the Tribunal hearing in September.

Whilst a final cost could not yet be confirmed, it is suggested that **£5,000** be approved to cover preparation for the Hearing and the instruction of Counsel.

RESOLVED

To approve expenditure of up to £5,000 for legal and professional cost associated with the Flint Lodge Tribunal Hearing, under the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

9. TO APPROVE EXPENDITURE OF UP TO £5,000 FOR LEGAL AND PROFESSIONAL COST ASSOCIATED WITH THE SALE OF FLINT LODGE

The Deputy Town Clerk explained that legal and professional costs would be incurred in connection with the sale of Flint Lodge such as legal, conveyancing and other professional costs associated with the sale.

RESOLVED

To approve expenditure of up to £5,000 for legal and professional cost associated with the Sale of Flint Lodge, under the power of the Local Government Act 1972, s.111.

The business of the meeting concluded at 6.38pm.

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Chairman