

**To all Committee Members:** You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at the Town Hall on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026** at 7.15pm to transact the business shown on the agenda below.

**Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.**

Any member of the public may submit a written statement of no more than 500 words relating to any item on this agenda. These must be received by 10am on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 by email to [deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk](mailto:deal.town.council@deal.gov.uk) or post to the above address. These statements will be circulated to all present at the meeting and become part of the public record of the meeting, names will be redacted.



**Paul Bone**  
**Responsible Finance Officer**  
**Date: 17 March 2026**

### AGENDA

1	<b>Chairperson's opening remarks:</b>	Chairperson
2	<b>Apologies for absence:</b>	
3	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach.1
4	<b>Public participation and statements received:</b> For Councillor information: Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at the meeting in respect of the business on the agenda. This shall not exceed 15 minutes.	
5	<b>The minutes of the previous Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 for approval and signing:</b> Decision required.	Attach.2
6	<b>Finance income &amp; expenditure figures and full bank reconciliation to 28<sup>th</sup> February 2026:</b> Information to note.	Attach 3
7	<b>Grant applications –</b> I. <b>Annual Grants 2025/26 Round 3:</b> Decisions required. II. <b>Annual Grants 2026/27:</b> Decision required.	Attach 4 Attach 5
8	<b>Quadrennial Review of Town and Parish Council Allowances:</b> Decision required.	Attach 6
9	<b>Town Hall Broadband connection:</b> Decision required.	Attach 7
10	<b>Braderie update:</b> Decisions required.	Attach 8
11	<b>Town Hall Furniture - event/meeting chairs &amp; chamber carpet:</b> Decisions required.	Attach 9
12	<b>Treasury Deposit:</b> Decision required.	Attach 10
13	<b>Town Hall – Free use request:</b> Decision required.	Attach 11
	<b>Date of next F&amp;GP Committee meeting:</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> May 2026	

**Members Cllrs, TB, PJ, BB, DC, LC, MC, ME, & DP**

## Declarations of Interest

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI)

Where a Member has a new or registered DPI in a matter under consideration they must disclose that they have an interest and, unless the Monitoring Officer has agreed in advance that the DPI is a 'Sensitive Interest', explain the nature of that interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a DPI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation permitting them to do so. If during the consideration of any item a Member becomes aware that they have a DPI in the matter they should declare the interest immediately and, subject to any dispensations, withdraw from the meeting.

### Other Significant Interest (OSI)

Where a Member is declaring an OSI they must also disclose the interest and explain the nature of the interest at the meeting. The Member must withdraw from the meeting at the commencement of the consideration of any matter in which they have declared a OSI and must not participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter unless they have been granted a dispensation to do so or the meeting is one at which members of the public are permitted to speak for the purpose of making representations, answering questions or giving evidence relating to the matter. In the latter case, the Member may only participate on the same basis as a member of the public and cannot participate in any discussion of, or vote taken on, the matter and must withdraw from the meeting in accordance with the Council's procedure rules.

### Voluntary Announcement of Other Interests (VAOI)

Where a Member does not have either a DPI or OSI but is of the opinion that for transparency reasons alone s/he should make an announcement in respect of a matter under consideration, they can make a VAOI. A Member declaring a VAOI may still remain at the meeting and vote on the matter under consideration.

#### Note to the Code:

Situations in which a Member may wish to make a VAOI include membership of outside bodies that have made representations on agenda items; where a Member knows a person involved, but does not have a close association with that person; or where an item would affect the well-being of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc. but not his/her financial position. It should be emphasised that an effect on the financial position of a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc OR an application made by a Member, relative, close associate, employer, etc would both probably constitute either an OSI or in some cases a DPI.

**Deal Town Council, Town Hall, High Street, Deal, Kent. CT14 6TR.**

The minutes of the Finance and General Purposes Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 in Deal Town Hall Chamber starting at 7.15pm.

Present: Cllr T Bond (Chairperson) Cllr M Eddy  
Cllr L Craggs Cllr P Jull

Officers: Mr P Bone – Responsible Finance Officer  
Ms J Harper - Asst. to the Town Clerk

Others: None Present

1.	<b>Chairperson's opening remarks:</b> The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation procedures.	Chairperson
2.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr B Bano and Cllr D Cronk due to work commitments, Cllr D Parks and Cllr M Cronk due to personal commitments.	R.F.O
3.	<b>Declarations of interest:</b> Cllr P Jull declared an OSI for agenda item 11.1 Landmark Centre.	
4.	<b>Public Participation:</b> None present.	
5.	<b>The minutes of the previous Finance &amp; General Purposes Committee meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2026 for approval and signing:</b> RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2026 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs. 3 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstention. Agreed. The Chairperson then duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6.	<b>Finance: Income &amp; Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 31st December 2025:</b> Members RESOLVED: To note the Income & Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2025. (P) Cllr P Jull (S) Cllr L Craggs. All Agreed.	R.F.O
7.	<b>Community Contributions Grants Application: Deal Foodbank (Pantry):</b> Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to approve a payment of £2,000 this year and that years 2 & 3 are reconsidered each year by the grants sub-committee when the grant monitoring form is submitted who will in turn make recommendations to F & GP. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.	R.F.O
8.	<b>Public Toilet Service Level Agreement:</b> Members RESOLVED: To offer £35,000 as a contribution towards the cleaning and maintenance of the public toilets to DDC on the grounds of failure to perform the maintenance part of the contract and to authorise the Town Clerk to sign a revised SLA if the requested contribution is amended by DDC to match the amount agreed above. (P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	R.F.O/Town Clerk
9.	<b>Saturday Market Update:</b> Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to purchase additional weights and that a sum of £2,000 is allocated from the market profits to purchase 75 additional weights. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr L Craggs. All agreed.	R.F.O
10.	<b>Braderie Consultation Update:</b> Members RESOLVED: Officers to liaise with DDC regarding possible use of Victoria Park with a provisional date of Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> September 2026 and bring a fully costed proposal to the next meeting of this committee for decision. (P) Cllr L Craggs (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	R.F.O





**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026  
for Cashbook 1 - Nat West Combined A/C's**

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Nat West Current A/C	28/02/2026		100.00
Nat West Deposit A/C	28/02/2026		106,703.86
			<u>106,803.86</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			106,803.86
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			106,803.86
		<b>Balance per Cash Book is :-</b>	<b>106,803.86</b>
		<b>Difference is :-</b>	<b>0.00</b>

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026  
for Cashbook 2 - Nat West Mayors Charity Fund

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Mayor's Charity A/C	28/02/2026		4.56
			<u>4.56</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			4.56
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			4.56
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	4.56
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026  
for Cashbook 3 - Prepaid Card

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
-251.57	28/02/2026		21.22
			<u>21.22</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21.22
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			21.22
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	21.22
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026  
for Cashbook 4 - Town Hall Petty Cash

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
202.75	28/02/2026		202.75
			<u>202.75</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			202.75
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
29/10/2025 CASH IN		2.56	
			<u>2.56</u>
			205.31
			Balance per Cash Book is :- 202.75
			Difference Excluding Adjustments is :- 2.56
<u>Adjustments to Reconciliation</u>			
29/10/2025 CORRECTION MONEY FOUND IN PETTY CASH TIN		2.56	
			<u>2.56</u>
			Unreconciled Difference is :- <u>0.00</u>

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 28/02/2026  
for Cashbook 5 - Nat West Treasury Account

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
Nat west Treasury account	28/02/2026		100,000.00
			<u>100,000.00</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			100,000.00
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			100,000.00
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	100,000.00
		Difference is :-	0.00

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<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
CCLA ACCOUNT	28/02/2026		100,000.00
			<u>100,000.00</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			100,000.00
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			100,000.00
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	100,000.00
		Difference is :-	0.00

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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<b><u>100 General Income</u></b>							
1076 Precept	590,218	590,218	0			100.0%	
1080 Bank Interest	5,902	9,000	3,098			65.6%	
1085 Office space rental	2,250	9,000	6,750			25.0%	
1999 Misc. Income	16,990	0	(16,990)			0.0%	
General Income :- Income	<u>615,360</u>	<u>608,218</u>	<u>(7,142)</u>			101.2%	<u>0</u>
Net Income	<u>615,360</u>	<u>608,218</u>	<u>(7,142)</u>				
<b><u>200 Staff Salaries</u></b>							
4000 Salaries Gross	296,673	334,073	37,400		37,400	88.8%	
Staff Salaries :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>296,673</u>	<u>334,073</u>	<u>37,400</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>37,400</u>	88.8%	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(296,673)</u>	<u>(334,073)</u>	<u>(37,400)</u>				
<b><u>202 Employment Costs</u></b>							
4010 Salaries Employers Pension	58,579	73,840	15,261		15,261	79.3%	
4020 Salaries Employers NI	34,172	37,127	2,955		2,955	92.0%	
4080 HR & HS	0	1,750	1,750		1,750	0.0%	
4085 Payroll Services	1,969	2,000	31		31	98.4%	
Employment Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>94,720</u>	<u>114,717</u>	<u>19,997</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>19,997</u>	82.6%	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(94,720)</u>	<u>(114,717)</u>	<u>(19,997)</u>				
<b><u>203 Staff Costs</u></b>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	54	100	46		46	54.0%	
4070 Training	85	2,000	1,915		1,915	4.3%	
4075 Staff Uniforms	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4090 Staff Recruitment	0	750	750		750	0.0%	
Staff Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>139</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>2,961</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,961</u>	4.5%	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(139)</u>	<u>(3,100)</u>	<u>(2,961)</u>				
<b><u>205 Official Car</u></b>							
4060 Official Car Lease	3,827	3,921	94		94	97.6%	
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	213	0	(213)		(213)	0.0%	
Official Car :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>4,040</u>	<u>3,921</u>	<u>(119)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(119)</u>	103.0%	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(4,040)</u>	<u>(3,921)</u>	<u>119</u>				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>210 Civic</u>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	27	100	74		74	26.5%	
4200 Cllr. Allowances	2,250	4,800	2,550		2,550	46.9%	
4220 Robes & Regalia	88	250	162		162	35.4%	
Civic :- Indirect Expenditure	2,365	5,150	2,785	0	2,785	45.9%	0
Net Expenditure	(2,365)	(5,150)	(2,785)				
<u>215 Mayor's Budget</u>							
4210 Hospitality	961	1,500	539		539	64.1%	
4225 Mayoral Travel & Subsistence	536	100	(436)		(436)	535.7%	
4230 Mayor Expenses	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4235 Deputy Mayor Expenses	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
4240 Mayoress Expenses	0	300	300		300	0.0%	
5020 Mayoral Ceremonial Event	0	200	200		200	0.0%	
5030 Charter Day	496	500	4		4	99.2%	
Mayor's Budget :- Indirect Expenditure	1,993	3,400	1,407	0	1,407	58.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(1,993)	(3,400)	(1,407)				
<u>220 Administration</u>							
4070 Training	690	0	(690)		(690)	0.0%	
4080 HR & HS	2,440	1,750	(690)		(690)	139.4%	
4085 Payroll Services	530	0	(530)		(530)	0.0%	
4300 Mobile Phones	1,310	1,250	(60)		(60)	104.8%	
4305 Stationery	893	800	(93)		(93)	111.6%	
4310 Postage	38	500	462		462	7.7%	
4315 Bank Charges	1,399	1,500	101		101	93.3%	
4320 General Admin	9,219	5,000	(4,219)		(4,219)	184.4%	32
4325 Office Equipment	1,045	500	(545)		(545)	209.0%	
4330 IT Equipment	794	3,000	2,206		2,206	26.5%	
4335 IT Support & Website	12,725	10,000	(2,725)		(2,725)	127.3%	1,810
4340 Telephone & Broadband	3,087	2,000	(1,087)		(1,087)	154.3%	
4345 Pat Testing	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4365 Legal Advice	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4375 Marketing/Communications	274	2,000	1,726		1,726	13.7%	
4390 Waste & Recycling	1,195	2,000	805		805	59.7%	
4405 Annual Planting	0	5,000	5,000		5,000	0.0%	
4410 Flags	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4415 Audit Fees	(1,280)	2,500	3,780		3,780	(51.2%)	
4420 Subscriptions	2,925	2,000	(925)		(925)	146.3%	

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4430 Data Protection Officer	887	1,000	113		113	88.7%	
4435 General Maintenance	1,735	0	(1,735)		(1,735)	0.0%	
4720 Licences	150	0	(150)		(150)	0.0%	
Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	40,055	42,300	2,245	0	2,245	94.7%	1,842
Net Expenditure	(40,055)	(42,300)	(2,245)				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	1,842	0	(1,842)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(38,213)	(42,300)	(4,087)				
<u>225 Council</u>							
4070 Training	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4370 Election Costs	0	11,375	11,375		11,375	0.0%	
4376 Carbon Audit	0	770	770		770	0.0%	
4380 Contingency	4,400	10,000	5,600		5,600	44.0%	
Council :- Indirect Expenditure	4,400	23,145	18,745	0	18,745	19.0%	0
Net Expenditure	(4,400)	(23,145)	(18,745)				
<u>250 Grants &amp; Donations</u>							
4470 Annual Grants	16,614	20,000	3,386		3,386	83.1%	
4473 Community Grants	7,940	10,000	2,060		2,060	79.4%	
4485 Deal Warm Welcome	8,193	10,000	1,807		1,807	81.9%	
4490 St Omer Twinning	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Grants & Donations :- Indirect Expenditure	32,747	40,500	7,753	0	7,753	80.9%	0
Net Expenditure	(32,747)	(40,500)	(7,753)				
<u>260 Astor Theatre</u>							
1800 Astor Grant from DDC	5,000	0	(5,000)			0.0%	
Astor Theatre :- Income	5,000	0	(5,000)				0
4471 DDC Astor Grant	5,000	0	(5,000)		(5,000)	0.0%	
Astor Theatre :- Indirect Expenditure	5,000	0	(5,000)	0	(5,000)		0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	0	0				
<u>300 Town Hall</u>							
1100 Wedding Hire	12,610	15,000	2,390			84.1%	
1105 Chamber Hire	2,154	3,000	846			71.8%	
1110 Committee Room Hire	0	2,000	2,000			0.0%	

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
1115 Under Croft Hire	250	1,000	750			25.0%	
Town Hall :- Income	15,014	21,000	5,986			71.5%	0
4080 HR & HS	1,220	0	(1,220)		(1,220)	0.0%	
4310 Postage	19	0	(19)		(19)	0.0%	
4345 Pat Testing	149	0	(149)		(149)	0.0%	
4360 Insurance	13,302	8,000	(5,302)		(5,302)	166.3%	
4420 Subscriptions	180	0	(180)		(180)	0.0%	
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	9,025	4,000	(5,025)		(5,025)	225.6%	2,800
4505 Under Croft Cleaning	1,100	1,100	0		0	100.0%	
4510 Furniture & Equipment	595	4,000	3,405		3,405	14.9%	
4520 Boiler Service & Maint.	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4525 Window Cleaning	1,380	1,100	(280)		(280)	125.5%	
4530 Gas	3,812	5,100	1,288		1,288	74.7%	
4535 Electricity	1,969	4,780	2,811		2,811	41.2%	
4540 Water	789	300	(489)		(489)	262.9%	
4550 TH Events	10	0	(10)		(10)	0.0%	
4710 Rates	12,725	13,500	776		776	94.3%	
4720 Licences	2,732	500	(2,232)		(2,232)	546.4%	
Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	49,005	42,880	(6,125)	0	(6,125)	114.3%	2,800
Net Income over Expenditure	(33,991)	(21,880)	12,111				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	2,800	0	(2,800)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(31,191)	(21,880)	9,311				
<u>305 Police Office</u>							
1120 Police Office Rent	2,250	0	(2,250)			0.0%	2,250
1121 Police Office Rent to EMR	4,500	0	(4,500)			0.0%	2,250
Police Office :- Income	6,750	0	(6,750)				4,500
Net Income	6,750	0	(6,750)				
6001 less Transfer to EMR	4,500	0	(4,500)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	2,250	0	(2,250)				
<u>310 VIC</u>							
4605 Terminal Charges	358	500	142		142	71.6%	
VIC :- Indirect Expenditure	358	500	142	0	142	71.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(358)	(500)	(142)				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>410 Saturday Market</u>							
1410 Market Traders	40,846	45,000	4,154			90.8%	
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Saturday Market :- Income	40,846	45,000	4,154			90.8%	0
4420 Subscriptions	484	500	16		16	96.8%	
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	67	0	(67)		(67)	0.0%	
4710 Rates	4,978	0	(4,978)		(4,978)	0.0%	
4715 Profit Share	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4730 Market General Costs	4,538	3,000	(1,538)		(1,538)	151.3%	
4735 Market Licence/Rates	0	1,750	1,750		1,750	0.0%	
4750 Road Closures	12,650	0	(12,650)		(12,650)	0.0%	
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Saturday Market :- Indirect Expenditure	22,716	8,250	(14,466)	0	(14,466)	275.3%	0
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Net Income over Expenditure	18,130	36,750	18,620				
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<u>420 Braderie Market</u>							
1415 Braderie stall holders	2,560	3,000	440			85.3%	
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Braderie Market :- Income	2,560	3,000	440			85.3%	0
4400 Advertising	290	300	10		10	96.7%	
4720 Licences	780	800	20		20	97.5%	
4725 First Aid	585	600	15		15	97.5%	
4730 Market General Costs	705	0	(705)		(705)	0.0%	
4740 Toilet Hire	248	350	103		103	70.7%	
4750 Road Closures	800	750	(50)		(50)	106.7%	
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Braderie Market :- Indirect Expenditure	3,407	2,800	(607)	0	(607)	121.7%	0
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Net Income over Expenditure	(847)	200	1,047				
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<u>500 Public Conveniences</u>							
4800 Public Conveniences	30,000	40,000	10,000		10,000	75.0%	
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Public Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	30,000	40,000	10,000	0	10,000	75.0%	0
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Net Expenditure	(30,000)	(40,000)	(10,000)				
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<u>600 Allotments Golf Road</u>							
1500 Allotment Income	3,604	2,900	(704)			124.3%	
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Allotments Golf Road :- Income	3,604	2,900	(704)			124.3%	0
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	1,194	2,500	1,306		1,306	47.8%	
4540 Water	373	500	127		127	74.6%	
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Allotments Golf Road :- Indirect Expenditure	1,567	3,000	1,433	0	1,433	52.2%	0
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Net Income over Expenditure	2,036	(100)	(2,136)				
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	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>610 Allotments Park Ave</u>							
1500 Allotment Income	2,914	2,300	(614)			126.7%	
Allotments Park Ave :- Income	<u>2,914</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>(614)</u>			126.7%	<u>0</u>
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	2,183	2,500	317		317	87.3%	367
4540 Water	856	500	(356)		(356)	171.1%	
Allotments Park Ave :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>3,039</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>(39)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(39)</u>	101.3%	<u>367</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(125)</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(575)</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	367	0	(367)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>243</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(943)</u>				
<u>620 Allotments Mill Road</u>							
1500 Allotment Income	2,742	2,300	(442)			119.2%	
Allotments Mill Road :- Income	<u>2,742</u>	<u>2,300</u>	<u>(442)</u>			119.2%	<u>0</u>
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	1,318	2,500	1,182		1,182	52.7%	
4540 Water	1,200	500	(700)		(700)	240.0%	
Allotments Mill Road :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,518</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>482</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>482</u>	83.9%	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>223</u>	<u>(700)</u>	<u>(923)</u>				
<u>700 Town Events</u>							
5000 Town Events	458	3,600	3,142		3,142	12.7%	
5005 Town Hall Promotions	45	0	(45)		(45)	0.0%	
5010 Heritage Day	68	0	(68)		(68)	0.0%	
5015 Christmas Events	330	0	(330)		(330)	0.0%	
5031 Climate Learning Day	194	0	(194)		(194)	0.0%	
5035 Holocaust Memorial Day	42	0	(42)		(42)	0.0%	
5040 Deal/St Omer 50th Anniversary	925	0	(925)		(925)	0.0%	
Town Events :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>2,063</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>1,537</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,537</u>	57.3%	<u>0</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(2,063)</u>	<u>(3,600)</u>	<u>(1,537)</u>				
<u>900 Projects</u>							
4475 Special Projects	12,518	0	(12,518)		(12,518)	0.0%	12,018
4476 Approved Projects	293	0	(293)		(293)	0.0%	293
Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>12,811</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(12,811)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(12,811)</u>		<u>12,311</u>
Net Expenditure	<u>(12,811)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,811</u>				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	12,311	0	(12,311)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(500)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>500</u>				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	694,789	684,718	(10,071)			101.5%	
Expenditure	609,616	677,336	67,720	0	67,720	90.0%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>85,173</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>(77,791)</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	17,321	0	(17,321)				
less Transfer to EMR	4,500	0	(4,500)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>97,994</u>	<u>7,382</u>	<u>(90,612)</u>				

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 17 March 2026  
**Subject:** Annual Grants 2025/26 Round3 - Recommendations from the Grants subcommittee

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**Annual Grants 2025-26**

The budget for the Annual Grants 2025-26 was set at £20,000

**Round 1** - Applications close on **Friday 31 May 2025** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Tuesday 22 July 2025)

**Round 2** - Applications close on **Tuesday 30 September 2025** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Tuesday 18 Nov 2025)

**Round 3** - Applications close on **Saturday 31 January 2026** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Tuesday 24 March 2026)

**Round 1**

A total of **£5,405** was paid out against 8 Round 1 applications.  
(£4,000 Large grants plus £1,405 Small grants)

**Round 2**

A total of **£4,208.96** was paid out against 5 Round 2 applications.  
(£3,708.96 Large grants plus £500 Small grants)

**Round 3**

This leaves a sum of £10,386.04 available for the final round of grant funding from the 2025/26 budget of £20,000.

**Annual Grants 2025/26 - Round 3.**

A total of 17 applications were received. 4 of these applications failed validation.

Members considered and scored the 13 validated applications before making recommendation on the level of funding for each application.

## **Recommendations from the Grants subcommittee:**

**1 Deal Jazz & Blues Club:** Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards putting on a monthly event at the Landmark Centre.

Members scored the application 14 points out of a possible 33 points.

This application failed as the requirement for being scored a minimum of 50% of the available points was not achieved.

Recommendation: To not make a grant award.

Members further recommended that the applicant reapplies in the next grants round and provides far more detail on the volunteer hours that are put into organising and putting on the events.

**2 Deal Hockey Club:** Requested a grant of £500 as a contribution towards purchasing 40 new match shirts, plus 2 goalkeeper smocks for their men's and ladies teams

Members scored the application 26 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £500 as a contribution towards purchasing 40 new match shirts, plus 2 goalkeeper smocks for their men's and ladies teams. The new shirts to include the Deal Town Council Logo as advised within the grant application.

(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Parks All Agreed

**3 Deal Town Rangers:** Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards purchasing age-appropriate mini goals and essential training equipment.

Members scored the application 25.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards purchasing age-appropriate mini goals and essential training equipment.

(P) Cllr D Parks (S) Cllr S Cullen All Agreed

**4 Deal, Walmer & Kingsdown Amateur Rowing Club:** Requested a grant of £735 as a contribution towards the purchase of a new set of oars.

Members scored the application 23 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £735 as a contribution towards the purchase of a new set of oars.

(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr D Parks All Agreed

**5 Deal, Walmer Community Association:** Requested a grant of £600 as a contribution to the cost of providing free access to the Landmark Centre's toilet facilities for the general public and in particular the stallholders and customers of Deal Saturday Market.

Members scored the application 14.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

This application failed as the requirement for being scored a minimum of 50% of the available points was not achieved.

Recommendation: To not make a grant award.

**6 The Kent Mining Museum:** Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution to the cost of putting on an annual event.

Members scored the application 25 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £1,000 as a contribution to the cost of putting on an annual event.

(P) Cllr D Parks (S) Cllr A Friend All Agreed

**7 Bags of Taste:** Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of their Bags of Taste project to support 60 vulnerable families in Deal who will receive help and practical support to buy and cook healthy and affordable food including a free bag of ingredients and detailed step-by-step recipes, guides and basic equipment (measuring spoons, knife sharpener).

Members scored the application 26 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of their Bags of Taste project.

(P) Cllr D Parks (S) Cllr S Cullen All Agreed

**8 Deal Museum:** Requested a grant of £954 as a contribution towards the purchase of a cashless donation system and 3 Perspex donation boxes.

Members scored the application 20 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a grant of £750 as a contribution towards the purchase of a cashless donation system and 3 Perspex donation boxes.

(P) Cllr S Cullen (S) Cllr A Friend All Agreed

**9 Addelam History Research Group:** Requested a grant of £500 as a contribution towards exhibition, insurance and running costs & fees.

Members scored the application 20.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a grant of £400 as a contribution towards exhibition costs and insurance.

(P) Cllr D Parks (S) Cllr S Cullen 2 for 1 abstention Agreed.

**10 Sandown Primary School:** Requested a grant of £914.19 as a contribution towards the cost of providing resources for the green reading zone.

Members scored the application 21.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £914.19 as a contribution towards the cost of providing resources for the green reading zone.

(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Cullen All Agreed

**11 South East Arts (SEAS):** Requested a grant of £500 as a contribution towards the purchase of a glass display cabinet to be placed in the bar area of the Astor Theatre.

Members scored the application 15 points out of a possible 33 points.

This application failed as the requirement for being scored a minimum of 50% of the available points was not achieved.

Recommendation: To not make a grant award.

**12 WALDAS:** Requested a grant of £498.76 as a contribution towards the purchase of 10 Swift nesting boxes and promotional material.

Members scored the application 24.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £498.76 as a contribution towards the purchase of 10 Swift nesting boxes and promotional material.

(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr S Cullen 2 for 1 abstention Agreed.

**13 The Deal Society:** Requested a grant of £500 as a contribution towards the cost of putting on the Heritage open days.

Members scored the application 22.5 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a full grant of £500 as a contribution towards the cost of putting on the Heritage open days.

(P) Cllr S Cullen (S) Cllr A Friend All Agreed

The above recommendations total **£ 7,297.95** as split below:

6 Large Grant (£500 to £1,000) **£5,399.19**

4 Small Grant (£500 or under) **£1,898.76**

### **Decisions required**

Members to consider the recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 17 March 2026  
**Subject:** Annual Grants 2026/27

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For the 25/26 year the Annual Grants budget was set at £20,000 and three rounds of application were agreed as below:

- Round 1: - Applications close: 31st May 2025 F&GP Meeting date: 22nd July 2025
- Round 2: - Applications close: 30th Sept 2025 F&GP Meeting date: 18th Nov 2025
- Round 3: - Applications close: 31st Jan 2026 F&GP Meeting date: 24th Mar 2026

For the 26/27 year the Annual Grants budget has again been set at £20,000

The format used last year worked well other than a number of comments were received from applicants that for events due to be held in spring or early summer, the application would have been made by the end of January. With this in mind the R.F.O recommends following the same date pattern but with an extra grants round that would be considered at the May meeting of F&GP.

**Recommendation**

Members to consider the following dates for the Annual Grants Rounds for 2025/26

- Round 1: - Applications close: 31st April 2026 F&GP Meeting date: 19th May 2026
- Round 2: - Applications close: 30th June 2026 F&GP Meeting date: 21st July 2026
- Round 3: - Applications close: 30th Sept 2026 F&GP Meeting date: 16th Nov 2026
- Round 4: - Applications close: 31st Jan 2027 F&GP Meeting date: 25th Mar 2027

**Decision Required**

Members to consider the above recommendation.

## DEAL TOWN COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 9 March 2026  
**Subject:** Quadrennial Review of Town and Parish Council Allowances.

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The East Kent Joint Independent Parish Remuneration Panel have now issued their Quadrennial Review of Town and Parish Council Allowances.

Within the recommendations the reference to population size band is based upon the number of electorate and not total population. This puts Deal Town Council in band 'C'

Please see below the table from the report relating to Town and Parish Councillors:

<b>New Band &amp; Percentage</b>	<i>Previous Allowance &amp; Percentage (2021-2025)</i>	<b>Recommended Basic Allowance 2026-2030</b>
Band A (20%) <i>Pop: 30,000+</i>	<i>Not applicable</i>	<b>£1,140</b>
Band B (15%) <i>Pop: 20,000-29,999</i>	<b>£600</b> <i>(12%)</i>	<b>£850</b>
Band C (10%) <i>Pop: 10,000-19,999</i>	<b>£300</b> <i>(6%)</i>	<b>£570</b>
Band D (5%) <i>Pop: 1-9,999</i>	<b>£150</b> <i>(3%)</i>	<b>£280</b>

The recommendation in the report for the Chairman's Parish Basic Allowance is to remain at double the standard Council Allowance.

The payment of the allowances covered by this review are discretionary and it is for individual town and parish councils to decide whether to pay all, some or none of the allowances recommended by the Panel

The 2026/27 Council Allowances budget has been set at £4,800 based upon £300 per Councillor and £600 for the Chairperson.

Should Deal Town Council change to the level recommended in this report, an additional £4,320 would need to be added to the Cllr Allowances budget from the general reserve.

### Recommendation

Members to consider if the current level of Council Allowances should change, and if so, make a further recommendation to Full Council to consider any change.

### Decision required

Members to consider the above recommendation

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 10 March 2026  
**Subject:** Town Hall Broadband connection.

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The broadband connection to the Town Hall is the fastest standard connection that BT can supply giving an expected download speed of 67 Mb/s for a cost of £51 per month.

With more and more of the IT services used by the council becoming 'cloud' based, the current connection is proving too slow for efficient operation.

None of the mainstream providers such as BT, Virgin Media or Sky are currently able to supply anything faster, however, our current telephone services provider can supply a super fast, full fibre to premises 1,000 Mb/s connection on a 5 year contract for a cost of £89.25 per month plus a one time setup cost of £344.90

**Recommendation**

To accept the quotation from the Councils existing telephone services provider for a full fibre to premises 1,000 Mb/s connection on a 5 year contract for a cost of £89.25 per month plus a one time setup cost of £344.90

**Decision required**

Members to consider the above recommendation

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 16 March 2026  
**Subject:** Braderie update

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At the January meeting of this committee, members considered the results of the recent Braderie consultation together with the previous report to the committee regarding the problems and costs associated with the continued use of the High Street as the location for the Braderie. (a full copy of that agenda can be accessed here: [https://www.deal.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Agendas/205085-F\\_and\\_GP\\_Agenda\\_21\\_Jan\\_26\\_Combined.pdf](https://www.deal.gov.uk/UserFiles/Files/Agendas/205085-F_and_GP_Agenda_21_Jan_26_Combined.pdf))

At that meeting members RESOLVED: *Officers to liaise with DDC regarding possible use of Victoria Park with a provisional date of Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026 and bring a fully costed proposal to the next meeting of this committee for decision.*

Officers have been in discussions with both DDC Events and DDC Parks & Open Spaces regarding the use of Victoria Park as a location for the Deal Braderie.

Unfortunately, these discussions are not yet concluded as a decision is still awaited from DDC's legal department regarding the Braderie being held on any DDC land.

Looking at the cost to hire any DDC land for the annual Braderie (if allowable), there is a strong indication that it would be classed as a 'Large Commercial event' and that any event of this nature held outside the summer months would require the grass to be protected as well with rubber matting.

With the above in mind, the opportunity to reduce the costs involved in hosting the Braderie could not be achieved by moving the event to Victoria Park as had been envisaged.

Looking at the fees for a large commercial hiring of the land for 2 days, the hire and placement of rubber matting as well as the provision and clearing of waste bins would mean that the overall cost would be approximately £5,000 higher than using the High Street.

**Future Braderie events**High Street

As members will be aware to continue holding the Braderie in the High Street has the following issues that were highlighted in both the November 2025 and January 2026 Braderie reports to this committee:-

- No Disabled access to shops and venues along the route
- Parked Cars on the day
- Pitch Marking
- Bars and Shops
- Parking for stallholders
- Use of gazebos at stalls

Considering these significant issues together with the total cost (loss) to the Council for hosting the event of around £6,000 it is not felt that the use of the High Street to hold the Braderie event is feasible anymore.

### Victoria Park

Based upon the information provided at the beginning of this report, the use of Victoria Park if it was allowable (or any other DDC land) would only add significantly to the costs of running the event making this option not feasible either.

### **Possible alternative direction for the Deal Braderie.**

Correspondence has been received from the group who currently run the 'Deal Flea' who are interested in taking over the responsibility for running the Deal Braderie ongoing. They feel that it would be a great opportunity to maintain a key cultural event, but with the ambition of moving it indoors and showcasing the best of Deal, using the learnings they have from the successful Deal Flea.

The Deal Flea was initially founded in around 2022 and incorporated both traditional flea elements as well as providing a way for local businesses to sell excess stock as a result of the lockdown uncertainty.

The two women who currently run the Deal Flea, are both local residents who took part in the Deal Flea and subsequently took over the running of the Flea when the opportunity came around.

The Deal Flea would like to formally take over the Deal Braderie, including the name 'Deal Braderie' and follow their ambition to move it indoors developing on from the successful format they use for the Deal Flea with additional marketing.

I have met with the Deal Flea and discussed their ambition to take over the Braderie and move it indoors over multiple venues in Deal. I have managed to answer a lot of their initial questions regarding the Braderie event and can confirm that, if this committee agree to the move, they are keen to take over the event as soon as possible.

### **Recommendation**

To agree to pass the running of the Deal Braderie, including the name, to the Deal Flea.

To have an initial 'hand over' meeting between the Deal Flea and DTC Officers to pass over any relevant information to assist with them taking over the Braderie.

### **Decision Required**

Members to consider the above recommendation.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 10 March 2026  
**Subject:** Town Hall Furniture - event/meeting chairs & chamber carpet.

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In November 2024 members considered a report from the R.F.O. regarding the age and condition of the meeting chairs and resolved that the office furniture line in the Draft budget for 2025/26 was increased by £3,000 to cover the cost of replacement chairs.

Since that time the premises team have been asked to monitor the chairs that are used for venues, weddings and meetings.

The Facilities Manager reports:

*Chairs: The average recommended life span for chairs are 6-10 years, ours are now well over 15 years old, so have exceeded the recommended life span by quite a few years. We have had to withdraw several chairs as they are no longer safe to use, and others are starting to buckle and show wear.*

*From a H&S point of view, I believe their replacement should be a priority and from an ascetic perspective, as we do charge for their use, their condition is now being commented on.*

*I have researched several companies to supply new chairs, using the criteria of strength, stack ability and style. Prices range from £45 to around £120 for a suitable replacement chair, although some companies cannot meet our weight requirements.*

*As we offer chair covers for weddings and events, we have also researched suitable chair covers to suit, this will help maintain the fabric of the chairs.*

*Chair Covers: Previously we have trialled several chair covers, we did find a set that worked perfectly with our old chairs and I would recommend doing the same for the new chairs. Covers range from £3-£4 each, I would recommend approving the purchase of chair covers, delegating the final authority to the RFO, once we have found the perfect match for the new chairs.*

*Carpet: The carpet tiles are badly stained and, due to their age, are now starting to fray, meaning we have to keep cutting the strands off, with regular hoovering and carpet cleaning exacerbating the problem.*

*This year alone, we already have 30 weddings booked, several meetings & events, as well as public committee meetings, the aesthetic for paying public as well as visitors, downgrades the experience for all and is starting to cause a trip hazard due to the gaps being formed. I would recommend upgrading to the carpet recommended in the attached quotes due to its versatile and robust design, to pair it with the chair purchase also means we can colour match the aesthetics for the room.*

## **Income**

Town Hall income from hire of the Chamber and Weddings is expected to reach the budgeted figure of £18,000 for the 2025/26 year and the budgeted figure for 2026/27 has been set at £20,000.

It is essential to have the seating safe for use and important to have both the seating and carpeting looking fit for purpose.

## **Quotations**

The Facilities Manager has researched suitable chairs and the most cost effective chairs he has found that meet the weight requirements necessary are the same chairs that this committee was asked to consider in November 2024 when the budget of £3,000 for them was agreed.

The cost of the chairs has risen a bit since then and 100 chairs will now cost £3,495

With an allowance of £500 for the purchase of suitable chair covers for weddings, both the chairs and covers can be purchased from the £4,000 that still remains in that budget line for 2025/26

The Facilities Manager has also researched the cost of replacement carpet tiles for both the Chamber and the main staircase as well as the option of carpeting.

The best quotations that have been found are £6,500 for carpet tiles and £9,240 for venue carpeting.

Although the price is slightly higher for the venue carpeting, the Facilities Manager feels that it will offer a more robust long-term solution.

Please find attached pictures of the 5 chair options available within the standard range and price.

A sample of this chair will be available to view in the chamber at the meeting.

## **Recommendations**

- 1) Members to consider and choose the fabric/frame option and authorise the purchase of 100 chairs from the 2025/26 Town Hall furniture budget.
- 2) Members to consider and authorise the purchase of 100 chair covers from the 2025/26 Town Hall furniture budget.
- 3) Members to consider if the carpet tiles should be replaced and choose either carpet tiles or event carpeting for the Chamber and main stairs and the main colour of the carpet/tiles.
- 4) Should members agree to the carpet tiles being replaced, members to consider delegating authority to the R.F.O. in liaison with the Town Clerk and Facilities Manager to purchase the most suitable carpet/tiles to the agreed specification with a agreed budget from the Town Hall refurbishment earmarked reserve.

## **Decision required**

Members to consider the above recommendations.



**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr P Bone Responsible Finance Officer  
**Date:** 10 March 2026  
**Subject:** Treasury Deposit.

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In March 2025 members RESOLVED:

To invest £100,000 in Nat West Treasury Reserve for a fixed 12 Month period &  
To invest £100,000 in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund that has instant access.

The £100,000 Treasury Reserve will mature in May 2026 and will produce a fixed interest of £3,390

The £100,000 deposited in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund has returned £4,117.12 over the past 12 months.

The return on the CCLA investment has been consistently higher than the Nat West Treasury Reserve over the two years that the Council has invested with the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund.

**Recommendations**

That when the Nat West Treasury Reserve investment of £100,000 matures in May 2026, to increase the existing deposit in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund to £200,000 and leave it in place for another year unless required earlier by resolution of this committee or Full Council.

**Decisions Required**

Members to consider the above recommendation.

**DEAL TOWN COUNCIL  
MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Councillor T Bond Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes  
Committee, Committee members  
**From:** Mr G Simpson Facilities Manager  
**Date:** 10 March 2026  
**Subject:** Town Hall – Free use request.

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A request for free use of the Town Hall has been received from the Dover & Deal Sea and Royal Marine cadets. They have requested free use of the chamber, from 6-10pm on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of June to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Although they do not meet our general guidelines criteria as we normally only hire Monday to Friday with the cut off time being 5pm. They do match with our eligibility criteria below.

- Not for profit local organisations and community groups based in the Deal Town Council area or with beneficiaries exclusively or predominantly in the Deal Town Council area.
- Registered charities based in the Deal Town Council area or with beneficiaries exclusively or predominantly in the Deal Town Council area.
- Social Enterprise Companies or Community Interest Companies based in the Deal Town Council area or with beneficiaries exclusively or predominantly in the Deal town Council area.

**Recommendations:**

To grant the Dover & Deal Sea and Royal Marine cadets free use of the Town Hall chamber between 1800 -2200 hrs on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> of June to celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Decision Required**

Members to consider the above recommendation.