

To all Committee Members: You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at the Town Hall on **Tuesday 21st July 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 20th July 2026 by email to 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: 15 July 2026

AGENDA

1	Chairperson's opening remarks:	Chairperson
2	Apologies for absence:	
3	Declarations of interest: To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be transacted on the agenda.	Attach.1
4	Public participation and statements received: 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	The minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 19th May 2026 for approval and signing: Decision required.	Attach.2
6	Finance income & expenditure figures and full bank reconciliation to 30th June 2026: Information to note.	Attach 3
7	Grant applications: a) Annual Grants 2026/27 Round 2 - Recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee: Decisions required. b) Community Contributions Grants 2026/27 - Recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee: Decisions required. c) Community Contributions Grants 2026/27 - Recommendation from the R.F.O. Decision required.	Attach 4 Attach 5 Attach 5b
8	DTC E-bikes: Transfer of ownership application: Decision required.	Attach 6
9	Utility contract renewal: Decisions required.	Attach 7
	Date of next F&GP Committee meeting: 22 nd September 2026	

Members Cllrs, TB, PJ, SB, 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.

Officers: Others: 2 Members of the Public

Mr P Bone – Responsible Finance Officer

Mrs H Mcadam – Finance Assistant

Ms J Harper - Asst. to the Town Clerk

1.	Chairperson's opening remarks: The Chairperson welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised of the fire evacuation procedures	Chairperson
2.	Apologies for absence: Cllr D Parks due to work commitments, Cllr L Craggs, Cllr M Cronk and Cllr D Cronk due to Personal commitments.	R.F.O
3.	Declarations of interest: Cllr P Jull declared a VAOI for item 7(a) 8. Annual Grants-Chamber of Trade and Item 9. Braderie as he is an officer of the Chamber of Trade. Cllr P Jull advised that he would stay in the room for the agenda item but not take part in the vote.	
4.	Public Participation and Statements Received: None received.	
5.	The minutes of the previous Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on 24th March 2026 for approval and signing: Members RESOLVED: To accept the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th March 2026 as a true and accurate record. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All agreed. The Chairperson then duly signed the minutes.	Chairperson
6.	Finance: Income & Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 30th April 2026: Members RESOLVED: To note the Income & Expenditure Figures and Full Bank reconciliation to 30 th April 2026. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All agreed.	R.F.O
7.	Grant applications - Recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee: a) Annual Grants 2026/27 Round 1: Members RESOLVED: To accept the following recommendations; St Andrews Church: To award a full grant of £1,000 as a contribution to the purchase of a new PA system. Deal Community Carnival Association: To award a full grant of £1,000 as a contribution to putting on the Carnival. Deal Hospital Garden Volunteers: To award a full grant of £305 to purchase a secure tool shed and tools. Walmer Cricket Club: To award a full grant of £500 to purchase recycling bins. Martha Trust: To award a full grant £495.20 to cover the costs of First Aiders and Marshalls for their annual Mistic on the Farm event. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All agreed.	R.F.O

	Members further RESOLVED: Chamber of Trade: To award a grant of £750 grant towards the cost of bunting for the High Street (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr T Bond. 3 For, Cllr P Jull did not vote. Agreed. b) Community Contributions Grants 2026/27 - Recommendations from the Grants Subcommittee: Members RESOLVED: Sandown Community Garden Group and the Deal Pirates: To award a grant of £500 per year for 3 years as a contribution to the cost of hiring a toilet and PA system as well as promotional material for the Sandown Castle Community Garden picnic Paragon Hub: To defer to the next meeting when further information has been received. North Deal Community Company – To award a grant of £1,000 per year for 2 years as a contribution towards their utility costs. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) T Bond. All agreed. c) Community Contributions Grant - Recommendations from the R.F.O. and Chairperson of the Finance & General Purposes Committee: Members RESOLVED: That the Community Contribution Grant payment of £2,000 for 2026/27 is paid to the Deal Community Carnival Association. (P) Cllr P Jull (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	
8.	Annual return (AGAR) – Internal Auditors Report: Members RESOLVED: To note the report and support documentation. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr P Jull. All agreed.	R.F.O
9.	Braderie Update: Members RESOLVED: Deal Town Council Officers to email last year's stall holders to advise the contact details of the Braderie now being run by High Street retailers and associated groups. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr T Bond. 3 For, Cllr P Jull did not vote. Agreed.	R.F.O
10.	Town Hall – Free use request from DDC: Members RESOLVED: To offer Dover District Council free use of the Town Hall Chamber due to the beneficial aspects for the community of Deal from 9am-1pm on Wednesday 8th July 2026. (P) Cllr M Eddy (S) Cllr T Bond. 3 For, 1 Against. Agreed.	R.F.O/ Facilities Manager
11.	Town Hall – Kitchen equipment: Members RESOLVED: To accept the recommendation to provide a budget of £1,000 to purchase a Commercial Electric Combi Oven, 5 Zone Touch Control Ceramic Hob and Wine Cooler.. (P) Cllr P Jull (S) Cllr M Eddy. All agreed.	R.F.O
	The Chairperson closed the meeting at 7.40pm	

**Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2026
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	30/06/2026		100.00
Nat West Deposit A/C	30/06/2026		302,398.48
			<u>302,498.48</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			302,498.48
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			302,498.48
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	302,498.48
		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>
Mayor's Charity A/C	30/06/2026		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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Deal Town Council

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Time: 12:00

Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2026
for Cashbook 3 - Prepaid Card

User: HEATHER

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
PRE-PAID CARD	30/06/2026		171.80
			<u>171.80</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			171.80
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			171.80
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	171.80
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2026
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>
PETTY CASH	30/06/2026		149.74
			<u>149.74</u>
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			149.74
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			<u>0.00</u>
			149.74
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	149.74
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2026
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	31/05/2026		0.00
			0.00
<u>Unpresented Payments (Minus)</u>		<u>Amount</u>	
		0.00	
			0.00
			0.00
<u>Unpresented Receipts (Plus)</u>			
		0.00	
			0.00
			0.00
		Balance per Cash Book is :-	0.00
		Difference is :-	0.00

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Bank Reconciliation Statement as at 30/06/2026
for Cashbook 6 - CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fun

<u>Bank Statement Account Name (s)</u>	<u>Statement Date</u>	<u>Page No</u>	<u>Balances</u>
CCLA ACCOUNT	30/06/2026		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
<u>100 General Income</u>							
1076 Precept	305,109	610,218	305,109			50.0%	
1080 Bank Interest	2,041	9,000	6,959			22.7%	
General Income :- Income	307,150	619,218	312,068			49.6%	0
Net Income	307,150	619,218	312,068				
<u>200 Staff Salaries</u>							
4000 Salaries Gross	78,618	350,777	272,159		272,159	22.4%	
Staff Salaries :- Indirect Expenditure	78,618	350,777	272,159	0	272,159	22.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(78,618)	(350,777)	(272,159)				
<u>202 Employment Costs</u>							
4010 Salaries Employers Pension	8,521	56,387	47,866		47,866	15.1%	
4020 Salaries Employers NI	6,829	39,451	32,622		32,622	17.3%	
4085 Payroll Services	552	2,150	1,598		1,598	25.7%	
Employment Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	15,902	97,988	82,087	0	82,087	16.2%	0
Net Expenditure	(15,902)	(97,988)	(82,087)				
<u>203 Staff Costs</u>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4070 Training	325	2,000	1,675		1,675	16.3%	
4075 Staff Uniforms	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
4090 Staff Recruitment	0	750	750		750	0.0%	
Staff Costs :- Indirect Expenditure	325	3,100	2,775	0	2,775	10.5%	0
Net Expenditure	(325)	(3,100)	(2,775)				
<u>205 Official Car</u>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	6	0	(6)		(6)	0.0%	
4060 Official Car Lease	977	3,921	2,944		2,944	24.9%	
4065 Official Car Fuel	12	0	(12)		(12)	0.0%	
Official Car :- Indirect Expenditure	995	3,921	2,926	0	2,926	25.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(995)	(3,921)	(2,926)				
<u>210 Civic</u>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	0	100	100		100	0.0%	
4200 Cllr. Allowances	3,150	4,800	1,650		1,650	65.6%	

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
4220 Robes & Regalia	0	250	250		250	0.0%	
Civic :- Indirect Expenditure	3,150	5,150	2,000	0	2,000	61.2%	0
Net Expenditure	(3,150)	(5,150)	(2,000)				
<u>215 Mayor's Budget</u>							
4210 Hospitality	134	1,500	1,366		1,366	8.9%	
4225 Mayoral Travel & Subsistence	3	100	97		97	3.3%	
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	34	200	166		166	17.1%	
5030 Charter Day	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Mayor's Budget :- Indirect Expenditure	172	3,400	3,228	0	3,228	5.0%	0
Net Expenditure	(172)	(3,400)	(3,228)				
<u>220 Administration</u>							
4055 Travel & Subsistence	13	0	(13)		(13)	0.0%	
4080 HR & HS	928	1,900	972		972	48.8%	
4300 Mobile Phones	436	1,375	939		939	31.7%	
4305 Stationery	176	800	624		624	22.0%	
4310 Postage	29	500	471		471	5.8%	
4315 Bank Charges	363	1,500	1,137		1,137	24.2%	
4320 General Admin	7,637	5,250	(2,387)		(2,387)	145.5%	
4325 Office Equipment	127	500	373		373	25.4%	
4330 IT Equipment	0	3,000	3,000		3,000	0.0%	
4335 IT Support & Website	2,409	10,000	7,591		7,591	24.1%	
4340 Telephone & Broadband	827	3,000	2,173		2,173	27.6%	
4345 Pat Testing	157	500	343		343	31.5%	
4365 Legal Advice	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4375 Marketing/Communications	26	2,000	1,974		1,974	1.3%	
4390 Waste & Recycling	360	2,000	1,640		1,640	18.0%	
4405 Annual Planting	0	3,500	3,500		3,500	0.0%	
4410 Flags	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4415 Audit Fees	(1,305)	2,500	3,805		3,805	(52.2%)	
4420 Subscriptions	2,000	2,100	100		100	95.2%	
4430 Data Protection Officer	840	1,000	160		160	84.0%	
Administration :- Indirect Expenditure	15,022	42,425	27,403	0	27,403	35.4%	0
Net Expenditure	(15,022)	(42,425)	(27,403)				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>225 Council</u>							
4070 Training	0	1,000	1,000		1,000	0.0%	
4370 Election Costs	0	7,500	7,500		7,500	0.0%	
4380 Contingency	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
Council :- Indirect Expenditure	0	18,500	18,500	0	18,500	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(18,500)	(18,500)				
<u>250 Grants & Donations</u>							
4470 Annual Grants	4,050	20,000	15,950		15,950	20.3%	
4473 Community Grants	3,500	10,000	6,500		6,500	35.0%	
4485 Deal Warm Welcome	0	10,000	10,000		10,000	0.0%	
4490 St Omer Twinning	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
Grants & Donations :- Indirect Expenditure	7,550	40,500	32,950	0	32,950	18.6%	0
Net Expenditure	(7,550)	(40,500)	(32,950)				
<u>300 Town Hall</u>							
1100 Wedding Hire	8,073	17,000	8,928			47.5%	
1105 Chamber Hire	2,005	3,000	995			66.8%	
1110 Committee Room Hire	0	2,000	2,000			0.0%	
1115 Under Croft Hire	250	1,000	750			25.0%	
Town Hall :- Income	10,328	23,000	12,673			44.9%	0
4080 HR & HS	0	1,900	1,900		1,900	0.0%	
4360 Insurance	6,647	8,000	1,353		1,353	83.1%	
4420 Subscriptions	400	0	(400)		(400)	0.0%	
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	5,167	4,000	(1,167)		(1,167)	129.2%	
4505 Under Croft Cleaning	440	1,100	660		660	40.0%	
4510 Furniture & Equipment	(1,086)	1,000	2,086		2,086	(108.6%)	
4520 Boiler Service & Maint.	0	500	500		500	0.0%	
4525 Window Cleaning	420	1,100	680		680	38.2%	
4530 Gas	48	5,610	5,562		5,562	0.9%	
4535 Electricity	772	5,258	4,486		4,486	14.7%	
4540 Water	0	330	330		330	0.0%	
4550 TH Events	10	0	(10)		(10)	0.0%	
4710 Rates	3,382	13,750	10,368		10,368	24.6%	
4720 Licences	0	600	600		600	0.0%	
Town Hall :- Indirect Expenditure	16,199	43,148	26,949	0	26,949	37.5%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	(5,872)	(20,148)	(14,276)				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>305 Police Office</u>							
1120 Police Office Rent	2,250	0	(2,250)			0.0%	2,250
1121 Police Office Rent to EMR	0	9,000	9,000			0.0%	
Police Office :- Income	2,250	9,000	6,750			25.0%	2,250
Net Income	2,250	9,000	6,750				
6001 less Transfer to EMR	2,250	0	(2,250)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	0	9,000	9,000				
<u>310 VIC</u>							
4605 Terminal Charges	81	500	419		419	16.2%	
VIC :- Indirect Expenditure	81	500	419	0	419	16.2%	0
Net Expenditure	(81)	(500)	(419)				
<u>410 Saturday Market</u>							
1410 Market Traders	11,989	45,000	33,011			26.6%	
Saturday Market :- Income	11,989	45,000	33,011			26.6%	0
4420 Subscriptions	160	500	340		340	32.0%	
4715 Profit Share	4,140	4,140	0		0	100.0%	
4730 Market General Costs	80	3,000	2,921		2,921	2.6%	
4735 Market Licence/Rates	0	1,750	1,750		1,750	0.0%	
4750 Road Closures	2,280	0	(2,280)		(2,280)	0.0%	
Saturday Market :- Indirect Expenditure	6,660	9,390	2,731	0	2,731	70.9%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	5,330	35,610	30,280				
<u>420 Braderie Market</u>							
1415 Braderie stall holders	0	3,000	3,000			0.0%	
Braderie Market :- Income	0	3,000	3,000			0.0%	0
4705 Road Closure	0	3,407	3,407		3,407	0.0%	
Braderie Market :- Indirect Expenditure	0	3,407	3,407	0	3,407	0.0%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	0	(407)	(407)				
<u>500 Public Conveniences</u>							
4800 Public Conveniences	0	40,000	40,000		40,000	0.0%	
Public Conveniences :- Indirect Expenditure	0	40,000	40,000	0	40,000	0.0%	0
Net Expenditure	0	(40,000)	(40,000)				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
600 Allotments Golf Road							
1500 Allotment Income	1,517	2,900	1,383			52.3%	
Allotments Golf Road :- Income	1,517	2,900	1,383			52.3%	0
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	500	2,500	2,000		2,000	20.0%	
4540 Water	240	550	310		310	43.6%	
Allotments Golf Road :- Indirect Expenditure	740	3,050	2,310	0	2,310	24.3%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	777	(150)	(927)				
610 Allotments Park Ave							
1500 Allotment Income	1,149	2,300	1,151			49.9%	
Allotments Park Ave :- Income	1,149	2,300	1,151			49.9%	0
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	525	2,500	1,975		1,975	21.0%	
4540 Water	127	550	423		423	23.1%	
Allotments Park Ave :- Indirect Expenditure	652	3,050	2,398	0	2,398	21.4%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	497	(750)	(1,247)				
620 Allotments Mill Road							
1500 Allotment Income	1,137	2,300	1,163			49.5%	
Allotments Mill Road :- Income	1,137	2,300	1,163			49.4%	0
4500 Repairs & Maintenance	877	2,500	1,623		1,623	35.1%	
4540 Water	0	550	550		550	0.0%	
Allotments Mill Road :- Indirect Expenditure	877	3,050	2,173	0	2,173	28.7%	0
Net Income over Expenditure	261	(750)	(1,011)				
700 Town Events							
5000 Town Events	18	2,100	2,082		2,082	0.8%	
Town Events :- Indirect Expenditure	18	2,100	2,082	0	2,082	0.8%	0
Net Expenditure	(18)	(2,100)	(2,082)				
900 Projects							
4475 Special Projects	6,025	0	(6,025)		(6,025)	0.0%	6,025
9005 Projects Fund	373	0	(373)		(373)	0.0%	
Projects :- Indirect Expenditure	6,398	0	(6,398)	0	(6,398)		6,025
Net Expenditure	(6,398)	0	6,398				
6000 plus Transfer from EMR	6,025	0	(6,025)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(373)	0	373				

	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
Grand Totals:- Income	335,519	706,718	371,199			47.5%	
Expenditure	153,356	673,456	520,100	0	520,100	22.8%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>182,163</u>	<u>33,262</u>	<u>(148,901)</u>				
plus Transfer from EMR	6,025	0	(6,025)				
less Transfer to EMR	2,250	0	(2,250)				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>185,938</u>	<u>33,262</u>	<u>(152,676)</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: 9 July 2026
Subject: Annual Grants 2026/27 Round 2 - Recommendations from the Grants subcommittee

Members will be aware that the Annual Grants budget for 2026-27 was set at £20,000 with the following application periods:

Round 1 - Applications close on **Thursday 30 April 2026** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Tuesday 19 May 2026)

Round 2 - Applications close on **Tuesday 30 June 2026** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Tuesday 21 July 2026)

Round 3 - Applications close on **Wednesday 30 September 2026** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Monday 16 November 2026)

Round 4 - Applications close on **Sunday 31 January 2027** (Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting date to decide is Thursday 25 March 2027)

Annual Grants 2026/27 - Round 1.

A total of £4,050.20 was paid for round 1 Annual Grants 2026-27
This leaves £15,949.80 in the annual grants budget for 2026-27

Annual Grants 2026/27 - Round 2.

A total of 6 applications were received for consideration by the Grants subcommittee.
Large grants total: £4,600
Small grants total: £500

Grants subcommittee meeting 8th July

A meeting of the Grants subcommittee was held on 8th July 2026. As one member of the subcommittee was unable to attend in person on the day, they supplied their scores and recommendations via email to be taken into consideration, as is the usual practice of the subcommittee.

Recommendations

Upper Deal & GT Mongeham PCC: Requested a grant of £1,000 towards providing a cheap breakfast and a space for the local community to come together have a coffee and feel supported.

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.

Members felt that this application would be far more suited to be considered as part of the 'Deal Warm Welcome' project and be passed to the appropriate officer.

Recommendation: To not make a grant award.

JBS Community Workshops - Requested a grant of £1,000 towards delivering a series of smartphone photography workshops in Deal aimed at residents experiencing low mood, anxiety, mild depression, loneliness, and social isolation.

Members agreed to defer this application to a future meeting as the applicant had failed to supply the supporting documents requested.

The Missing Project (SEAS): Requested a grant of £500 towards delivering a series of creative Mental Health workshops for carers in Deal.

Members agreed to defer this application to a future meeting as the applicant had failed to supply the supporting documents requested.

Deal Film Festival: Requested a grant of £1,000 towards the cost of delivering the next Deal Film Festival in October 2026

Members scored the application 19 points out of a possible 33 points.

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a grant of £500 towards the cost of delivering the next Deal Film Festival in October 2026
(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond Agreed.

Clear Steps SEND CiC: Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards putting on workshops and peer support groups.

Members scored the application 13 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.

IMAGO Community Young Carers: Requested a grant of £600 as a contribution towards providing two respite activities for young carers.

Members scored the application 16 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.

Deal Braderie: (supported by Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade, the Deal Business Collective, the Deal Flea and the Deal Partnership) - Requested a grant of £1,000 as a contribution towards the cost of running a street Braderie on 13th September 2026

As the Deal & Walmer Chamber of Trade have already received an annual grant from this year's budget, Members agreed to make the following recommendation:

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee that the grant application for the Deal Braderie is considered by the Finance & General Purposes Committee for payment from the 2026/27 Deal Braderie budget.

(P) Cllr A Friend (S) Cllr T Bond Agreed.

**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 July 2026
Subject: Community Contribution Grants 2026/27 - Recommendations from the Grants subcommittee

Members will be aware that the Community Contribution Grants budget for 2026-27 was set at £10,000

Of this, £6,000 is reserved for applications agreed for multiple years, leaving only £4,000 for new applications this year.

In May this year, another £1,500 was agreed to be paid for new applications leaving £2,500 in the budget for the remainder of 2026/27

A total of 2 applications were received for consideration by the Grants subcommittee. Each application was for £2,000 per annum.

Grants subcommittee meeting 8th July

A meeting of the Grants subcommittee was held on 8th July 2026. As one member of the subcommittee was unable to attend in person on the day, they supplied their scores and recommendations via email to be taken into consideration, as is the usual practice of the subcommittee.

Recommendations

Deal Music & Arts: Requested a grant of £2,000 per annum for 3 years as support towards their programme of free outdoor events in the Deal Festival.

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

Members agreed that the application, as in past years, should be considered under the Annual Grants scheme and made the following recommendation:

Recommendation: To recommend to the Finance & General Purposes Committee the payment of a grant of £1,000 under the Annual Grants scheme as a contribution towards supporting their programme of free outdoor events in the Deal Festival

(P) Cllr T Bond (S) Cllr A Friend All Agreed.

Clear Steps SEND CiC: Requested a grant of £2,000 per year for 2 years as a contribution towards the cost of planning and delivery of parent workshops'

Members scored the application 9 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.

**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 July 2026
Subject: Community Contribution Grants 2026/27 - Recommendation from the R.F.O.

A Community Contribution Grant application was received from the Goodwin academy in late March for the for the Grants subcommittee to consider.

Due to an administration error this was omitted from the Grants subcommittee agenda for consideration.

Due to the extended delay since this application was received, members are being asked to consider and score this application at the July F&GP meeting.

Please find a copy of the application in your 'Pink Papers'

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the application from the Goodwin Academy for £2,000 per annum for 3 years to expand their offering of cultural activities to our young people so that they can access a wider range of experiences.

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 July 2026
Subject: DTC E-bikes: Transfer of ownership application

It was agreed by Full Council: *To offer the transfer of the ownership of individual E-bikes to local charitable organisations for their own use at no further cost or liability to the Council. This will be achieved by a 'Grants application' type form that has to be completed outlining what the bike/bikes would be used for. Applications to be considered by the F&GP committee.*

The first round of the application process opened in early June and ran for 5 weeks with advertising on the Council website and social media. During that time, one application was received from a registered charity for 3 E-Bikes.

The application is from The Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust. The application has been validated and meets the requirements agreed by council.

The Trust states that the bikes would:

- Support visitors in reaching areas of our reserve from our centre without the need to drive. Some of our key reserve areas are a long walk from the centre and electric bikes would provide an alternative option to driving (we have already purchased a mobility scooter for less abled visitors)
- Assist our Warden and Volunteer Wardens in moving about the reserve to help with their monitoring work and inspections
- Help us promote the use of cycling as an alternative to cars (Golf Road is great for bikes) and demonstrate our environmental credentials: 4.4.2 of our Environmental Awareness & Sustainability Policy states "Employees and volunteers will be encouraged to use public transport, carpool, walk or cycle to work and events". Having access to an electric bike would help us to demonstrate the effectiveness of alternatives to cars.

Please find attached a copy of the application in your 'Pink Papers'.

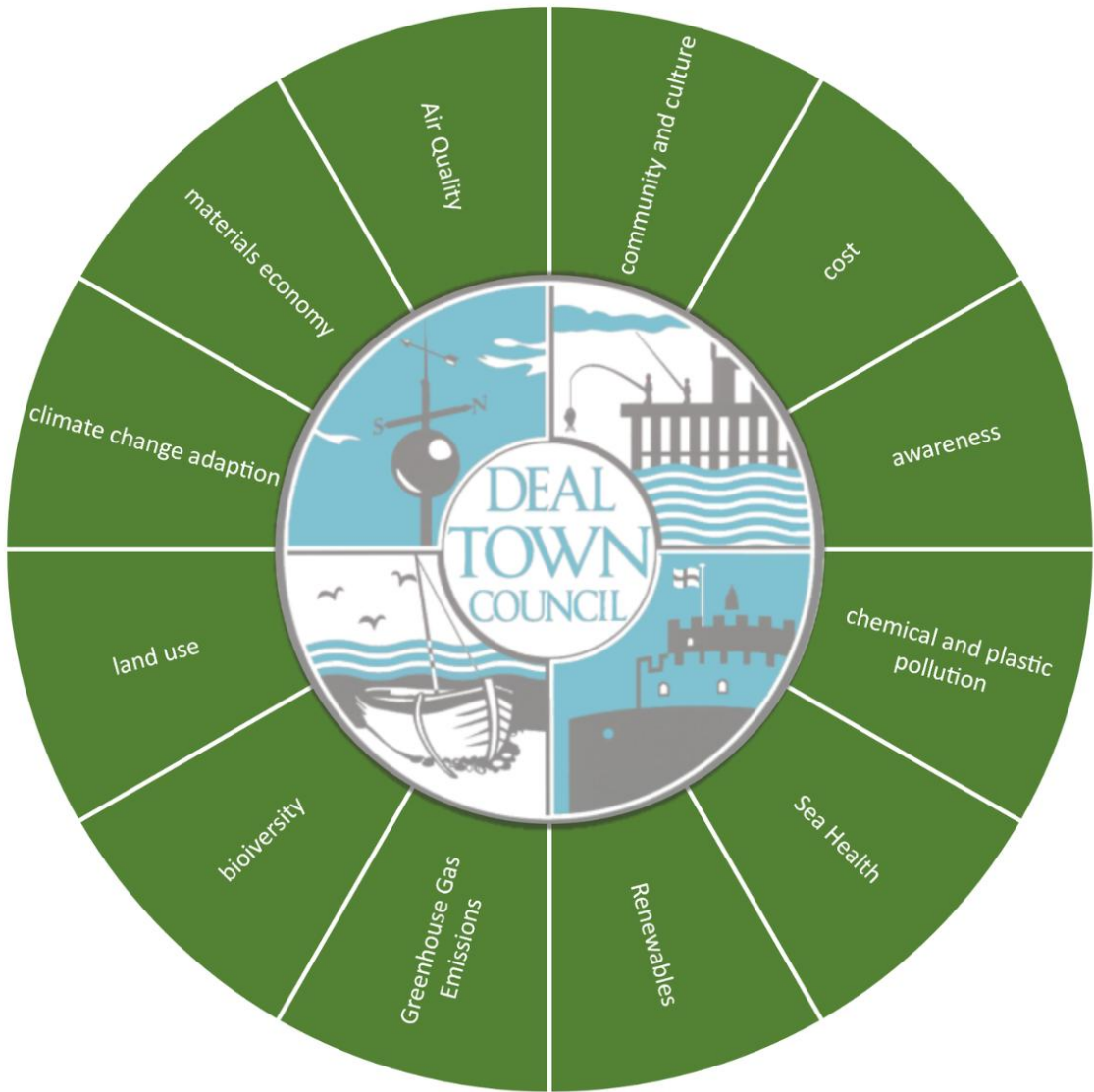
Recommendation

Members to consider the application from The Sandwich Bay Bird Observatory Trust for the transfer of ownership of 3 DTC E-Bikes at no cost or liability to the council.

Decision required

Members to consider the above recommendation.

E-bike application 15/7/26



long lasting
positive impact



short term or
limited
positive impact



no known
impact



short term or
limited
negative impact



long lasting
negative impact

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 July 2026
Subject: Utility contract renewal

As part of the Council's Net Zero commitment, the Gas and Electricity supplies were changed to 100% SSE Green Electricity and 100% SSE Green Gas Plus supplied by SSE Energy Solutions in June 2023.

In July 2024, this committee agreed to renew with the 100% SSE Green Electricity and 100% SSE Green Gas Plus products for a further 2 years.

In line with the Council's continued commitment to maintaining Net Zero, I recommend staying with the 100% SSE Green Electricity and 100% SSE Green Gas Plus products.

The table below sets out the comparative costs for 12-, 24-and 36-month contracts.

Compared to the current contracts, electricity unit cost is down by around 7% from 25.30 p/kWh and the Gas unit cost is down by around 20% from 8.125 p/kWh, and all options are within the agreed budget for 2026/27

The details below are taken from SSE's estimated consumption of 10,385 kWh of electricity and 77,883 kWh of gas per annum.

These prices show that the premium associated with the cost of 100% green energy is coming down over time.

100% SSE Green Gas Plus – Annual cost						
Term	12-month contract		24-month contract		36-month contract	
Standing charge	355.813212 <i>p/day</i>	£1,298.72	364.488105 <i>p/day</i>	£1,332.20	374.165934 <i>p/day</i>	£1,366.95
Unit cost	7.022236 <i>p/kWh</i>	£5,438.51	6.560468 <i>p/kWh</i>	£5,086.17	6.300752 <i>p/kWh</i>	£4,930.59
Direct Debit discount	-0.1 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£77.45	-0.1 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£77.53	-0.1 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£78.25
Total	£6,659.78		£6,340.84		£6,219.29	

100% SSE Green Electricity – Annual cost						
Term	12-month contract		24-month contract		36-month contract	
Standing charge	133.8145586 <i>p/day</i>	£488.42	145.48831 <i>p/day</i>	£531.76	155.158136 <i>p/day</i>	£566.84
Unit cost	23.860184 <i>p/kWh</i>	£2,479.55	23.313959 <i>p/kWh</i>	£2,425.12	23.704877 <i>p/kWh</i>	£2,470.52

Direct Debit discount	-0.5 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£51.96	-0.5 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£52.01	-0.5 <i>p/kWh</i>	-£52.11
Total		£2,916.01		£2,904.87		£2,985.25
Combined – Annual cost						
Term	12-month contract		24-month contract		36-month contract	
Electricity	£2,916.01		£2,904.87		£2,985.25	
Gas	£6,659.78		£6,340.84		£6,219.29	
Total	£9,575.79		£9,245.71		£9,204.54	
2026/27 Budget						£10,868.00

Recommendation

To renew the contracts with SSE Energy Solutions for both 100% SSE Green Electricity and 100% SSE Green Gas Plus and for members to choose the contract length.

Decision required

Members to consider the above recommendation.

DTC green energy



09/07/26



SSE GREEN GAS PLUS CERTIFICATE

100% renewable gas

SSE Energy Solutions hereby certifies that

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has purchased gas matched to Renewable Gas Guarantees of Origin (RGGOs) or Biomethane Certificates (BMCs)



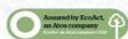
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100% renewable electricity

SSE Energy Solutions hereby certifies that

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has purchased electricity generated by wind and hydro assets matched to Renewable Energy Guarantees of Origin (REGOs) enabling zero emission reporting*



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