

BIDEFORD TOWN COUNCIL



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Mr Richard Coombes
Acting / Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

Thursday 12 February 2026

To: Members of the Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **Staffing, Finance & General Purposes Committee** of the above-named Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Bideford, on **Thursday 19 February 2026 at 6.30 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business.

In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public are welcome to attend. There is a legal right to film/record/photograph/report public meetings.

R Coombes
Acting Clerk to the Council

AGENDA

1. To receive apologies and reasons for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and note any requests for dispensation received by the Clerk prior to the meeting. Enc.
3. Public participation session of 15 minutes duration on items on the agenda.
4. To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 15 January 2026 as a correct record (approved and adopted at Meeting of Town Council – 22 January 2026). Enc
5. Items brought forward by the Chairman.
6. Accounts – To approve the payments listed. Enc
7. Grants to Local Organisations – To consider the applications received for grants in the Financial Year 2026/2027 and make recommendation to Council. E mail
8. **PART II (Closed Session)**
9. To resolve to exclude members of the public and the press to progress a matter of a confidential nature under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 and Local Government Act 1972, ss 100 and 102.

10. Market Project:

- a. To receive an update on the Market Project Management and resolve accordingly.
- b. To approve the Tenders for the engagement of the:
 - a. Project Manager.
 - b. Quantity Surveyor.
 - c. Structural Engineer.
- c. To consider and resolve to transfer funds from the Council reserves to the Market Account for payment of “Project” attributable costs ahead of claiming against the Central Government grant funding.

11. Staffing Matters.

MEMBERS OF THE STAFFING, FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillors D Bushby, Mrs J Gubb, J Hellyer, Mrs L Hellyer, K Hind, S Inch. D McGeough, P Lawrence and J McKenzie.

Date of Next Meeting: 26 February 2026