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## **THE ANNUAL MEETING OF CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

will be held at the

**CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

**Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 6.30pm**

### **AGENDA**

#### **Members**

Cllr L Adura  
Cllr B Barton  
Cllr O Cole  
Cllr V Dixon  
Cllr R Golding  
Cllr B Greenwood  
Cllr J Howard  
Cllr H Kakei  
Cllr K Kavarana  
Cllr D Kendrick

Cllr K Kent  
Cllr B Macharia  
Cllr F Mangan  
Cllr R McCafferty  
Cllr J Messent  
Cllr I Opoku  
Cllr D Pafford  
Cllr M Petchey  
Cllr J Whild

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## AGENDA

1. **Election of Chair to 18 May, 2027**
2. **Election of Vice Chair to 18 May, 2027**
3. **Signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office**
4. **Apologies for Absence**
5. **Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**  
Members of the public may make representations in respect of the business on the agenda.
6. **To approve the minutes of the meeting of Council held on the 21 April 2026, previously circulated and therefore taken as read.** *Page 7*
7. **To Receive Draft Minutes (including recommendations) from Committees. Any Member questions arising from matters detailed in the Minutes to be raised under the relevant Committee.**
  - a. **Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee** *Page 11*  
**Chair: Cllr K Kavarana**  
Council is invited to receive the minutes with 1 (i) item to ratify
  - i. **Draft Minute 60/25(i) Grants** *Page 15*  
**MK Parks Trust** (Grant Application 001/26-27/Sect 137)  
Committee considered an application from MK Parks Trust for £750.00 to sponsor the mobile climbing wall for 11-17 yr olds at the Big Park Hangout Event at Willen Lake on 5 September.  
  
Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the grant be awarded in full.
  - b. **Minutes of the Personnel Committee**  
**Chair: Cllr K Kent**  
Council is invited to receive the minutes
  - c. **Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure and Planning Committee** *Page 31*  
Council is invited to receive the minutes
  - d. **Minutes of the Estates Committee** *Page 37*  
Council is invited to receive the minutes

- 8. Review of Council Standing Orders** **Page 41**  
Council is invited to review and re-adopt the Standing Orders with no amendment, as recommended by the March meeting of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee (Draft Minute 49/25).
- 9. Review of Council Financial Regulations** **Page 67**  
Council is invited to review and readopt the Financial Regulations with no amendment, as recommended by the March meeting of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee. (Draft Minute 48/25i).
- 10. Review of Councillor Code of Conduct** **Page 87**  
Council is invited to review and re-adopt the Councillor Code of Conduct.
- 11. Civility & Respect** **Page 105**  
By CPCC signing up to the Civility and Respect Pledge (October 2022) we have demonstrated that our Council is committed to treating councillors, clerks, employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations, and volunteers, with civility and respect in their role.
- Council is invited to re-affirm its commitment to the Civility and Respect Pledge.
- As agreed at the April meeting of Council, members are further invited to sign the personal Statement of Assurance as developed by the The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Improvement and Development Board (IDB).
- 12. Councillor - Officer Protocol (adopted January 2023 as part of the NALC/SLCC Civility & Respect Project)** **Page 109**  
Council is invited to re-adopt the protocol; no amendments have been suggested to the current model by NALC/SLCC.
- 13. Milton Keynes City Council - Together We Can** **Page 121**  
Council is invited to review and adopt the updated Together We Can document which sets out the parameters of the working partnership between MKCC and Community/Town/Parish councils.
- 14. Annual Review of Bank Signatories**  
Council is invited to review the current bank signatories and agree any necessary changes.
- 15. Committee Structure and Scheme of Delegations (including Terms of Reference for committees)** **Page 131**  
To review the Council's Committee structure, delegation arrangements to Committees, Sub-Committees, Working Groups and Officers and terms of reference for Committees. The following amended Committee terms of reference are recommended for adoption by Council:

i. Sustainability Committee

**Draft Minute 13/25 - Reclassification of Working Group as Substantive Committee of Council**

The Working Group considered and agreed the suggestion (from the Clerk to Council) that it recommends to the Annual Meeting of Council that it becomes a substantive Committee of Council, focused on the development and delivery of the Council Sustainability Plan. With the Council Sustainability Plan impacting on all the other Committees of Council and needing to be progressed by them, the new Committee could meet biannually to scrutinise progress and further develop the plan for Council approval.

Council is invited to consider re-naming the CEWG as the Sustainability Committee and to review and adopt draft terms of reference for this committee.

ii. Finance, Administration & Policy Committee

iii. Community & Communications Committee

iv. Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee

v. Estates Committee

All remaining Committees and Working Groups have recommended that Council re-adopt their terms of reference without amendment.

**16. Appointments to Committees / Appointment of Committee Chairs Page 145**

Council is invited to appoint members to the Committees agreed within the Scheme of Delegations (Standing Order 4div applies) and then appoint a Chair of each Standing Committee (Standing Orders 4dvi)

**17. Review and adoption of Current Policies/Protocols Page 147**

Following a policy review by the relevant Committee, Council is now invited to receive and consider their recommendations:

**Finance, Administration & Policy Committee**

**Draft Minute 48/25 (ii) Committee Policies Review- Investment Strategy**

Committee resolved to make a recommendation for the adoption of the amended Annual Investment Strategy.

**Personnel Committee**

**Minute 38/25 Committee Policy Review**

Committee reviewed and amended the following policies and agreed to recommend them for adoption at the Annual Meeting of Council.

- Anti-Harassment and Bullying Policy – no amendments
- Menopause Policy – no amendments
- Staff Spectacle Policy – maximum contribution increased from £150 to £175, policy to be reviewed biennially going forward.

Councillors are further invited to re-adopt all other policies/protocols without amendment, those then being reviewed at Committee in the next year.

**18. Representation on or work with external bodies**

Council is invited to appoint / nominate members to the following external bodies and confirm arrangements for reporting back:

MK Association of Local Councils  
MK Parishes Forum

**19. Asset Register**

Council is invited to note that the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee will review the Asset Register at their next meeting, with the outcome reported for consideration at the June meeting of Council.

**20. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insured risks**

Council is invited to review the arrangements regarding the main Council insurance policy, separate arrangements are in place for motor vehicle and professional indemnity cover.

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**21. Council's Membership of Other Bodies for 2026-27**

Council is invited to renew its annual subscription to:  
Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils - £1604.68  
National Association of Local Councils – £896.12

**22. Register of Member Interests**

Members are reminded of their responsibility to submit their Register of Member Interests within 28 days of being elected. Members are further reminded of their responsibility to make an updated submission within 28 days of a change to their registered personal interests/a new personal interest.

**23. Setting the dates, times and place of ordinary meetings of Council and Committees for 2026-27**

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Council is invited to consider and agree the draft schedule of dates and times of Council and Committee meetings for 2026-2027.

**Minutes of the meeting of Council held on  
Tuesday 21 April 2026, 7.30pm  
at the  
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

This meeting was open to the Public

**Members Present**

Cllr L Adura	Cllr K Kent
Cllr B Barton	Cllr F Mangan
Cllr O Cole	Cllr R McCafferty
Cllr V Dixon	Cllr J Messent (19.32)
Cllr R Golding (Vice Chair)	Cllr I Opoku
Cllr B Greenwood (Chair)	Cllr D Pafford
Cllr J Howard	Cllr M Petchey
Cllr H Kakei	Cllr J Whild
Cllr D Kendrick	

**In Attendance**

D Warner, Clerk to Council  
P Sullivan, Deputy Clerk

**217/25 Apologies for Absence**

Cllr K Kavarana – work commitment  
Cllr B Macharia – family commitment

**218/25 Declarations of Interest**

None

**219/25 Minutes of the meeting of Council held on 17 March 2026**

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated and taken as read were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**220/25 Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

None

**221/25**

**Chair's Report**

The Chair has been responding to residents concerns around parking in Oldbrook.

*Cllr Messent entered the meeting*

**222/25**

**Clerk's Report**

Council received a verbal report from the Clerk. The Clerk asked Members to complete and return their committee preference forms for 2026/27 by return. The Clerk thanked Members for attending and supporting the Annual Electors Meeting, with specific thanks to the Deputy Clerk for arranging and promoting the event. The Clerk confirmed that although some progress had been made in utility and business rates billing arrangements for the Community Hub, the process was still dependent on completion by external providers and would be reported on in due course.

**223/25**

**Ward Member Reports**

- i. Council is invited to receive any verbal Ward Member Reports.  
Cllr Barton raised concerns about the number of bikes and scooters being left in random locations despite the introduction of a controlled parking scheme. He further reported that TVP and MK Neighbourhood Watch had recently held a pop-up event in Lidl (Oldbrook) which had been very well attended.

Cllr Pafford reported that recent work carried out on Woolstone Pond has encouraged more wildlife to visit. He further reported that work is about to commence on a new nursery on Newport Road/Mill Lane.

Cllr Kent reported that an air ambulance had recently landed on Oldbrook Green and asked that the good behaviour of the children present be minuted.

- ii. Council received a written report from Cllr Whild.

**224/25**

**To receive draft minutes (including recommendations) from Committees. Any Member questions arising from matters detailed in the minutes to be raised under the relevant Committee**

- a. **Minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee**  
**Chair: Cllr B Greenwood**  
Council received the minutes.

**225/25**

**MKCC Community Infrastructure Fund 2027/28**

Council considered and agreed the Clerk to Council's suggestion that the CPCC CIF application for 2027/28 (up to £20,000) focuses on play area improvements, with subsequent applications over the next four years aimed at the same initiative if funding continues. Recognising that play areas across the Council area are a combination of those owned by CPCC and MKCC, adopting the suggested approach would facilitate investment across each of our 5 residential estates. A strategic 5-year approach would enable the development of a focused

dialogue with MKCC, identifying a clear investment and improvement plan, it would also allow Council to make financial provision within the CPCC budget from 2027/28 onwards. The 2027/28 application to be made in relation to Fishermead Pirate Park.

**226/25 Community Hub – Community Café Operation**

Council received a verbal update from the Chair of the Community Café Working Group on the process of identifying a new café operator, including the conclusion of the expression of interest phase and the progression to the tender phase.

**227/25 Changes to Practitioners Guide 2025/26 - Assertion 10 Readiness**

i. **Data Protection Policy**

Council reviewed, considered and adopted a revised Data Protection Policy reflecting updated legislation and guidelines.

**228/25 Community Hub – Working Group Update**

Council received a verbal update from the Working Group, including pursuing and addressing any remaining defects ahead of the conclusion of the retention period and payment of the associated fee (£38,235 exc VAT)), with a further update on the requirement to purchase the remaining items previously identified and agreed as part of the overall Hub developments (predominantly external street furniture and planters).

**229/25 NALC Councillor Statement of Assurance Initiative**

With Council re-affirming its commitment each year to the Civility and Respect Pledge at the Annual Meeting in May, it resolved to extend the initiative, with individual Councillors given the opportunity at the Annual Meeting to commit to a personal Statement of Assurance as developed by the The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) Improvement and Development Board (IDB).

**Confidential Item**

**In view of the terms of Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, the following item\* will be likely to disclose exempt information relating to establishment and contractual matters and Council is therefore invited to resolve that pursuant to the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 1(2) the public and press be excluded.**

**\*Item 13**

**230/25 IT Managed Services Contract 2026/27**

Council received a verbal update, including final costing for the revised 2026/27 annual managed services contract with Cloudy IT, and the cost of purchasing new/replacement Councillor devices (iPads), also from Cloudy IT.

Council further considered the benefits of extending the arrangement with Cloudy IT on a multi-year (3-year) basis. Council agreed to extend the

arrangement on a multi-year (3-year) basis from 2027/28, enabling the development and delivery of a strategic IT plan, including the associated investment and budget measures.

**231/25**

**Upcoming Events (Community Hub)**

Citizens Advice MK – Wednesdays fortnightly – Wellbeing Room/The Nest

Community Larder - Wednesdays, 2pm-4pm

Seated Exercise – every Monday at 1.30pm – Council Chamber

MK Lymphoma Support Group 2pm-4pm – first Thursday of every month – The Nest

Mind Your Mind social group – first Tuesday of the month 10am-12 – The Nest

Knit & Natter – every Thursday – 11.30-12.30 – Cafe

Golden Memories Thrive Club 1pm – 4pm – last Friday of every month– The Nest

Yoga classes – Mondays 10am -11am – Council Chamber

Ujhasuma Africa Music Programme – Saturdays 6 weeks, starting 28/3 11am – 12.30 – Council Chamber

**232/25**

**Dates of Future Committee & Working Group Meetings**

Community & Communications – 28 April at 6.30pm

Personnel – 5 May at 6.00pm

Planning – 5 May at 6.30pm

Estates – 12 May at 6.30pm

Annual Meeting of Council – 19 May at 6.30pm

**233/25**

**Save the Date – Councillor Training**

Acting on the result of the poll sent out to Members, the BMKALC training session is confirmed for Monday 8 June at 6.30pm. This will take place at the Community Hub and should last approximately 2 hours.

**234/25**

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19 May 2026 at 7.30pm

**Minutes of the Community & Communications Committee  
held on Tuesday 28 April 2026  
commencing at 6.30pm  
at the CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

**This meeting was open to the Public**

**Members Present**

Cllr L Adura (arrived at 18:41)	Cllr V Dixon
Cllr K Kavarana (Chair)	Cllr B Macharia
Cllr F Mangan	Cllr M Petchey

**In attendance**

T Jones, Community Officer/Committee Clerk

**56/25**

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Howard - personal commitment  
Cllr R McCafferty - work commitment  
Cllr J Messant- personal commitment

**57/25**

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**58/25**

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held 19 February 2026, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**59/25**

**Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

None

**60/25**

**Grants**

i. **MK Parks Trust** (Grant Application 001/26-27/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from MK Parks Trust for £750.00 to sponsor the mobile climbing wall for 11-17 yr olds at the Big Park Hangout Event at Willen Lake on 5 September.

Committee resolved to recommend to Council that the grant be awarded in full.

Committee also resolved that the event and CPCC's contribution should be actively advertised, with Cllr Dixon offering to deliver a craft activity for teenagers alongside the climbing wall activity, if appropriate.

ii. **MK Gallacticos FC** (Grant Application 003/26-27/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from MK Gallacticos FC for £1000.00 towards their Annual Awards Ceremony.

Committee resolved to award £500.

Cllr Adura arrived during the course of this item.

iii. **Yoga for Health Alliance MK** (Grant Application 004/26-27/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from the Yoga for Health Alliance MK for £1000.00 towards the International Yoga Day event in Willen.

Committee resolved to award the grant in full.

iv. **Frank Howe Court Social Club** (Grant Application 002/26-27/Sect 137)

Committee considered an application from Frank Howe Court Social Club for £400.00 towards the purchase of a gas barbeque for resident and public events.

Committee resolved to award the grant in full.

v. **Grant Evaluation - Willen Residents Association**

Committee noted the report received from Willen Residents Association in relation to the grant of £490 awarded in October 2025 towards the purchase of a bench for the pond area.

vi. **Grant Evaluation - Spinal Injuries Association**

Committee noted the report received from Spinal Injuries Association in relation to the grant of £990 awarded in July 2025 towards the purchase of a branded gazebo to be used at events to spread awareness and support to disabled residents.

vii. **Awake to Know Africa** (Grant Application 017/25-26/Sect 137)

Committee noted that due to circumstances beyond their control, Awake to Know Africa have confirmed that they are unable to deliver the project for which a grant of £1000 was awarded in October 2025. The grant payment has not been released.

## 61/25 Community Projects - Programme & Priorities 2025/26

i. **Councillor run Community Events**

To standardise the process for Councillors seeking approval to run community events for CPCC and to ensure that all elements of event planning are considered, Committee considered and approved the 'Councillor Community Event Proposal' form, to be completed and submitted for Committee consideration and approval prior advertising or committing to the delivery of any community event/s.

ii. **New Applications for free use of CPCC Community Spaces**

Committee noted the outcome of the following free use applications received since the last meeting.

- a. NHS Early Intervention Psychosis Team — awarded free use of Springfield Centre for a monthly Carers Support Group.
- b. NHS Early Intervention Psychosis Team awarded free use of the Chamber & Nest to hold their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Event on 12 June.
- c. CHUMS MK Young Carers – awarded free use of the Springfield Centre to hold a support group session (one-off) for young carers & their families.

- d. MK Stoma Support Group - awarded free use of the Chamber & Nest to hold their Open Day Event on 17 October.
- e. Willows & Orchard Schools - awarded free use of the Café space to hold their parents coffee morning on 21 May.

iii. **Review of Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces**

Committee reviewed the following Free Use of CPCC Community Spaces and consider extending the approved period of use for a further 6 months.

- a. Keeping Kids off the Streets CIC (KKOTS) – Oldbrook Centre, Mondays 6-8pm weekly.

Committee resolved to extend the free use of the Oldbrook Centre for a further 3 months, with KKOTS being required to provide a report on the usage and impact of the sessions delivered so far before the next review.

iv. **School Holiday Activities**

a. **Easter Holiday**

Committee received a verbal update on the activities held during the Easter Holiday, noting the success of the activities held.

b. **May Half Term**

Committee received an update on the activities planned for the May Half Term Holiday, including Kids Craft Club on Tues 26 May, Dr Bike Service on Wed 27 May to be run alongside a Neighbourhood Scan event co-ordinated by Cllr Whild & Leap/MK PEP and Family Film Club on Fri 29 May.

c. **Summer Holiday**

Committee received a verbal update on the plans and ideas for activities to be held during the Summer Holidays resolving to grant delegated powers to the Community Officer to put an activity programme in place with a maximum budget of £3000 (Community Budget 399/4192).

v. **The Great Big Green Week**

The Committee received a verbal report on the activities being organised to support The Great Big Green Week, 6-14 June.

vi. **Community Summer Picnic**

Committee considered and agreed in principle the outline plans for and the proposed date of Saturday 15 August for the annual Community Summer Picnic. The event is to be held at the CPCC Community Hub. A detailed Councillor Community Event proposal will be presented to the Committee by Cllr Cole at the next meeting.

vii. **Youth Street Art Project**

Committee considered and resolved to commission Educreate to work in partnership with us to deliver a two-phase Youth Street Art project with aimed at engaging 12-16 year olds in a creative art project. Phase 1 will run over 12 weeks teaching techniques, developing ideas and design skills which will culminate in the creation of presentation ready artwork that can be used in the delivery of Phase 2 of the project. CPCC have the opportunity to determine the scope of the project and a theme for the design work development. Phase 2 of the project will see the agreed design come to life, with an artist creating the final design, involving the young people in the process. The project will be captured through film and photography which can be used to share the journey with our residents.

The cost for delivering the project are Phase 1 - £3500 & Phase 2 - £1550(estimate)

Committee further resolved that the project should be funded from the Youth Provision budget (399/4806)

viii. **Sound Healing**

Committee noted that following the decision to hold more Sound Healing sessions for CPCC residents, another session is being organised for June/July 2026, with the date to be confirmed. To support the delivery costs, residents will be asked to contribute £10 per person (paid in advance) to attend the session.

ix. **Yoga Classes**

In line with the approved Wellbeing Programme budget, Committee considered and approved running a second Yoga for Health programme in the Autumn 2026. The intention of the second programme will be for it to be an evening session, potentially leading to the provision of an ongoing evening yoga class if the level of resident demand supports this. The daytime yoga classes will continue as normal.

**62/25 Homeground**

- i. Committee considered and approved the proof of the May edition of Homeground magazine, noting that some additional content would be created by the Community Officer to fill the vacant space.
- ii. Committee noted the feedback received following the publication of the February edition of the magazine.

**63/25 Terms of Reference Review**

Committee reviewed its Terms of Reference proposing that the suggested changes be adopted at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2026.

**64/25 Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 26 May 2026



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January 2026

To the Members of the Campbell Park Community Council,

**RE: Grant Application for “The Big Park Hangout” event – 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026**

Please accept this letter and the attached application as a formal request for funding from Campbell Park Community Council. We are requesting £750 to support “The Big Park Hangout” event on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026, which aims to provide a free activity, such as, a climbing experience for our local young audience.

**Project Summary**

- **Project Title:** [The Big Park Hangout](#)
- **Applicant:** The Parks Trust
- **Location:** Wille Lake South – Event Lawn - (What3words Location: duty.craftsman.casual)
- **Date & Duration:** **Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> September 2026, from 12pm to 5pm**
- **Target Group:** Young people aged **11–17 years** who live or study in Milton Keynes
- **Access:** **Free** to attend; no booking fees; Free activities for young people.

**Evidence of Need (local relevance)**

Milton Keynes has experienced reductions in youth service capacity, including a proposed £241k cut and the loss of five full-time youth worker posts in 2025–26, risking “youth service deserts” and fewer safe, staffed spaces for young people to gather locally (Milton Keynes Conservatives, 2025). A 2024 peer review for MKCC highlighted the shift from open-access to targeted provision and recommended increasing detached/outreach youth work to bridge gaps between young people and services (Milton Keynes City Council, 2024). Nationally, more than 1,243 council-run youth centres closed across England and Wales from 2010–2023, intensifying pressures on local safe spaces Financial Times (2024).

## Objectives (aligned to parish/community priorities)

- **Community engagement:** Aims to connect young people in MK, aligned with parish priorities of resident-led activities.
- **Use of green/open space:** Hosted in Willen Lake, supporting local use of public spaces.
- **Partnership-based event:** Delivered with MK Youth Council, charities (Q:Alliance, Girl Pack), and local organisations (Community Action: MK), reflecting community-led strategy.
- Strengthen local connections among 11–17-year-olds to help reduce isolation and feelings of loneliness
- **Improve health and wellbeing** through positive outdoor activities.
- **Amplify youth voice** in local decision-making and future programming  
“Young people from across Milton Keynes are at the heart decision-making through Milton Keynes Youth Council, which provides a trusted platform for their voices to influence local decisions, events and opportunities. Milton Keynes Youth Council works in partnership with schools, community organisations, and local services to embed youth voice at every level. Through collaboration, we ensure young people are heard, valued, and actively involved in shaping the services and decisions that affect their lives.” Milton Keynes Youth Council (2026)

## Activities & Programme

- Active & Adventure Zone
  - **Climbing frame**
  - **Fun games** (including **laser tag** and **gladiator joust**)
- Parent & Family Zone
  - **Drop-off parents' zone** near a coffee/drink shop (with visibility to event area)
- Chill & Social Zone
  - **Chill-out zone for young people** with hammocks
- Performance & Entertainment Zone
  - **Stage for music and performances**

## Partnerships & Roles

- **Lead organiser:** The Parks Trust – Events and Community Engagement Team.
- **Community Action MK:** local engagement, volunteer mobilisation.
- **Youth Council:** youth voice facilitation, on-site co-hosting.
- **Q:Alliance & Girls Pack (subject to confirmation):** inclusive, identity-affirming activities and signposting.

- **Milton Keynes Arts Centre:** to connect artist to provide art workshops for young people at the event
- **Campbell Park Parish Council (subject to confirmation): Contact made**
- **BucksVision (subject to confirmation):** provides advice, support, equipment and social connection for people with sensory loss across Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes.
- **Proactive Young People (subject to confirmation):** Supports with employability and enterprise
- **VICTA (subject to confirmation):** national charity supporting children and young adults (0–29) who are blind or partially sighted and their families. They provide activities, services and grant programmes.
- **Mind BLMK (subject to confirmation):** works across our communities to support positive mental health and wellbeing. They offer several activities from their wellbeing centres and local venues to make a difference to the mental health and wellbeing of people.

### Budget (How is the event Funded)

**The Parks Trust events are funded through event licences, pitch fees from commercial stallholders, and payments from food vendors.**

**Total requested from CPCC: £750**

This funding will be used to offer free outdoor climbing wall (Provided and Managed on the event Day by On Targett Events Ltd), removing financial barriers and ensuring children from all backgrounds have the opportunity to participate. With full recognition that this part is supported by Campbell Park Parish Council for the young people in the parish.

### Timeline

- **January - March 2026:** planning, volunteer recruitment, risk assessment, event safety management plan, Safety advisory group application, stall holder search, partner and infrastructure bookings.
- **April - May 2026:** meetings with partners, youth groups, ; permits.
- May 2026 – Branding
- **5<sup>th</sup> September 2026:** event delivery, timed schedule with Parks Trust Volunteers; first-aid; safeguarding; real-time participation counts.
- **October 2026:** online survey; focus group with Youth Council; event evaluation and report to CPCC.



## Attachments

Please to support this application, find attached:

- The Parks Trust 2024/2025 Annual Report, including financial statements
- The Parks Trust Safeguarding Policy

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## APPLICATION SUPPORTING REFERENCES

Financial Times (2024) 'Two-thirds of council-funded youth centres in England closed since 2010', *Financial Times*, [online]. Available at: <https://www.ft.com/content/6952c553-5af7-436f-aa8a-79c5ce53e4e6> (Accessed: 12 January 2026).

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**Grant Reference No:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Committee Mtg Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Ratification required by Council? Y N** **Council Mtg Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Applicant:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Previous Applicant? Y N Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Monitoring Form Returned? Y N**

**CPCC support acknowledged on marketing material & copies supplied? Y N**

**Standard Grant requested: £** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grant awarded: £** \_\_\_\_\_

**Start Up Grant requested: £** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grant awarded: £** \_\_\_\_\_

**Payment Profile:**

**1:£** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **2: £** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **3:£** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Criteria Met Y N Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Criteria Met Y N** **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Criteria Met Y N Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Power:** \_\_\_\_\_

## Grant Application Form

Please ensure the application is fully completed and all relevant paperwork is supplied.

Return completed applications to:  
Campbell Park Community Council  
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield  
Milton Keynes, MK6 3JS or e-mail: community@campbell-park.gov.uk

### STANDARD GRANTS:

- i. Grant Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis: April, July, October and January
- ii. A complete application must be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month
- iii. Grants may be awarded up to a limit of £1,000

### COMMUNITY START UP GRANTS:

- i. Only available to new groups within their first 12 months of operation
- ii. Applications will be considered on a quarterly basis: April, July, October and January
- iii. A complete application must be received by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month
- iv. Grants may be awarded up to a limit of £1,500 payable in two or three instalments (depending on the type of application). The second and third instalments will only be released on successful completion of a project monitoring report, having met specified criteria.

**Community Start Up Grants to Youth Groups (and those working with vulnerable members of our community), will be subject to a 3 Stage Process as follows;**

- a. Stage 1 – Committee will consider the application and if a decision to support the project ‘in principle’ is made the applicant will be awarded sufficient funding to enable DBS checks and Safeguarding training to be completed.
- b. Stage 2 – Committee will require evidence of completion of DBS checks, Safeguarding Training and will supply CPCC with their Safeguarding Policy. If accepted, a Grant Award part-payment will be released to support Phase 1 of Project.
- c. Stage 3 – The Applicant will complete a Project Monitoring Report on completion of Phase 1 of the Project. This will be considered by Committee who will decide if to release the final instalment of the part-payment to progress Phase 2 of the project.

## **Application Guidance**

**Please read the following notes carefully before completing the Application Form. Incorrect or incomplete forms are likely to be delayed or rejected.**

### **Beneficiaries:**

All applications must benefit the community within Campbell Park Community Councils area which includes Willen, Woolstone, Fishermead, Oldbrook, Springfield, Newlands and Winterhill

### **Applicants must:**

- be available to attend a Community Council meeting to explain the purpose of their project, if required to do so. Attendance will be compulsory for all Start Up Grant Applications.
- Provide a copy of the groups Constitution (the aims and rules of your community group)
- Standard Grant Applicants must provide a set of accounts with the application
  - (i) those with an annual income over £5,000 – 3 years accounts
  - (ii) those with an annual income under £5,000 – 1 years accounts
- Start Up Grant Applicants must provide a copy of;
  - All bank statements
  - A Business Plan or similar.
- All Groups working with Young People and vulnerable members of our community must do the following;
  - Provide evidence that all Adult Group leaders have attended Safeguarding Training within the previous 12 months.
  - Provide evidence that all Adult Group leaders have passed a DBS check carried out no more than 6 months prior to the date of application.
  - Provide a copy of the groups Safeguarding Policy, which must be reviewed by your group at least annually.
  - \*Hold the Milton Keynes City Council Youth Provision Safe Practice Mark
  - \*CPCC encourage all Youth Groups to become members of Action4Youth, National Youth Agency and/or gain quality marks with UK Youth.

\* This may not be applicable to Youth Groups registered with a Governing Body e.g. Football Association

**If you are unsure of the requirements for your group, please contact the Community Officer on 01908 608559 to discuss this prior to the submission of your application.**

**Who can apply:**

- applicants must be:  
a not-for-profit, voluntary or community group
- any organisation applying for a grant that have Councillors from Campbell Park Community Council on their management committee/board of control, must have at least the same number of non-Councillors as Councillors on their board.

**We cannot fund:**

- goods or services such as equipment for a school or hospital, that should be provided by a statutory body
- projects involving political or campaigning activities
- political parties or groups affiliated to a political party
- projects promoting religious beliefs
- medical treatment
- deficit funding or the repayment of loans
- unspecified expenditure
- fundraising events
- grants to be distributed to other groups or passed on to an individual
- individuals
- Retrospective applications for projects/activities/items already taken place or already purchased

**Allocation:**

Applications will be considered quarterly in April, July, October and January.

If part funded by other bodies, grants will not be paid until the balance of costs is guaranteed. The Community Council is prepared to provide a letter of intent where this will assist in the obtaining of the balance.

**Frequency of applications:**

Only one (1) application per financial year (April to end March) will be considered

Start Up grants will only be considered within the first 12 months of operation and only 1 application will be considered during this time.

## ACCEPTANCE OF FUNDING

The award is made subject to your agreement to the standard conditions below.

To accept, please complete the agreement and return one signed copy to us, and retain one for your own records.

## STANDARD CONDITIONS

Grants will be awarded in line with objectives identified within the Campbell Park Community Council Business Plan

On approval of the grant, a formal letter is sent to the applicant

The Community Council reserves the right for the repayment of a grant not used for the purposes or within the conditions stated.

If the project is not started within three (3) months of the date of the offer letter, the award will automatically lapse and you will need to make a new application. The grant should be spent within 12 months of the project start date.

Upon completion of the project you will make a written report to the Community Council explaining the use of the grant and costs covered by it, copy invoices to be included.

If any amount of the grant remains unspent, for the purpose for which it was given, this must be returned to the Community Council. No further application from you will be considered until the report is received.

You understand that in making an award Campbell Park Community Council is not to be taken as assuming or accepting any responsibility or liability of any kind whatsoever towards any person or persons in respect of any matter or thing arising out of or incidental to the execution of the work you have undertaken.

In the event that the project does not proceed/the organisation discontinue operating, ownership of all equipment/remaining resources purchased using the award money will revert to Campbell Park Community Council.

The Community Council may publicise the amount of funding awarded to your project or organisation in the Homeground magazine or elsewhere.

You acknowledge the financial support received in your publicity along with the Community Council logo and you forward a copy of such publicity to the Community Council.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: If your grant expenditure is less than the amount awarded, CPCC will reclaim the difference and reallocate this amount to other projects and by signing this form you have confirmed your agreement.**

**Start Up Grants will be paid in two or three instalments. The second and third instalments will only be released on completion of a successful Monitoring Report. The timeframe for release of the second and third instalments will be decided on a project by project basis, but there will be a minimum of 3 months between the payment of the instalments associated with Phase 1 and 2 of the project.**

## DECLARATION

I confirm that to the best of my knowledge the information included in this application is complete and correct.

That the budget represents a true cost or nearest estimate and the proposed project could not proceed without the financial assistance requested.

On behalf of \_\_\_\_\_ (name of project or organisation)

I (name) \_\_\_\_\_ accept the above conditions in respect of the award made by Campbell Park Community Council

Position held within organisation: \_\_\_\_\_

I confirm that the report will be forwarded to the Community Council by the date requested.

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

1. **Date of application:**

2. **Name (Full Name) of the organisation making the application:**

The Parks Trust

3. **Contact Details:** (Details of the main contact)

**Name:**

**Address:**

**Post Code:**

**Email address:**

**Telephone No's: Daytime:**

**Mobile:**

4. **Status of your organisation - please put 'X' next to all that apply.** (If you are not sure what your status is, you will probably fall under Voluntary or Community groups). If you require help please contact us.

Registered Charity

Community Interest Company

Voluntary or Community Group

Other (please state)

**If you have a Charity or Company Number, please enter below:**

Charity Number:

Company Number:

**Do you have any Councillors from Campbell Park Community Council on your Committee/ Board of control?** Yes No \* (please see 'Who Can Apply' for more info)

5. **What date did your organisation/company start?**

*If your group has been operating for less than 12 months please put 'X' here:*

6. **Details of any previous grant received from the Parish:**

**Amount received £**

**Date:**

**Title of Project:**

**Amount received £**

**Date:**

**Title of Project:**

7. **Does your organisation have a bank account with 2 signatories?** (We cannot make payments to personal bank accounts; your organisation must have its own bank account). **Please mark with an 'X'**

**Yes:**

**No:**

**Name of Bank:**

**Organisations Full Name on the Account:**

**Name of Signatories: 1.**

**2.**

**8. If your application is successful, your grant award will be paid by bank transfer. Please provide:**

**Bank Account Number:**

**Sort Code:**

**9. Details of the project you are requesting a grant for:**

*TO INCLUDE: Please give a full description of your project, including information on:*

*(a) aims*

*(b) timescales including proposed start date*

*(c) groups or organisations you may/will be working with*

*(d) what particular need will this project will meet*

*(e) how the need been identified (f) any further information that will bring the project to life.*

If you require more space than provided here, please continue onto a separate sheet of paper.

Please see attached covering letter

**Project Start Date:**

**Project End Date:**

**10. Does your project have any impact (positive or negative) on the environment? Please provide details. If it has a negative impact, please detail any mitigation in place.**

**11. Is your organisation based in, or does (or will) it deliver its main service/activities within Campbell Park Parish?**

**Yes**                    *please provide details*

**No**                      *please provide more details of current location/s and explain how this project will directly benefit residents of the Campbell Park Community Council area.*

**12. Which areas will you be working in? (please 'X' all that apply)** *To help us to understand what difference our grants are making, we record where projects are happening.*

Fishermead

Willen

Woolstone

Oldbrook

Springfield

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**13. Who will benefit from this project?** *Our policy is that our grants reach a wide range of needs and interests. If you are able quantify by providing numbers/data to support your application, this would be very helpful.*

**14. What percentage of your users/beneficiaries live within the Campbell Park Community Council area?**

**15. Grant amount requested: £**

**16. What percentage of your income would this grant represent: %**

**17. Is the request for part or full funding of the project? Full Part**

**18. If part funding, how will the balance be provided?**

**19. Has the balance already been received? If so state the date:**

**20. If not received, when is it expected?**

**21. Do you have to satisfy any conditions to receive the balance?**

If yes, state conditions:

**22. If Campbell Park Community Council is the sole funder and only give a pro-rata grant, can your project still continue?**

**23. Please list below a breakdown of expenditure for the project for which you are applying:** Please break your budget down into as much details as you can.

**\*Start-Up Grant Applicants working with young people or vulnerable members of the community must ensure that costs are broken down into Stage 1, 2 & 3 costs, as explained on Page 2.**

<b>Item:</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Cost</b> <i>(please provide quotes if possible)</i>
<b>Total Cost</b>		<b>£</b>

**24. How do you plan to publicise your project?**

**25. Is there any further information you wish to be considered with this application?**

**26. Is there any other way in which CPCC could assist your organisation?**

**DECLARATION : I certify that:**

- **The information in this application is correct.**
- **I understand that if this application is successful, the information I have provided will form the basis of my contract with Campbell Park Community Council.**

**I am authorised to make this application on behalf of:**

**Name of Group:**

**Signature:** 



**Position in Group:**

**The Chair of your Management Committee (or equivalent) should complete this section (or another member of the Committee if the Chair has completed this form and signed above).**

**Name of Group:**

**Signature:**

**Date:**

**Print Name:**

**Position in Group:**

**Is your Application complete?**

Have you completed all questions? **Yes / No**

Have you provided a copy of your Organisations Accounts **Yes / No**

*(income under £5,000 – 1 years accounts/income over £5000 – 3 years accounts)*

Is the application form signed in all the required places **Yes / No**

Start Up Grant Applicants - Have you provided a copy of;

- bank statement/s **Yes / No**
- The groups adopted Constitution **Yes / No**
- A Business Plan or similar **Yes / No**

Youth Groups (or those working with vulnerable people) -Have you provided a copy of;

- Evidence of recent DBS checks for all Adult Leaders **Yes / No**
- Evidence of attendance on Safeguarding Training for all Adult Group Leaders **Yes / No**
- Safeguarding Policy **Yes / No**
- Evidence of Membership with Youth Organisations\* **Yes / No**



**The minutes of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee of**

**Campbell Park Community Council to be held**

**on Tuesday 5 May 2026**

**at the CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

**commencing at 6.30pm**

**This meeting was open to the Public**

**Members Present**

Cllr R Golding

Cllr B Greenwood (Chair)

Cllr B Macharia

Cllr K Kavarana

Cllr J Whild

**In attendance**

T Jones, Committee Clerk

**87/25**

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr J Messent – personal commitment

Cllr V Dixon - unwell

**88/25**

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**89/25**

**Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7 April, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**90/25**

**Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

1 member of the public spoke in relation to PLN/2025/2675

**91/25 Consultations – including any applications or consultations received after the publication of the Agenda that must be considered before the date of the next meeting. Any additional items that will be considered will be published on the day of the meeting on the Campbell Park Community Council website.**

**a. Planning Applications**

**i. PLN/2026/0669**

Erection of single storey front extension  
at 26 KIRKSTALL PLACE, OLDBROOK, MILTON KEYNES, MK6 2NB

*Deadline: 8 May*

*Planning Officer: Gabriel Kenyon*

Committee resolved to make no comment

**ii. PLN/2026/0499**

Proposed single-storey rear extension with 3no. rooflights and modification to roof shape over garage.  
at 2 CARTERET CLOSE, WILLEN, MILTON KEYNES, MK15 9LD

*Deadline: 8 May*

*Planning Officer: Gabriel Kenyon*

Committee resolved to make no comment.

**iii. PLN/2026/0695**

Prior notification for the proposed demolition of buildings  
at 93, 95a & 95b Walbrook Avenue, Springfield, Milton Keynes, MK6 3JP

*Deadline: 27 April*

*Planning Officer: Sonia James*

Committee noted this application.

**iv. PLN/2026/0746**

Approval of details required by condition 29 (reuse of soil and materials strategy) of permission ref. PLN/2024/2745  
at Milton Keynes East, Land East and West of A509 London Road, Newport Pagnell, MK16 0JA

*Deadline: 28 April*

*Planning Officer: Lauren Bradwell*

Committee noted this application.

**v. PLN/2026/0747**

Certificate of lawfulness for proposed garage conversion  
at 54 PADSTOW AVENUE, FISHERMEAD, MILTON KEYNES, MK6 2ES

*Deadline: 29 April*

*Planning Officer: Helen Pinder*

Committee noted this application.

vi. **PLN/2026/0657**

Non-material amendment seeking to approve sections and revise internal layout and unit mix (related to permission ref. PLN/2024/2384 for the Prior approval for the change of use from offices to 83 dwellings)

at MERCURY HOUSE, BRICKHILL STREET, WILLEN LAKE, MILTON KEYNES, MK15 0DJ

*Deadline: 11 May*

*Planning Officer: Tamlin Barton*

Committee resolved to make no comment.

vii. **PLN/2025/2675**

Erection of a detached two-storey self-build dwelling, a detached garage and associated landscaping at Land to the south of Ox House, 43 Newport Road, Woolstone, Milton Keynes, MK15 0AA

*Deadline: 27 May*

*Planning Officer: Lauren Bradwell*

Committee noted the objections raised by the Highways Officer and resolved to make no comment on the application until these issues are addressed.

viii. **PLN/2026/0654**

Prior approval for the installation of solar panels to roof at JUBILEE WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL, FALMOUTH PLACE, FISHERMEAD, MK6 2LB

*Deadline: 20 May*

*Planning Officer: Gabriel Kenyon*

Committee resolved to support the proposal.

*The following notification/s were tabled having been received after the publication of the agenda but requiring a decision before the next meeting.*

ix. **PLN/2026/0643**

Erection of a single storey front extension and two storey side extension at 6 EYNHAM COURT, WOOLSTONE, MILTON KEYNES, MK15 0BY

*Deadline 30 May*

*Planning Officer: Gabriel Kenyon*

Committee resolved to comment on the application as the required parking standards do not appear to have been adequately addressed within the proposal.

b. **Licensing**

Committee noted the following licensing application/s were responded to with a response of 'no comment', through the delegated powers given to the Committee Clerk:

i. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Mr Softee - T402 POA

1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times:

Monday to Sunday 16:00 to 21:00

ii. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Mr Guci Ices Ltd, R481 OSH

1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times:

CURRENT HOURS

Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 20:00

HOURS APPLIED FOR

Monday to Sunday 14:00 – 19:00

- iii. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Pecorella Whip - FJ72 WHP  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times:  
Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 20:00
- iv. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Soft99Whip, S99 WHP  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide for the following times:  

Current Hours	Hours applied for
Monday to Sunday 15:00 to 20:00	Monday to Sunday 14:00 to 19:00
- v. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Mister Softee, Reg JJ92 NNV  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide Mon to Sun 16:00 to 20:00
- vi. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices Reg EK09 XXE  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide Mon to Sun 14:00 to 21:00
- vii. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices, Reg KN58 UEP  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide Mon to Sun 14:00 to 21:00
- viii. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - MK Ices Reg DG10 HCV  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide Mon to Sun 14:00 to 21:00
- ix. Street Trading Consent Boroughwide Renewal - Charlie Browns - W395EOK  
1 ice cream van to trade Boroughwide Mon to Sun 16:00 to 19:00

**c. Update on Past Consultations**

The Committee noted the outcome of the following applications.

Permitted/Approved:

- i. PLN/2026/0185 - 47 TOWAN AVENUE, FISHERMEAD MK6 2DU
- ii. PLN/2026/0219 - MERCURY HOUSE, BRICKHILL STREET, WILLEN LAKE, MK15 0DJ
- iii. PLN/2026/0444 - 73 BELSIZE AVENUE, SPRINGFIELD, MILTON KEYNES, MK6 3LN
- iv. PLN/2026/0406 - 44 APPELYARD PLACE, OLDBROOK, MILTON KEYNES, MK6 2PS
- v. PLN/2026/0443 - Milton Keynes East, Land East and West of A509 London Road Newport Pagnell , MK16 0JA

Consultation response:

- vi. PLN/2026/0346 – MKCC published response to consultation on construction, operation and maintenance of the proposed Grand Union Canal Transfer (water transfer project) - Grand Union Canal and Land Around Little Brickhill, Milton Keynes

**d. Appeals**

None

**e. Planning Enforcement**

The Committee is invited to receive any reports relating to Planning Enforcement.

**92/25 General Consultations**

None

**93/25 Date of Next Meeting**  
Monday 1 June 2026 at 6:30pm

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**Minutes of the meeting of the Estates Committee  
held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 6.30pm  
at the  
CPCC Community Hub, Springfield Boulevard, Springfield**

**This meeting was open to the public**

**Members Present**

Cllr L Adura

Cllr B Barton

Cllr R Golding (Chair)

Cllr B Greenwood

Cllr J Howard

Cllr R McCafferty

Cllr D Pafford

**59/25**

**Apologies for Absence**

Cllr B Macharia

Cllr M Petchey – personal commitment

**60/25**

**Declarations of Interest**

None

**61/25**

**Minutes of the Meeting held on 10 March 2026**

The minutes of the meeting, having been previously circulated were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

**62/25**

**Public Involvement – Deputations, Petitions and Questions**

None

**63/25**

**Community Hub – Working Group Update**

Committee received a verbal report from the Working Group on their progression of the Community Hub project, including updated information on outstanding defects to be remediated prior to the end of the retention period. The Clerk confirmed that the works were on course to be completed in the next month and that the role of the Working Group would need to be extended accordingly.

- 64/25 Community Centre Conditions of Hire Review**  
Committee considered amendments to the terms and conditions of hire to include a requirement for the hirer to produce risk assessments and proof of public liability insurance for public events.  
The amendment was agreed as presented.
- 65/25 Landscape Equipment Update – Report E04/25**  
Committee reviewed, considered and accepted a report from the Estates Manager detailing the current status of equipment and setting out a medium-term strategy for the replacement of road vehicles including associated funding. Committee identified the requirement for future budgets from 2027/28 onwards to include a separate provision for replacement road vehicles.
- 66/25 Council Notice Board Replacement Programme**  
Committee considered and agreed the Clerk to Council recommendation that the Council notice boards in Fishermead, Woolstone and Willen are replaced over the next three years, with the Woolstone notice board prioritised within the current financial year. Sufficient budget provision will need to be included for 2027/28 and 2028/29 to replace the notice boards in Fishermead and Willen. Replacing the notice boards will bring them into alignment with the ones purchased more recently for Oldbrook and Springfield, including CPCC name and logos. Cllr Pafford requested that consideration also be given to the future provision of a notice board in Newlands.
- 67/25 Fishermead Sports Ground Working Group Review, including Future Direction Options – Report E05/25**  
Committee reviewed and considered a report from the Clerk to Council on the impact and effectiveness of the Fishermead Sports Ground Working Group to date and accepted the recommendation regarding its future direction that it adopts a wider review approach, extending its focus to include Oldbrook Green and Woolstone Sports Ground alongside Fishermead. Decision to be conveyed to the Working Group, with an accommodation extended to them to return the initiative to the Committee if they considered it appropriate.
- 68/25 Woolstone Sports Ground, Temporary Trial Use by Gallacticos FC**  
Council agreed in June 2021 to the weekday evening use of Woolstone Sports Ground by Gallacticos FC for training purposes on a trial basis (see attached report for associated details). The agreement was not implemented, and no service level agreement was established. Gallacticos FC have recently confirmed that they have insufficient pitch availability to match the needs of their match and training schedule and would like to revisit the potential of using Woolstone Sports Ground. Following discussion, Committee agreed to the request, using the 2021 Council decision (and associated report) as the guideline for a trial period through to October 2026 (maximum 2 weekday evening training sessions per week). Committee discussed the need for the decision to be communicated in advance to Woolstone residents.

**69/25**

**Woolstone Sports Ground Memorial Request**

Committee considered a memorial request at Woolstone Sports Ground. Memorial to be in the form of a plaque attached to an existing bench or a newly installed bench including plaque, all costs to be met by the requester. Committee resolved to designate one of the existing benches at the site as a 'Pet Memorial Bench', with the requester invited to have a plaque on the bench.

**70/25**

**Renault Kangoo Van**

Committee noted the arrangements for the delivery of the new lease vehicle are being progressed, it is anticipated that it will be delivered early to mid-June. The lease on the existing vehicle will be extended if the delivery of the new vehicle is delayed.

**71/25**

**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 14 July 2026 at 6.30pm





**MODEL STANDING  
ORDERS 2025 UPDATE  
(ENGLAND)**

**Adopted at the Annual Meeting of Council on 20 May 2025**

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## **INTRODUCTION**

**This is an update to Model Standing Orders 14 and 18.**

### **HOW TO USE MODEL STANDING ORDERS**

Standing orders are the written rules of a local council. Standing orders are essential to regulate the proceedings of a meeting. A council may also use standing orders to confirm or refer to various internal organisational and administrative arrangements. The standing orders of a council are not the same as the policies of a council but standing orders may refer to them.

Local councils operate within a wide statutory framework. NALC model standing orders incorporate and reference many statutory requirements to which councils are subject. It is not possible for the model standing orders to contain or reference all the statutory or legal requirements which apply to local councils. For example, it is not practical for model standing orders to document all obligations under data protection legislation. The statutory requirements to which a council is subject apply whether or not they are incorporated in a council's standing orders.

The model standing orders do not include model financial regulations. Financial regulations are standing orders to regulate and control the financial affairs and accounting procedures of a local council. The financial regulations, as opposed to the standing orders of a council, include most of the requirements relevant to the council's Responsible Financial Officer. Model financial regulations are available to councils in membership of NALC.

## DRAFTING NOTES

Model standing orders that are in bold type contain legal and statutory requirements. It is recommended that councils adopt them without changing them or their meaning. Model standing orders not in bold are designed to help councils operate effectively but they do not contain statutory requirements so they may be adopted as drafted or amended to suit a council's needs. It is NALC's view that all model standing orders will generally be suitable for councils.

For convenience, the word "councillor" is used in model standing orders and, unless the context suggests otherwise, includes a non-councillor with or without voting rights. Model standing orders use gender-neutral language (e.g. "chair").

A model standing order that includes brackets like this '( )' requires information to be inserted by a council. A model standing order that includes brackets like this '[ ]' and the term 'OR' provides alternative options for a council to choose from when determining standing orders.

## 1. **RULES OF DEBATE AT MEETINGS**

- a Motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the chair of the meeting.
- b A motion (including an amendment) shall not be progressed unless it has been moved and seconded.
- c A motion on the agenda that is not moved by its proposer may be treated by the chair of the meeting as withdrawn.
- d If a motion (including an amendment) has been seconded, it may be withdrawn by the proposer only with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- e An amendment is a proposal to remove or add words to a motion. It shall not negate the motion.
- f If an amendment to the original motion is carried, the original motion (as amended) becomes the substantive motion upon which further amendment(s) may be moved.
- g An amendment shall not be considered unless early verbal notice of it is given at the meeting and, if requested by the chair of the meeting, is expressed in writing to the chair.
- h A councillor may move an amendment to their own motion if agreed by the meeting. If a motion has already been seconded, the amendment shall be with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- i If there is more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion, the amendments shall be moved in the order directed by the chair of the meeting.
- j Subject to standing order 1(k), only one amendment shall be moved and debated at a time, the order of which shall be directed by the chair of the meeting.
- k One or more amendments may be discussed together if the chair of the meeting considers this expedient but each amendment shall be voted upon separately.
- l A councillor may not move more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion.
- m The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the end of debate on it.
- n Where a series of amendments to an original motion are carried, the mover of the original motion shall have a right of reply either at the end of debate on the first amendment or at the very end of debate on the final substantive motion immediately before it is put to the vote.

- o Unless permitted by the chair of the meeting, a councillor may speak once in the debate on a motion except:
  - i. to speak on an amendment moved by another councillor;
  - ii. to move or speak on another amendment if the motion has been amended since he last spoke;
  - iii. to make a point of order;
  - iv. to give a personal explanation; or
  - v. to exercise a right of reply.
- p During the debate on a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which he considers has been breached or specify the other irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting he is concerned by.
- q A point of order shall be decided by the chair of the meeting and their decision shall be final.
- r When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except:
  - i. to amend the motion;
  - ii. to proceed to the next business;
  - iii. to adjourn the debate;
  - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
  - v. to ask a person to be no longer heard or to leave the meeting;
  - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
  - vii. to exclude the public and press;
  - viii. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - ix. to suspend particular standing order(s) excepting those which reflect mandatory statutory or legal requirements.
- s Before an original or substantive motion is put to the vote, the chair of the meeting shall be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated and that the mover of the motion under debate has exercised or waived their right of reply.
- t Excluding motions moved under standing order 1(r), the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed (3) minutes without the consent of the chair of the meeting.

## 2. DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT MEETINGS

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this standing order is ignored, the chair of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.
- b If person(s) disregard the request of the chair of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any councillor or the chairman of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or be excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
- c If a resolution made under standing order 2(b) is ignored, the chair of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

## 3. MEETINGS GENERALLY

Full Council meetings	●
Committee meetings	●
Sub-committee meetings	●

- a **Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.**
- b **The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.**
- c **The minimum three clear days' public notice for a meeting does not include the day on which the notice was issued or the day of the meeting unless the meeting is convened at shorter notice.**
- d **Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public's exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public's exclusion.**
- e Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.
- f The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 3(e) shall not exceed (20) minutes unless

- directed by the chair of the meeting.
- g Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than (3) minutes.
  - h In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
  - i A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort)]. The chairman of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.
  - j A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct their comments to the chair of the meeting.
  - k Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
  - l **Subject to standing order 3(m), a person who attends a meeting is permitted to report on the meeting whilst the meeting is open to the public. To “report” means to film, photograph, make an audio recording of meeting proceedings, use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear the meeting as it takes place or later or to report or to provide oral or written commentary about the meeting so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later to persons not present.**
  - m **A person present at a meeting may not provide an oral report or oral commentary about a meeting as it takes place without permission.**
  - n **The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.**
  - o **Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chair of the Council may in their absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one).**
  - p **The Chair of the Council, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one) if present, shall preside. If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.**
  - q **Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the councillors and non-councillors with voting rights present and voting.**
  - r **The chair of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to**

- **the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise their**
- **casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.**

*See standing orders 5(h) and (i) for the different rules that apply in the election of the Chair of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council.*

- s **Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question.** Such a request shall be made before moving on to the next item of business on the agenda.

t The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:

- i. the time and place of the meeting;
- ii. the names of councillors who are present and the names of councillors who are absent;
- iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
- v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
- vi. if there was a public participation session; and
- vii. the resolutions made.

- u **A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a**
- **disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in the**
- **Council's code of conduct in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under the code on their right to participate and vote on that matter.**

- v **No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.**

*See standing order 4d(viii) for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.*

- w **If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted** and the meeting shall be closed. The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.
- x A meeting shall not exceed a period of (2) hours but may be extended by agreement of the meeting.

#### 4. COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES

- a **Unless the Council determines otherwise, a committee may appoint a sub-committee whose terms of reference and members shall be determined by the committee.**
- b **The members of a committee may include non-councillors unless it is a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the Council.**
- c **Unless the Council determines otherwise, all the members of an advisory committee and a sub-committee of the advisory committee may be non-councillors.**
- d The Council may appoint standing committees or other committees as may be necessary, and:
  - i. shall determine their terms of reference;
  - ii. shall determine the number and time of the ordinary meetings of a standing committee up until the date of the next annual meeting of the Council;
  - iii. shall permit a committee, other than in respect of the ordinary meetings of a committee, to determine the number and time of its meetings;
  - iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of members of such a committee;
  - v. may, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of the substitute members to a committee\* whose role is to replace the ordinary members at a meeting of a committee if the ordinary members of the committee confirm to the Proper Officer (2) days before the meeting that they are unable to attend;

*\*All members are considered substitutes – see Council minute 86/23 September 2023*

  - vi. shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chair of the standing committee;
  - vii. shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own chair at the first meeting of the committee;

- viii. shall determine the place, notice requirements and quorum for a meeting of a committee and a sub-committee which, in both cases, shall be no less than three;
- ix. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a committee;
- x. shall determine if the public and press are permitted to attend the meetings of a sub-committee and also the advance public notice requirements, if any, required for the meetings of a sub-committee;
- xi. shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a sub-committee that they are permitted to attend; and
- xii. may dissolve a committee or a sub-committee.
- xiii. such that any member, including substitute members, appointed to the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee must undertake to complete appropriate planning training as soon as it is available unless already completed within the previous two years and any member appointed to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee must undertake to complete appropriate finance training as soon as it is available unless already completed within the previous two years.
- xiv. to restrict any member to sit on a maximum of four of the standing committees of Council and that the membership of said committees be restricted to a maximum of 7 councillors, with the exception of both the Community and Communications Committee and the Estates Committee, with the membership of said committees being expanded to a maximum of 11 councillors.
- xv. Council or committees shall annually appoint lead members and confirm their responsibilities as necessary to progress the business of council.

## 5. **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- a **In an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the councillors elected take office.**
- b **In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on such day in May as the Council decides.**
- c **If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the Council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d **In addition to the annual meeting of the Council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the Council decides.**
- e **The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council.**

- f **The Chair of the Council, unless he has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until their successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- g **The Vice-Chair of the Council, if there is one, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chairman of the Council at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- h **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a successor Chair of the Council has been elected. The current Chair of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council but shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- i **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a new Chair of the Council has been elected. He may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council and shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- j Following the election of the Chair of the Council and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council at the annual meeting, the business shall include:
  - i. **In an election year, delivery by the Chair of the Council and councillors of their acceptance of office forms unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date. In a year which is not an election year, delivery by the Chair of the Council of their acceptance of office form unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date;**
  - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council;
  - iii. Receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of a committee;
  - iv. Consideration of the recommendations made by a committee;
  - v. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;
  - vi. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
  - vii. Appointment of members to existing committees;
  - viii. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4;
  - ix. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
  - x. Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses.

- xi. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
- xii. In an election year, to make arrangements with a view to the Council becoming eligible to exercise the general power of competence in the future;
- xiii. Review of inventory of land and other assets including buildings and office equipment;
- xiv. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks;
- xv. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
- xvi. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- xvii. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
- xviii. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- xix. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
- xx. Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the general power of competence.
- xxi. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

**6. EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

- a **The Chair of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.**
- b **If the Chair of the Council does not call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within seven days of having been requested in writing to do so by two councillors, any two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting shall be signed by the two councillors.**
- c The chair of a committee [or a sub-committee] may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee [or the sub-committee] at any time.
- d If the chair of a committee [or a sub-committee] does not call an extraordinary meeting within (7) days of having been requested to do so by (2) members of the committee [or the sub-committee], any (2) members of the committee [or the sub-committee] may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee [or a sub-committee].

7. **PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS**

- a A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least (3) councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or a sub-committee.
- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.

8. **VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS**

- a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the chair of the meeting.

9. **MOTIONS FOR A MEETING THAT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE PROPER OFFICER**

- a A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting for which it is tabled and in any event shall relate to the performance of the Council's statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the Council's area or its residents.
- b No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least (7) clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.
- c The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda received in accordance with standing order 9(b), correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.
- d If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9(b) is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it, so that it can be understood, in writing, to the Proper Officer at least (7) clear days before the meeting.
- e If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the chair of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected.
- f The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on

the agenda shall be final.

- g Motions received shall be recorded and numbered in the order that they are received.
- h Motions rejected shall be recorded with an explanation by the Proper Officer of the reason for rejection.

**10. MOTIONS AT A MEETING THAT DO NOT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE**

- a The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer:
  - i. to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
  - ii. to move to a vote;
  - iii. to defer consideration of a motion;
  - iv. to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
  - v. to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
  - vi. to change the order of business on the agenda;
  - vii. to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
  - viii. to require a written report;
  - ix. to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
  - x. to extend the time limits for speaking;
  - xi. to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
  - xii. to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
  - xiii. to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
  - xiv. to temporarily suspend the meeting;
  - xv. to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements);
  - xvi. to adjourn the meeting; or
  - xvii. to close the meeting.

**11. MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION**

*See also standing order 20.*

- a **The Council shall have in place and keep under review, technical and organisational measures to keep secure information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. Such arrangements shall include deciding who has access to personal data and encryption of personal data.**
- b **The Council shall have in place, and keep under review, policies for the retention and safe destruction of all information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. The Council's retention policy shall confirm the period for which information (including personal data) shall be retained or if this is not possible the criteria used to determine that period (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980).**
- c **The agenda, papers that support the agenda and the minutes of a meeting shall not disclose or otherwise undermine confidential information or personal data without legal justification.**
- d **Councillors, staff, the Council's contractors and agents shall not disclose confidential information or personal data without legal justification.**
- e All confidential information shall be printed on pink paper, individually referenced, and handed back by Members at the end of the meeting.

12. **DRAFT MINUTES**

Full Council meetings	●
Committee meetings	●
Sub-committee meetings	●

- a If the draft minutes of a preceding meeting have been served on councillors with the agenda to attend the meeting at which they are due to be approved for accuracy, they shall be taken as read.
- b There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes of a preceding meeting except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes shall be moved in accordance with standing order 10(a)(i).
- c The accuracy of draft minutes, including any amendment(s) made to them, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the chair of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the chair of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:

“The chair of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the

meeting of the ( ) held on [date] in respect of ( ) were a correct record but this view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.”

- e **If the Council’s gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) does not exceed £25,000, it shall publish draft minutes on a website which is publicly accessible and free of charge not later than one month after the meeting has taken place.**
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- f Subject to the publication of draft minutes in accordance with standing order 12(e) and standing order 20(a) and following a resolution which confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, the draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed.

### 13. **CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISPENSATIONS**

*See also standing order 3(u).*

- a All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.
- b Unless they have been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has a disclosable pecuniary interest. They may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which he had the interest.
- c Unless they have been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has another interest if so required by the Council’s code of conduct. They may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which they had the interest.
- d **Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Proper Officer** as soon as possible before the meeting, or failing that, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required.
- e A decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by the Proper Officer OR by a meeting of the Council, or committee or sub-committee for which the dispensation is required and that decision is final.
- f A dispensation request shall confirm:
  - i. the description and the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest to which the request for the dispensation relates;
  - ii. whether the dispensation is required to participate at a meeting in a discussion only or a discussion and a vote;
  - iii. the date of the meeting or the period (not exceeding four years) for which the dispensation is sought; and

- iv. an explanation as to why the dispensation is sought.
- g Subject to standing orders 13(d) and (f), a dispensation request shall be considered [by the Proper Officer before the meeting or, if this is not possible, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is required] OR [at the beginning of the meeting of the Council, or committee or sub-committee for which the dispensation is required].
- h **A dispensation may be granted in accordance with standing order 13(e) if having regard to all relevant circumstances any of the following apply:**
  - i. **without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in the particular business would be so great a proportion of the meeting transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;**
  - ii. **granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area; or**
  - iii. **it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.**

14. **CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS**

- a **Upon notification by the Principal Council that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Council's code of conduct, the Council shall consider what, if any, action to take against them. Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office.**

15. **PROPER OFFICER**

- a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the clerk or (ii) other staff member(s) nominated by the Council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.
- b The Proper Officer shall:

- i. **at least three clear days before a meeting of the council, a committee or a sub-committee,**
- **serve on councillors by delivery or post at their residences or by email authenticated in such manner as the Proper Officer thinks fit, a signed summons confirming the time, place and the agenda (provided the councillor has consented to service by email), and**
  - **Provide, in a conspicuous place, public notice of the time, place and agenda (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened by councillors is signed by them).**

*See standing order 3(b) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full council and standing order 3(c) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a committee;*

- ii. subject to standing order 9, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a councillor has given written notice at least (2) days before the meeting confirming their withdrawal of it;
- iii. convene a meeting of the Council for the election of a new Chair of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in their office;
- iv. **facilitate inspection of the minute book by local government electors;**
- v. **receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities;**
- vi. hold acceptance of office forms from councillors;
- vii. hold a copy of every councillor's register of interests;
- viii. assist with responding to requests made under freedom of information legislation and rights exercisable under data protection legislation, in accordance with the Council's relevant policies and procedures;
- ix. liaise, as appropriate, with the Council's Data Protection Officer (if there is one);
- x. receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the Council except where there is a resolution to the contrary;

- xi. assist in the organisation of, storage of, access to, security of and destruction of information held by the Council in paper and electronic form subject to the requirements of data protection and freedom of information legislation and other legitimate requirements (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980);
- xii. arrange for legal deeds to be executed;  
(*see also standing order 23*);
- xiii. arrange or manage the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the Council in accordance with its financial regulations;
- xiv. record every planning application notified to the Council and the Council's response to the local planning authority in a book for such purpose;
- xv. refer a planning application received by the Council to the [Chair or in their absence the Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council] OR [Chair or in their absence Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the ( ) Committee] within two working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of a planning application requires consideration before the next ordinary meeting of [the Council] OR [(Planning, Infrastructure & Transport ) committee];
- xvi. manage access to information about the Council via the publication scheme; and
- xvii. retain custody of the seal of the Council (if there is one) which shall not be used without a resolution to that effect.  
(*see also standing order 23*).

**16. RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- a The Council shall appoint appropriate staff member(s) to undertake the work of the Responsible Financial Officer when the Responsible Financial Officer is absent.

**17. ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

- a "Proper practices" in standing orders refer to the most recent version of "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners' Guide".
- b All payments by the Council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the law, proper practices and the Council's financial regulations.

- c The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each councillor as soon as practicable after 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year a statement to summarise:
  - i. the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for each quarter;
  - ii. the Council's aggregate receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the year to date;
  - iii. the balances held at the end of the quarter being reported and which includes a comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights any actual or potential overspends.
- d As soon as possible after the financial year end at 31 March, the Responsible Financial Officer shall provide:
  - i. each councillor with a statement summarising the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the last quarter and the year to date for information; and
  - ii. to the Council the accounting statements for the year in the form of Section 2 of the annual governance and accountability return, as required by proper practices, for consideration and approval.
- e The year-end accounting statements shall be prepared in accordance with proper practices and apply the form of accounts determined by the Council (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for the year to 31 March. A completed draft annual governance and accountability return shall be presented to all councillors at least 14 days prior to anticipated approval by the Council. The annual governance and accountability return of the Council, which is subject to external audit, including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to the Council for consideration and formal approval before 30 June.

## 18. FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT

- a. The Council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
  - i. the keeping of accounting records and systems of internal controls;
  - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the Council;
  - iii. the work of the independent internal auditor in accordance with proper practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor, which shall be required at least annually;

- iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the Council's accounts and/or orders of payments; and
  - v. whether contracts with an estimated value below [60,000] due to special circumstances are exempt from a tendering process or procurement exercise.
- b. Financial regulations shall be reviewed regularly and at least annually for fitness of purpose.
- c. Subject to additional requirements in the financial regulations of the Council, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall include, as a minimum, the following steps:
  - i. a specification for the goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall be drawn up;
  - ii. an invitation to tender shall be drawn up to confirm (i) the Council's specification (ii) the time, date and address for the submission of tenders (iii) the date of the Council's written response to the tender and (iv) the prohibition on prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
  - iii. tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed marked envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
  - iv. tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at least one councillor after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed;
  - v. tenders are to be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the Council or a committee or sub-committee with delegated responsibility.
- d. Neither the Council, nor a committee or a sub-committee with delegated responsibility for considering tenders, is bound to accept the lowest value tender.
- e. **Where the value of a contract is likely to exceed the threshold specified by the Government from time to time, the Council must consider whether the contract is subject to the requirements of the current procurement legislation and, if so, the Council must comply with procurement rules. NALC's procurement guidance contains further details.**

19. **HANDLING STAFF MATTERS**

- a A matter personal to a member of staff that is being considered by a meeting of Council or the Personnel and Finance, Administration & Policy committees is subject to standing order 11.
- b Clerk to Council shall report to the Chair of the Personnel Committee any staff absences.
- c Staff appraisals shall be conducted annually in September. The appraisal of the Clerk to Council will be conducted by 2 members, with the remaining staff appraised by the Clerk to Council, with the exception of the Cleaner/Caretakers and the Landscape Team who will be appraised by the Estates Manager.
- d Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, the Clerk to Council shall contact the chair of Personnel Committee in respect of an informal or formal grievance matter, and this matter shall be reported back and progressed in line with the Council's grievance policy.
- e Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, if an informal or formal grievance matter raised by an employee relates to the chair or vice-chair of the Personnel Committee, this matter shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of the Personnel Committee
- f Any persons responsible for all or part of the management of staff shall treat as confidential the written records of all meetings relating to their performance, capabilities, grievance or disciplinary matters.
- g In accordance with standing order 11(a), persons with line management responsibilities shall have access to staff records referred to in standing order 19(f).

20. **RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION**

*See also standing order 21.*

- a **In accordance with freedom of information legislation, the Council shall publish information in accordance with its publication scheme and respond to requests for information held by the Council.**
- b *[If gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) does not exceed £25,000]* **The Council shall publish information in accordance with the requirements of the Smaller Authorities (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015.**

OR

*[If gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is the higher) exceeds £200,000]* **The Council, shall publish information in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015.**

21. **RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION**  
(Below is not an exclusive list).

*See also standing order 11.*

- a The Council may appoint a Data Protection Officer.
- b **The Council shall have policies and procedures in place to respond to an individual exercising statutory rights concerning their personal data.**
- c **The Council shall have a written policy in place for responding to and managing a personal data breach.**
- d **The Council shall keep a record of all personal data breaches comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effects and the remedial action taken.**
- e **The Council shall ensure that information communicated in its privacy notice(s) is in an easily accessible and available form and kept up to date.**
- f **The Council shall maintain a written record of its processing activities.**

22. **RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS/MEDIA**

- a Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its councillors or staff shall be handled in accordance with the Council's policy in respect of dealing with the press and/or other media.

23. **EXECUTION AND SEALING OF LEGAL DEEDS**

*See also standing orders 15(b)(xii) and (xvii).*

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the Council unless authorised by a resolution.
- b **[Subject to standing order 23(a), the Council's common seal shall alone be used for sealing a deed required by law. It shall be applied by the Proper Officer in the presence of two councillors who shall sign the deed**

**as witnesses.]**

*The above is applicable to a Council with a common seal.*

OR

**[Subject to standing order 23(a), any two councillors may sign, on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures.]**

*The above is applicable to a Council without a common seal.*

24. **RESTRICTIONS ON COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES**

- a. Unless duly authorised no councillor shall:
  - i. inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect; or
  - ii. issue orders, instructions or directions.

25. **STANDING ORDERS GENERALLY**

- a. All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.
- b. A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice by at least (3) councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9.
- c. The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor as soon as possible.
- d. The decision of the chair of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.



## **Model Financial Regulations**

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## MODEL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

This Model Financial Regulations template was produced by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) in March 2025 for the purpose of its member councils and county associations. Every effort has been made to ensure that the contents of this document are correct at time of publication. NALC cannot accept responsibility for errors, omissions and changes to information subsequent to publication.

Notes to assist in the use of this template:

- 1) This document is a model for councils of all sizes to use to develop their own financial regulations, suitable for the size of the council and the activities it undertakes.
- 2) Bold text indicates legal requirements, which a council cannot change or suspend.
- 3) For the rest, each council needs to adapt the model to suit its size and structure. For example, some councils have both a clerk and RFO, possibly with several more staff, while others have a single employee as clerk/RFO. Some councils have committees, some have a high level of delegation and some make all decisions at full council meetings. Many now use online payment methods, but others still rely on cheques.
- 4) Curly brackets indicate words, sentences or sections that can be removed if not applicable, or amended to fit the council's circumstances. An example of this is the phrase {or duly delegated committee}, which can be deleted if there are no committees.
- 5) Specific areas that may need adapting:
  - a) In 1.5 – is the Clerk the RFO?
  - b) In 3.3 and 3.4, the words "Governance and Accountability" do not apply in Wales
  - c) In section 4, does the council have committees and how many years are forecast?
  - d) In 5.6, does the council issue an open invitation to tender, or invite specific firms?
  - e) In 5.9, are online prices acceptable evidence?
  - f) In 5.13, 5.15 and 5.17, does the council have committees?
  - g) In 5.16, will a councillor ever be instructed to place an order?
  - h) In 5.20, is there a minimum level for official orders?
  - i) Section 6 includes several alternatives to cover delegation to committees or to officers, approval of invoices individually or in batches, or for approval of regular contractual payments at the beginning of the year.
  - j) Sections 7, 8 and 9 also includes several alternatives, including wording for where the clerk is a signatory. These are intended to allow a council's financial regulations to fit what they actually do, not to force any council to change what they do.
  - k) Section 10 gives two alternatives, with or without petty cash.
  - l) 13.6 has alternatives for VAT-registered and unregistered councils – only use one.
  - m) 13.7 and 13.8 are removable if they don't apply to the council.

- n) Much of Section 16 can be deleted if not applicable.
  - o) 17.3, is the Clerk the RFO or will the RFO consult the Clerk?
- 6) Square brackets indicate where the council needs to specify who, or how much, or what the timescale is. For example [£500] might need to be £100, or [October] might need to be November, or [the council] might need to say the Policy and Resources Committee.
- a) In 4.1 and 4.7, select the wording for England or Wales, based on your location.
  - b) In Section 4, the council needs to determine the timescale for its budget setting.
- 7) It is challenging to try to offer guidance on setting financial limits. A council spending £1,000 a year is unlikely to delegate authority to spend £500 to its proper officer, but one spending £5 million a year might regard £5,000 as a reasonable limit. Each council needs to determine its own limits, that help, rather than hinder, its operations.
- 8) Key limits to set:
- a) In 5.6, at what limit will the council require a formal tender process to ensure fair competition, rather than just asking for quotes? If this is set too low, it may discourage suppliers. Many small councils might only use formal tenders once every few years.
  - b) In 5.8, at what limit will the council require fixed-price quotes rather than estimates?
  - c) In 5.9, at what level can smaller purchases be made without competition?
  - d) In 5.15, at what level can purchases be made under delegated authority (having complied with the rules about obtaining prices)?
  - e) In 5.18, how much can the clerk commit to spending in an emergency?
  - f) In 6.9, can payment of invoices (for purchases that have already been authorised) be authorised by an officer under delegated authority as a general principle, or only to avoid problems?
  - g) In Section 9, what are the limits for card payments?
  - h) In 16.5, what value of assets can be bought or disposed of, without seeking council approval?
- 9) The contents list is a table that extracts section headings from the document. It can be updated by clicking on the contents list, whereupon a tab saying “update table” appears at the top of the list.
- 10) Once this model has been tailored to fit the council’s needs, the resulting Financial Regulations (with the insertion of the council’s name at the top) should be adopted at a meeting of the full council. The date of adoption should be inserted below the Contents. Any subsequent proposal for amendment should also be made to the full council.
- 11) The council should keep abreast of developments in legislation that affect the local council sector and should review and update its Financial Regulations annually.
- 12) Please ensure that the latest approved version is published on the council’s website.

## CAMPBELL PARK COMMUNITY COUNCIL FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

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These Financial Regulations were adopted by the council at its meeting held on 20 May 2025.

## 1. General

- 1.1. These Financial Regulations govern the financial management of the council and may only be amended or varied by resolution of the council. They are one of the council's governing documents and shall be observed in conjunction with the council's Standing Orders.
- 1.2. Councillors are expected to follow these regulations and not to entice employees to breach them. Failure to follow these regulations brings the office of councillor into disrepute.
- 1.3. Wilful breach of these regulations by an employee may result in disciplinary proceedings.
- 1.4. In these Financial Regulations:
  - 'Accounts and Audit Regulations' means the regulations issued under Sections 32, 43(2) and 46 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, or any superseding legislation, and then in force, unless otherwise specified.
  - "Approve" refers to an online action, allowing an electronic transaction to take place.
  - "Authorise" refers to a decision by the council, or a committee or an officer, to allow something to happen.
  - 'Proper practices' means those set out in *The Practitioners' Guide*
  - *Practitioners' Guide* refers to the guide issued by the Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance (JPAG) and published by NALC in England or Governance and Accountability for Local Councils in Wales – A Practitioners Guide jointly published by One Voice Wales and the Society of Local Council Clerks in Wales.
  - 'Must' and **bold text** refer to a statutory obligation the council cannot change.
  - 'Shall' refers to a non-statutory instruction by the council to its members and staff.
- 1.5. The Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) holds a statutory office, appointed by the council. [The Clerk has been appointed as RFO and these regulations apply accordingly.] The RFO;
  - acts under the policy direction of the council;
  - administers the council's financial affairs in accordance with all Acts, Regulations and proper practices;
  - determines on behalf of the council its accounting records and control systems;
  - ensures the accounting control systems are observed;
  - ensures the accounting records are kept up to date;
  - seeks economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of council resources; and
  - produces financial management information as required by the council.
- 1.6. **The council must not delegate any decision regarding:**

- **setting the final budget or the precept (council tax requirement);**
  - **the outcome of a review of the effectiveness of its internal controls**
  - **approving accounting statements;**
  - **approving an annual governance statement;**
  - **borrowing;**
  - **declaring eligibility for the General Power of Competence; and**
  - **addressing recommendations from the internal or external auditors**
- 1.7. In addition, the council shall:
- determine and regularly review the bank mandate for all council bank accounts;
  - authorise any grant or single commitment in excess of £5,000;

## **2. Risk management and internal control**

- 2.1. **The council must ensure that it has a sound system of internal control, which delivers effective financial, operational and risk management.**
- 2.2. The Clerk with the RFO shall prepare, for approval by the council, a risk management policy covering all activities of the council. This policy and consequential risk management arrangements shall be reviewed by the council at least annually.
- 2.3. When considering any new activity, the Clerk with the RFO shall prepare a draft risk assessment including risk management proposals for consideration by the council.
- 2.4. **At least once a year, the council must review the effectiveness of its system of internal control, before approving the Annual Governance Statement.**
- 2.5. **The accounting control systems determined by the RFO must include measures to:**
- **ensure that risk is appropriately managed;**
  - **ensure the prompt, accurate recording of financial transactions;**
  - **prevent and detect inaccuracy or fraud; and**
  - **allow the reconstitution of any lost records;**
  - **identify the duties of officers dealing with transactions and**
  - **ensure division of responsibilities.**
- 2.6. At least once in each quarter, and at each financial year end, a member other than the Chair shall be appointed to verify bank reconciliations (for all accounts) produced by the RFO. The member shall sign and date the reconciliations and the original bank statements (or similar document) as evidence of this. This activity, including any exceptions, shall be reported to and noted by the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee.

2.7. Regular back-up copies shall be made of the records on any council computer and stored either online or in a separate location from the computer. The council shall put measures in place to ensure that the ability to access any council computer is not lost if an employee leaves or is incapacitated for any reason.

### 3. Accounts and audit

3.1. All accounting procedures and financial records of the council shall be determined by the RFO in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.2. **The accounting records determined by the RFO must be sufficient to explain the council's transactions and to disclose its financial position with reasonable accuracy at any time. In particular, they must contain:**

- **day-to-day entries of all sums of money received and expended by the council and the matters to which they relate;**
- **a record of the assets and liabilities of the council;**

3.3. The accounting records shall be designed to facilitate the efficient preparation of the accounting statements in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return.

3.4. The RFO shall complete and certify the annual Accounting Statements of the council contained in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with proper practices, as soon as practicable after the end of the financial year. Having certified the Accounting Statements, the RFO shall submit them (with any related documents) to the council, within the timescales required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.5. **The council must ensure that there is an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and internal control system in accordance with proper practices.**

3.6. **Any officer or member of the council must make available such documents and records as the internal or external auditor consider necessary for the purpose of the audit** and shall, as directed by the council, supply the RFO, internal auditor, or external auditor with such information and explanation as the council considers necessary.

3.7. The internal auditor shall be appointed by [the council] and shall carry out their work to evaluate the effectiveness of the council's risk management, control and governance processes in accordance with proper practices specified in the Practitioners' Guide.

3.8. The council shall ensure that the internal auditor:

- is competent and independent of the financial operations of the council;
- reports to council in writing, or in person, on a regular basis with a minimum of one written report during each financial year;
- can demonstrate competence, objectivity and independence, free from any actual or perceived conflicts of interest, including those arising from family relationships; and

- has no involvement in the management or control of the council

3.9. Internal or external auditors may not under any circumstances:

- perform any operational duties for the council;
- initiate or approve accounting transactions;
- provide financial, legal or other advice including in relation to any future transactions; or
- direct the activities of any council employee, except to the extent that such employees have been appropriately assigned to assist the internal auditor.

3.10. For the avoidance of doubt, in relation to internal audit the terms 'independent' and 'independence' shall have the same meaning as described in The Practitioners Guide.

3.11. The RFO shall make arrangements for the exercise of electors' rights in relation to the accounts, including the opportunity to inspect the accounts, books, and vouchers and display or publish any notices and documents required by the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, or any superseding legislation, and the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

3.12. The RFO shall, without undue delay, bring to the attention of all councillors any correspondence or report from internal or external auditors.

#### **4. Budget and precept**

**4.1. Before setting a precept, the council must calculate its council tax (England) budget requirement for each financial year by preparing and approving a budget, in accordance with The Local Government Finance Act 1992 or succeeding legislation.**

4.2. Budgets for salaries and wages, including employer contributions shall be reviewed by the council at least annually in December for the following financial year and the final version shall be evidenced by a hard copy schedule signed by the Clerk and the Chair of the Council. The RFO will inform committees of any salary implications before they consider their draft budgets.

4.3. No later than November each year, the RFO shall prepare a draft budget with detailed estimates of all income and expenditure for the following financial year along with a forecast for the following four financial years, taking account of the lifespan of assets and cost implications of repair or replacement.

4.4. Unspent budgets for completed projects shall not be carried forward to a subsequent year. Unspent funds for partially completed projects may only be carried forward by placing them in an earmarked reserve with the formal approval of the full council.

4.5. Each committee (if any) shall review its draft budget and submit any proposed amendments to the council {finance committee} not later than the end of [October] each year.

- 4.6. The draft budget with any committee proposals and four-year forecast, including any recommendations for the use or accumulation of reserves, shall be considered by the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee and a recommendation made to council.
- 4.7. Having considered the proposed budget and four-year forecast, the council shall determine its council tax requirement by setting a budget. The council shall set a precept for this amount no later than the end of January for the ensuing financial year.
- 4.8. **Any member with council tax unpaid for more than two months is prohibited from voting on the budget or precept by Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and must disclose at the start of the meeting that Section 106 applies to them.**
- 4.9. The RFO shall **issue the precept to the billing authority no later than the end of February** and supply each member with a copy of the agreed annual budget.
- 4.10. The agreed budget provides a basis for monitoring progress during the year by comparing actual spending and income against what was planned.
- 4.11. Any addition to, or withdrawal from, any earmarked reserve shall be agreed by the council.

## **5. Procurement**

- 5.1. **Members and officers are responsible for obtaining value for money at all times.** Any officer procuring goods, services or works should ensure, as far as practicable, that the best available terms are obtained, usually by obtaining prices from several suppliers.
- 5.2. The RFO should verify the lawful nature of any proposed purchase before it is made and in the case of new or infrequent purchases, should ensure that the legal power being used is reported to the meeting at which the order is authorised and also recorded in the minutes.
- 5.3. Every contract shall comply with the council's Standing Orders and these Financial Regulations and no exceptions shall be made, except in an emergency.
- 5.4. **For a contract for the supply of goods, services or works where the estimated value will exceed the thresholds set by Parliament, the full requirements of The Procurement Act 2023 and The Procurement Regulations 2024 or any superseding legislation ("the Legislation"), must be followed in respect of the tendering, award and notification of that contract.**
- 5.5. Where the estimated value is below the Government threshold, the council shall (with the exception of items listed in paragraph 5.12) obtain prices as follows:
- 5.6. For contracts estimated to exceed [£60,000] including VAT, the Clerk shall {seek formal tenders from at least [three] suppliers agreed by [the council]} OR {advertise an open invitation for tenders in compliance with any relevant provisions of the Legislation}. Tenders shall be invited in accordance with Appendix 1.

- 5.7. **For contracts estimated to be over £30,000 including VAT, the council must comply with any requirements of the Legislation regarding the publication of invitations and notices.**
- 5.8. For contracts greater than [£3,000] excluding VAT the Clerk [or RFO] shall seek at least [3] fixed-price quotes;
- 5.9. where the value is between [£500] and [£3,000] excluding VAT, the Clerk [or RFO] shall try to obtain 3 estimates which might include evidence of online prices, or recent prices from regular suppliers.
- 5.10. For smaller purchases, the clerk or RFO shall seek to achieve value for money.
- 5.11. **Contracts must not be split to avoid compliance with these rules.**
- 5.12. The requirement to obtain competitive prices in these regulations need not apply to contracts that relate to items (i) to (iv) below:
- i. specialist services, such as legal professionals acting in disputes;
  - ii. repairs to, or parts for, existing machinery or equipment;
  - iii. works, goods or services that constitute an extension of an existing contract;
  - iv. goods or services that are only available from one supplier or are sold at a fixed price.
- 5.13. When applications are made to waive this financial regulation to enable a price to be negotiated without competition, the reason should be set out in a recommendation to the council. Avoidance of competition is not a valid reason.
- 5.14. The council shall not be obliged to accept the lowest or any tender, quote or estimate.
- 5.15. Individual purchases within an agreed budget for that type of expenditure may be authorised by:
- the Clerk or RFO, under delegated authority, for any items below [£500] excluding VAT.
  - the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair of the Council or Chair of the appropriate committee, for any items below [£2,000] excluding VAT.
  - a duly delegated committee of the council for all items of expenditure within their delegated budgets for items under [£5,000] excluding VAT
  - in respect of grants, a duly authorised committee within any limits set by council and in accordance with any policy statement agreed by the council.
  - the council for all items over [£5,000];
- Such authorisation must be supported by a minute (in the case of council or committee decisions) or other auditable evidence trail.
- 5.16. No individual member, or informal group of members may issue an official order {unless instructed to do so in advance by a resolution of the council} or make any contract on behalf of the council.

- 5.17. No expenditure may be authorised that will exceed the budget for that type of expenditure other than by resolution of the council {or a duly delegated committee acting within its Terms of Reference} except in an emergency.
- 5.18. In cases of serious risk to the delivery of council services or to public safety on council premises, the clerk may authorise expenditure of up to [£5,000] excluding VAT on repair, replacement or other work that in their judgement is necessary, whether or not there is any budget for such expenditure. The Clerk shall report such action to the Chair as soon as possible and to [the council] as soon as practicable thereafter.
- 5.19. No expenditure shall be authorised, no contract entered into or tender accepted in relation to any major project, unless [the council] is satisfied that the necessary funds are available and that where a loan is required, Government borrowing approval has been obtained first.
- 5.20. An official order or letter shall be issued for all work, goods and services {above [£250] excluding VAT} unless a formal contract is to be prepared or an official order would be inappropriate. Copies of orders shall be retained, along with evidence of receipt of goods.
- 5.21. Any ordering system can be misused and access to them shall be controlled by the RFO.

## **6. Banking and payments**

- 6.1. The council's banking arrangements, including the bank mandate, shall be made by the RFO and authorised by the council; banking arrangements shall not be delegated to a committee. The council has resolved to bank with Unity Trust Bank and CCLA. The arrangements shall be reviewed annually for security and efficiency.
- 6.2. The council must have safe and efficient arrangements for making payments, to safeguard against the possibility of fraud or error. Wherever possible, more than one person should be involved in any payment, for example by dual online authorisation or dual cheque signing. Even where a purchase has been authorised, the payment must also be authorised and only authorised payments shall be approved or signed to allow the funds to leave the council's bank.
- 6.3. All invoices for payment should be examined for arithmetical accuracy, analysed to the appropriate expenditure heading and verified to confirm that the work, goods or services were received, checked and represent expenditure previously authorised by the council before being certified by the RFO.
- 6.4. Personal payments (including salaries, wages, expenses and any payment made in relation to the termination of employment) may be summarised to avoid disclosing any personal information.
- 6.5. All payments shall be made by online banking, in accordance with a resolution of the council or a delegated decision by an officer, unless the council resolves to use a different payment method.

- 6.6. For each financial year the RFO may draw up a schedule of regular payments due in relation to a continuing contract or obligation (such as Salaries, PAYE, National Insurance, pension contributions, rent, rates, regular maintenance contracts and similar items), which the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee may authorise in advance for the year}.
- 6.7. A list of such payments shall be reported to the next appropriate meeting of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee for information only.
- 6.8. The Clerk and RFO shall have delegated authority to authorise payments in the following circumstances:
  - i. any payments of up to £500 excluding VAT, within an agreed budget.
  - ii. payments of up to £5,000 excluding VAT in cases of serious risk to the delivery of council services or to public safety on council premises.
  - iii. any payment necessary to avoid a charge under the Late Payment of Commercial Debts (Interest) Act 1998 or to comply with contractual terms, where the due date for payment is before the next scheduled meeting of the council, where the Clerk and RFO certify that there is no dispute or other reason to delay payment, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee.
  - iv. Fund transfers within the councils banking arrangements up to the sum of £10,000, provided that a list of such payments shall be submitted to the next appropriate meeting of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee.
- 6.9. The RFO shall present a schedule of payments, forming part of the agenda for the meeting, together with the relevant invoices, to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee. A detailed list of all payments shall be disclosed within or as an attachment to the minutes of that meeting.

## **7. Electronic payments**

- 7.1. Where internet banking arrangements are made with any bank, the RFO shall be appointed as the Service Administrator. The bank mandate agreed by the council shall identify a number of councillors who will be authorised to approve transactions on those accounts and a minimum of two people will be involved in any online approval process.
- 7.2. All authorised signatories shall have access to view the council's bank accounts online.
- 7.3. No employee or councillor shall disclose any PIN or password, relevant to the council or its banking, to anyone not authorised in writing by the council or a duly delegated committee.
- 7.4. The Service Administrator shall set up all items due for payment online. A list of payments for approval, shall be sent by email to two authorised signatories.
- 7.5. In the prolonged absence of the Service Administrator [an authorised signatory] shall set up any payments due before the return of the Service Administrator.

- 7.6. Two councillors who are authorised signatories shall check the payment details against the invoices before approving each payment using the online banking system.
- 7.7. Evidence shall be retained showing which members approved the payment online and a printout of the transaction confirming that the payment has been made shall be appended to the invoice for audit purposes.
- 7.8. A full list of all payments made in a month shall be provided to the next Finance, Administration & Policy Committee meeting and appended to the minutes.
- 7.9. With the approval of the council in each case, regular payments (such as gas, electricity, telephone, broadband, water, National Non-Domestic Rates, refuse collection, pension contributions and HMRC payments) may be made by variable direct debit, provided that the instructions are approved online by two authorised members. The approval of the use of each variable direct debit shall be reviewed by the council at least every two years.
- 7.10. Payment may be made by BACS or CHAPS by resolution of the council provided that each payment is approved online by two authorised bank signatories, evidence is retained and any payments are reported to the council at the next meeting. The approval of the use of BACS or CHAPS shall be renewed by resolution of the council at least every two years.
- 7.11. If thought appropriate by the council, regular payments of fixed sums may be made by banker's standing order, provided that the instructions are signed approved online by two members, evidence of this is retained and any payments are reported to council when made. The approval of the use of a banker's standing order shall be reviewed by [the council] at least every two years.
- 7.12. Account details for suppliers may only be changed upon written notification by the supplier verified by the Clerk and the RFO or a member. This is a potential area for fraud and the individuals involved should ensure that any change is genuine. Data held should be checked with suppliers every two years.
- 7.13. Members and officers shall ensure that any computer used for the council's financial business has adequate security, with anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall software installed and regularly updated.
- 7.14. Remembered password facilities other than secure password stores requiring separate identity verification should not be used on any computer used for council banking.

## **8. Cheque payments**

- 8.1. Cheques or orders for payment in accordance with a resolution or delegated decision shall be signed by two members.
- 8.2. A signatory having a family or business relationship with the beneficiary of a payment shall not, under normal circumstances, be a signatory to that payment.

- 8.3. To indicate agreement of the details on the cheque with the counterfoil and the invoice or similar documentation, the signatories shall also initial the cheque counterfoil and invoice.
- 8.4. Cheques or orders for payment shall not normally be presented for signature other than at, or immediately before or after a council meeting. Any signatures obtained away from council meetings shall be reported to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee at the next convenient meeting.

## **9. Payment cards**

- 9.1. Any Debit Card issued for use will be specifically restricted to the Clerk and the RFO and will also be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £500 unless authorised by council or Finance, Administration & Policy Committee in writing before any order is placed.
- 9.2. A pre-paid debit card may be issued to employees with varying limits. These limits will be set by the council. Transactions and purchases made will be reported to the council and authority for topping-up shall be at the discretion of the council.
- 9.3. Any corporate credit card or trade card account opened by the council will be specifically restricted to use by the Clerk, RFO, Deputy Clerk and Estates Manager and will be restricted to a single transaction maximum value of £500. Any balance shall be paid in full each month.
- 9.4. Personal credit or debit cards of members or staff shall not be used except for expenses of up to £250 including VAT, incurred in accordance with council policy.

## **10. Petty Cash**

- 10.1. The RFO shall maintain a petty cash float of £250 and may provide petty cash to officers for the purpose of defraying operational and other expenses.
  - a) Vouchers for payments made from petty cash shall be kept, along with receipts to substantiate every payment.
  - b) Cash income received must not be paid into the petty cash float but must be separately banked, as provided elsewhere in these regulations.
  - c) Payments to maintain the petty cash float shall be shown separately on any schedule of payments presented for approval.

## **11. Payment of salaries and allowances**

- 11.1. **As an employer, the council must make arrangements to comply with the statutory requirements of PAYE legislation.**
- 11.2. **Councillors allowances (where paid) are also liable to deduction of tax under PAYE rules and must be taxed correctly before payment.**
- 11.3. Salary rates shall be agreed by the council, or a duly delegated committee. No changes shall be made to any employee's gross pay, emoluments, or terms and conditions of employment without the prior consent of the council.
- 11.4. Payment of salaries shall be made, after deduction of tax, national insurance, pension contributions and any similar statutory or discretionary deductions, on the dates stipulated in employment contracts.

- 11.5. Deductions from salary shall be paid to the relevant bodies within the required timescales, provided that each payment is reported, as set out in these regulations above.
- 11.6. Each payment to employees of net salary and to the appropriate creditor of the statutory and discretionary deductions shall be recorded in a payroll control account or other separate confidential record, with the total of such payments each calendar month reported in the cashbook. Payroll reports will be reviewed by the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee to ensure that the correct payments have been made.
- 11.7. Any termination payments shall be supported by a report to the council, setting out a clear business case. Termination payments shall only be authorised by the full council.
- 11.8. Before employing interim staff, the council must consider a full business case.

## **12. Loans and investments**

- 12.1. Any application for Government approval to borrow money and subsequent arrangements for a loan must be authorised by the full council and recorded in the minutes. All borrowing shall be in the name of the council, after obtaining any necessary approval.
- 12.2. Any financial arrangement which does not require formal borrowing approval from the Secretary of State (such as Hire Purchase, Leasing of tangible assets or loans to be repaid within the financial year) must be authorised by the full council, following a written report on the value for money of the proposed transaction.
- 12.3. The council shall consider the requirement for an Investment Strategy and Policy in accordance with Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments, which must be written in accordance with relevant regulations, proper practices and guidance. Any Strategy and Policy shall be reviewed by the council at least annually.
- 12.4. All investment of money under the control of the council shall be in the name of the council.
- 12.5. All investment certificates and other documents relating thereto shall be retained in the custody of the RFO.
- 12.6. Payments in respect of short term or long-term investments, including transfers between bank accounts held in the same bank, shall be made in accordance with these regulations.

## **13. Income**

- 13.1. The collection of all sums due to the council shall be the responsibility of and under the supervision of the RFO.
- 13.2. The council will review all fees and charges for work done, services provided, or goods sold at least annually as part of the budget-setting process, following a report of the Clerk. The RFO shall be responsible for the collection of all amounts due to the council.

- 13.3. Any sums found to be irrecoverable and any bad debts shall be reported to the council by the RFO and shall be written off in the year. The council's approval shall be shown in the accounting records.
- 13.4. All sums received on behalf of the council shall be deposited intact with the council's bankers, with such frequency as the RFO considers necessary. The origin of each receipt shall clearly be recorded on the paying-in slip or other record.
- 13.5. Personal cheques shall not be cashed out of money held on behalf of the council.
- 13.6. The RFO shall ensure that VAT is correctly recorded in the council's accounting software and that any VAT Return required is submitted from the software by the due date.
- 13.7. Any income that is the property of a charitable trust shall be paid into a charitable bank account. Instructions for the payment of funds due from the charitable trust to the council (to meet expenditure already incurred by the authority) will be given by the Managing Trustees of the charity meeting separately from any council meeting.

#### **14. Payments under contracts for building or other construction works**

- 14.1. Where contracts provide for payment by instalments the RFO shall maintain a record of all such payments, which shall be made within the time specified in the contract based on signed certificates from the architect or other consultant engaged to supervise the works.
- 14.2. Any variation of, addition to or omission from a contract must be authorised by [the Clerk] to the contractor in writing, with the council being informed where the final cost is likely to exceed the contract sum by 5% or more, or likely to exceed the budget available.

#### **15. Stores and equipment**

- 15.1. The officer in charge of each section shall be responsible for the care and custody of stores and equipment in that section.
- 15.2. Delivery notes shall be obtained in respect of all goods received into store or otherwise delivered and goods must be checked as to order and quality at the time delivery is made.
- 15.3. Stocks shall be kept at the minimum levels consistent with operational requirements.
- 15.4. The RFO shall be responsible for periodic checks of stocks and stores, at least annually and may delegate the task to another member of staff.

#### **16. Assets, properties and estates**

- 16.1. The Clerk shall make arrangements for the safe custody of all title deeds and Land Registry Certificates of properties held by the council.
- 16.2. The RFO shall ensure that an appropriate and accurate Register of Assets and Investments is kept up to date, with a record of all properties held by the council, their location, extent, plan, reference, purchase details, nature of the interest,

tenancies granted, rents payable and purpose for which held, in accordance with Accounts and Audit Regulations.

16.3. The continued existence of tangible assets shown in the Register shall be verified at least annually, possibly in conjunction with a health and safety inspection of assets.

16.4. No interest in land shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law. In each case a written report shall be provided to council in respect of valuation and surveyed condition of the property (including matters such as planning permissions and covenants) together with a proper business case (including an adequate level of consultation with the electorate where required by law).

16.5. No tangible moveable property shall be purchased or otherwise acquired, sold, leased or otherwise disposed of, without the authority of the council, together with any other consents required by law, except where the estimated value of any one item does not exceed £500. In each case a written report shall be provided to council with a full business case.

## **17. Insurance**

17.1. The RFO shall keep a record of all insurances effected by the council and the property and risks covered, reviewing these annually before the renewal date in conjunction with the council's review of risk management.

17.2. The Clerk shall give prompt notification to the RFO of all new risks, properties or vehicles which require to be insured and of any alterations affecting existing insurances.

17.3. The RFO shall be notified of any loss, liability, damage or event likely to lead to a claim, and shall report these to the council at the next available meeting. The RFO shall negotiate all claims on the council's insurers in consultation with the Clerk.

17.4. All appropriate members and employees of the council shall be included in a suitable form of security or fidelity guarantee insurance which shall cover the maximum risk exposure as determined annually by the council, or duly delegated committee.

## **18. Charities**

18.1. Where the council is sole managing trustee of a charitable body the Clerk and RFO shall ensure that separate accounts are kept of the funds held on charitable trusts and separate financial reports made in such form as shall be appropriate, in accordance with Charity Law and legislation, or as determined by the Charity Commission. The Clerk and RFO shall arrange for any audit or independent examination as may be required by Charity Law or any Governing Document.

## **19. Suspension and revision of Financial Regulations**

19.1. The council shall review these Financial Regulations annually and following any change of clerk or RFO. The Clerk shall monitor changes in legislation or proper practices and advise the council of any need to amend these Financial Regulations.

- 19.2. The council may, by resolution duly notified prior to the relevant meeting of council, suspend any part of these Financial Regulations, provided that reasons for the suspension are recorded and that an assessment of the risks arising has been presented to all members. Suspension does not disapply any legislation or permit the council to act unlawfully.
- 19.3. The council may temporarily amend these Financial Regulations by a duly notified resolution, to cope with periods of absence, local government reorganisation, national restrictions or other exceptional circumstances.

## **Appendix 1 - Tender process**

- 1) Any invitation to tender shall state the general nature of the intended contract and the Clerk shall obtain the necessary technical assistance to prepare a specification in appropriate cases.
- 2) The invitation shall in addition state that tenders must be addressed to the Clerk in the ordinary course of post, unless an electronic tendering process has been agreed by the council.
- 3) Where a postal process is used, each tendering firm shall be supplied with a specifically marked envelope in which the tender is to be sealed and remain sealed until the prescribed date for opening tenders for that contract. All sealed tenders shall be opened at the same time on the prescribed date by the Clerk in the presence of at least one member of council.
- 4) Where an electronic tendering process is used, the council shall use a specific email address that will be monitored to ensure that nobody accesses any tender before the expiry of the deadline for submission.
- 5) Any invitation to tender issued under this regulation shall be subject to Standing Order [insert reference of the council's relevant standing order] and shall refer to the terms of the Bribery Act 2010.
- 6) Where the council, or duly delegated committee, does not accept any tender, quote or estimate, the work is not allocated and the council requires further pricing, no person shall be permitted to submit a later tender, estimate or quote who was present when the original decision-making process was being undertaken.





## **Councillor Code of Conduct**

Adopted by Council at the Annual Meeting of Council on the  
20 May 2025

## **The Code of Conduct for Councillors and Co-Opted Councillors**

### **Joint statement**

The role of councillor across all tiers of local government is a vital part of our country's system of democracy. It is important that as councillors we can be held accountable and all adopt the behaviours and responsibilities associated with the role. Our conduct as an individual councillor affects the reputation of all councillors. We want the role of councillor to be one that people aspire to. We also want individuals from a range of backgrounds and circumstances to put themselves forward to become councillors.

As councillors, we represent local residents, work to develop better services and deliver local change. The public have high expectations of us and entrust us to represent our local area, taking decisions fairly, openly, and transparently. We have both an individual and collective responsibility to meet these expectations by maintaining high standards and demonstrating good conduct, and by challenging behaviour which falls below expectations.

Importantly, we should be able to undertake our role as a councillor without being intimidated, abused, bullied, or threatened by anyone, including the general public.

This Code has been designed to protect our democratic role, encourage good conduct and safeguard the public's trust in local government.

### **Introduction**

All councils are required to have a local Councillor Code of Conduct.

This Code of Conduct shall be reviewed by Council on an annual basis and/or, in response to any review undertaken by the Local Government Association.

### **Definitions**

For the purposes of this Code of Conduct, a "councillor" means a member of Campbell Park Community Council or a co-opted member of a committee or sub-committee.

A "co-opted member" is defined in the Localism Act 2011 Section 27(4) as "a person who is not a member of the authority but who

- a) is a member of any committee or sub-committee of the authority, or;
- b) is a member of, and represents the authority on, any joint committee or joint subcommittee of the authority;

and who is entitled to vote on any question that falls to be decided at any meeting of that committee or sub-committee".

## **Purpose of the Code of Conduct**

The purpose of this Code of Conduct is to assist you, as a councillor, in modelling the behaviour that is expected of you, to provide a personal check and balance, and to set out the type of conduct that could lead to action being taken against you. It is also to protect you, the public, fellow councillors, local authority officers and the reputation of local government. It sets out general principles of conduct expected of all councillors and your specific obligations in relation to standards of conduct. The LGA encourages the use of support, training and mediation prior to action being taken using the Code. The fundamental aim of the Code is to create and maintain public confidence in the role of councillor and local government.

## **General principles of councillor conduct**

Everyone in public office at all levels; all who serve the public or deliver public services, including ministers, civil servants, councillors and local authority officers; should uphold the [Seven Principles of Public Life](#), also known as the Nolan Principles.

Building on these principles, the following general principles have been developed specifically for the role of councillor.

In accordance with the public trust placed in me, on all occasions:

- I act with integrity and honesty
- I act lawfully
- I treat all persons fairly and with respect; and
- I lead by example and act in a way that secures public confidence in the role of councillor.

In undertaking my role:

- I impartially exercise my responsibilities in the interests of the local community
- I do not improperly seek to confer an advantage, or disadvantage, on any person
- I avoid conflicts of interest
- I exercise reasonable care and diligence; and
- I ensure that public resources are used prudently in accordance with my local authority's requirements and in the public interest.

## **Application of the Code of Conduct**

This Code of Conduct applies to you as soon as you sign your declaration of acceptance of the office of councillor or attend your first meeting as a co-opted member and continues to apply to you until you cease to be a councillor.

This Code of Conduct applies to you when you are acting in your capacity as a councillor which may include when:

- you misuse your position as a councillor; or
- your actions would give the impression to a reasonable member of the public with knowledge of all the facts that you are acting as a councillor.

The Code applies to all forms of communication and interaction, including:

- at face-to-face meetings
- at online or telephone meetings
- in written communication
- in verbal communication
- in non-verbal communication
- in electronic and social media communication, posts, statements and comments.

You are also expected to uphold high standards of conduct and show leadership at all times when acting as a councillor.

Milton Keynes City Council Monitoring Officer has statutory responsibility for the implementation of the Code of Conduct, and you are encouraged to seek advice from the Monitoring Officer on any matters that may relate to the Code of Conduct. Town, Community and Parish councillors are encouraged to seek advice from their Clerk, who may refer matters to the Monitoring Officer.

## **Standards of councillor conduct**

This section sets out your obligations, which are the minimum standards of conduct required of you as a councillor. Should your conduct fall short of these standards, a complaint may be made against you, which may result in action being taken.

Guidance is included to help explain the reasons for the obligations and how they should be followed.

### **General Conduct**

#### **1. Respect**

##### **As a councillor:**

- 1.1 I treat other councillors and members of the public with respect.**
- 1.2 I treat local authority employees, employees and representatives of partner organisations and those volunteering for the local authority with respect and respect the role they play.**

Respect means politeness and courtesy in behaviour, speech, and in the written word. Debate and having different views are all part of a healthy democracy. As a councillor, you can express, challenge, criticise and disagree with views, ideas, opinions and policies in a robust but civil manner. You should not, however, subject individuals, groups of people or organisations to personal attack.

In your contact with the public, you should treat them politely and courteously. Rude and offensive behaviour lowers the public's expectations and confidence in councillors.

In return, you have a right to expect respectful behaviour from the public. If members of the public are being abusive, intimidatory or threatening you are entitled to stop any conversation or interaction in person or online and inform the local authority and the relevant social media provider and / or, if appropriate, make a report to the police. This also applies to fellow councillors, where action could then be taken under the Councillor Code of Conduct, and local authority employees, where concerns should be raised in line with the local authority's councillor-officer protocol.

#### **2. Bullying, harassment and discrimination**

##### **As a councillor:**

- 2.1 I do not bully any person.**
- 2.2 I do not harass any person.**
- 2.3 I promote equalities and do not discriminate unlawfully against any person.**

The Advisory, Conciliation and Arbitration Service (ACAS) characterises bullying as offensive, intimidating, malicious or insulting behaviour, an abuse or misuse of power through means that undermine, humiliate, denigrate or injure the recipient. Bullying might be a regular pattern of behaviour or a one-off incident, happen face- to-face, on social media, in emails or phone calls, happen in the workplace or at work social events and may not always be obvious or noticed by others.

The Protection from Harassment Act 1997 defines harassment as conduct that causes alarm or distress or puts people in fear of violence and must involve such conduct on at least two occasions. It can include repeated attempts to impose unwanted communications and contact upon a person in a manner that could be expected to cause distress or fear in any reasonable person.

Unlawful discrimination is where someone is treated unfairly because of a protected characteristic. Protected characteristics are specific aspects of a person's identity defined by the Equality Act 2010. They are age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation.

The Equality Act 2010 places specific duties on local authorities. Councillors have a central role to play in ensuring that equality issues are integral to the local authority's performance and strategic aims, and that there is a strong vision and public commitment to equality across public services.

### **3. Impartiality of officers of the council**

#### **As a councillor:**

#### **3.1 I do not compromise, or attempt to compromise, the impartiality of anyone who works for, or on behalf of, the local authority.**

Officers work for the local authority as a whole and must be politically neutral (unless they are political assistants). They should not be coerced or persuaded to act in a way that would undermine their neutrality. You can question officers in order to understand, for example, their reasons for proposing to act in a particular way, or the content of a report that they have written. However, you must not try and force them to act differently, change their advice, or alter the content of that report, if doing so would prejudice their professional integrity.

#### **4. Confidentiality and access to information**

**As a councillor:**

##### **4.1 I do not disclose information:**

- a) given to me in confidence by anyone**
- b) acquired by me which I believe, or ought reasonably to be aware, is of a confidential nature, unless**
  - i) I have received the consent of a person authorised to give it;**
  - ii) I am required by law to do so;**
  - iii) the disclosure is made to a third party for the purpose of obtaining professional legal advice provided that the third party agrees not to disclose the information to any other person; or**
  - iv) the disclosure is:**
    - reasonable and in the public interest; and**
    - made in good faith and in compliance with the reasonable requirements of the local authority; and**
    - I have consulted the Monitoring Officer prior to its release.**

**4.2 I do not improperly use knowledge gained solely as a result of my role as a councillor for the advancement of myself, my friends, my family members, my employer or my business interests.**

**4.3 I do not prevent anyone from getting information that they are entitled to by law.**

Local authorities must work openly and transparently, and their proceedings and printed materials are open to the public, except in certain legally defined circumstances. You should work on this basis, but there will be times when it is required by law that discussions, documents and other information relating to or held by the local authority must be treated in a confidential manner. Examples include personal data relating to individuals or information relating to ongoing negotiations.

## **5. Disrepute**

### **As a councillor:**

#### **5.1 I do not bring my role or local authority into disrepute.**

As a councillor, you are trusted to make decisions on behalf of your community and your actions and behaviour are subject to greater scrutiny than that of ordinary members of the public. You should be aware that your actions might have an adverse impact on you, other councillors and/or your local authority and may lower the public's confidence in your or your local authority's ability to discharge your/its functions. For example, behaviour that is considered dishonest and/or deceitful can bring your local authority into disrepute.

You are able to hold the local authority and fellow councillors to account and are able to constructively challenge and express concern about decisions and processes undertaken by the council whilst continuing to adhere to other aspects of this Code of Conduct.

## **6. Use of position**

### **As a councillor:**

#### **6.1 I do not use, or attempt to use, my position improperly to the advantage or disadvantage of myself or anyone else.**

Your position as a member of the local authority provides you with certain opportunities, responsibilities, and privileges, and you make choices all the time that will impact others. However, you should not take advantage of these opportunities to further your own or others' private interests or to disadvantage anyone unfairly.

## **7. Use of local authority resources and facilities**

### **As a councillor:**

#### **7.1 I do not misuse council resources.**

#### **7.2 I will, when using the resources of the local authority or authorising their use by others:**

- a) act in accordance with the local authority's requirements; and**
- b) ensure that such resources are not used for political purposes unless that use could reasonably be regarded as likely to facilitate, or be conducive to, the discharge of the functions of the local authority or of the office to which I have been elected or appointed.**

You may be provided with resources and facilities by the local authority to assist you in carrying out your duties as a councillor.

Examples include:

- office support
- stationery
- equipment such as phones, and computers
- transport
- access and use of local authority buildings and rooms.

These are given to you to help you carry out your role as a councillor more effectively and are not to be used for business or personal gain. They should be used in accordance with the purpose for which they have been provided and the local authority's own policies regarding their use.

## **8. Complying with the Code of Conduct**

**As a councillor:**

- 8.1 I undertake Code of Conduct training provided by my local authority.**
- 8.2 I cooperate with any Code of Conduct investigation and/or determination.**
- 8.3 I do not intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person who is likely to be involved with the administration of any investigation or proceedings.**
- 8.4 I comply with any sanction imposed on me following a finding that I have breached the Code of Conduct.**

It is extremely important for you as a councillor to demonstrate high standards, for you to have your actions open to scrutiny and for you not to undermine public trust in the local authority or its governance. If you do not understand or are concerned about the local authority's processes in handling a complaint you should raise this with your Monitoring Officer.

## **Protecting your reputation and the reputation of the local authority**

### **9. Interests**

**As a councillor:**

#### **9.1 I register and disclose my interests.**

Section 29 of the Localism Act 2011 requires the Monitoring Officer to establish and maintain a register of interests of members of the authority.

You need to register your interests so that the public, local authority employees and fellow councillors know which of your interests might give rise to a conflict of interest.

The register is a public document that can be consulted when (or before) an issue arises. The register also protects you by allowing you to demonstrate openness and a willingness to be held accountable. You are personally responsible for deciding whether or not you should disclose an interest in a meeting, but it can be helpful for you to know early on if others think that a potential conflict might arise. It is also important that the public know about any interest that might have to be disclosed by you or other councillors when making or taking part in decisions, so that decision making is seen by the public as open and honest. This helps to ensure that public confidence in the integrity of local governance is maintained.

You should note that failure to register or disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest as set out in **Table 1**, is a criminal offence under the Localism Act 2011.

**Appendix B sets** out the detailed provisions on registering and disclosing interests. If in doubt, you should always seek advice from your Monitoring Officer.

## **10. Gifts and hospitality**

### **As a councillor:**

- 10.1 I do not accept gifts or hospitality, irrespective of estimated value, which could give rise to real or substantive personal gain or a reasonable suspicion of influence on my part to show favour from persons seeking to acquire, develop or do business with the local authority or from persons who may apply to the local authority for any permission, licence or other significant advantage.**
- 10.2 I register with the Monitoring Officer any gift or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50 within 28 days of its receipt.**
- 10.3 I register with the Monitoring Officer any significant gift or hospitality that I have been offered but have refused to accept.**

In order to protect your position and the reputation of the local authority, you should exercise caution in accepting any gifts or hospitality which are (or which you reasonably believe to be) offered to you because you are a councillor. The presumption should always be not to accept significant gifts or hospitality. However, there may be times when such a refusal may be difficult if it is seen as rudeness in which case you could accept it but must ensure it is publicly registered. However, you do not need to register gifts and hospitality which are not related to your role as a councillor, such as Christmas gifts from your friends and family. It is also important to note that it is appropriate to accept normal expenses and hospitality associated with your duties as a councillor. If you are unsure, do contact your Monitoring Officer for guidance.

## **Appendices**

### **Appendix A – The Seven Principles of Public Life**

The principles are:

#### **Selflessness**

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest.

#### **Integrity**

Holders of public office must avoid placing themselves under any obligation to people or organisations that might try inappropriately to influence them in their work. They should not act or take decisions in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends. They must disclose and resolve any interests and relationships.

#### **Objectivity**

Holders of public office must act and take decisions impartially, fairly and on merit, using the best evidence and without discrimination or bias.

#### **Accountability**

Holders of public office are accountable to the public for their decisions and actions and must submit themselves to the scrutiny necessary to ensure this.

#### **Openness**

Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner.

Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for so doing.

#### **Honesty**

Holders of public office should be truthful.

#### **Leadership**

Holders of public office should exhibit these principles in their own behaviour. They should actively promote and robustly support the principles and be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.

## Appendix B - Registering interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in “The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012”. You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

“**Disclosable Pecuniary Interest**” means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

“**Partner**” means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A ‘sensitive interest’ is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a ‘sensitive interest’ you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

### Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a ‘sensitive interest’, you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. [Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it]

### **Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests (Personal Interests)**

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

### **Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests**

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in Table 1) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.
8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –
  - a) your own financial interest or well-being;
  - b) a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
  - c) a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2**

you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied

9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well-being:
  - a) to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
  - b) a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

10. [Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it]

### Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

Category	Explanation
1. Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation.	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
2. Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12- month period for expenses incurred by them in carrying out their duties as a councillor, or towards their election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
3. Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or their spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council —  (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and  (b) which has not been fully discharged.
4. Land and Property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. 'Land' excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or their spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
5. Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer.

6. Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor’s knowledge)—  (a) the landlord is the council; and  (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or their spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
7. Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where—  (a) that body (to the councillor’s knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and  (b) either—  (i) the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or  (ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or their spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners have a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

\*‘director’ includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

\*‘securities’ means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

## Table 2: Other Registrable Interests (Personal Interests)

You must register as an Other Registerable Interest :

- a) any unpaid directorships
- b) any body of which you are a member or are in a position of general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- c) any body
  - (i) exercising functions of a public nature
  - (ii) directed to charitable purposes or
  - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management.





IN COLLABORATION WITH SLCC, NALC, OVW, COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS

**This is to certify that  
Campbell Park Community Council  
has signed up to the Civility & Respect Pledge**

Campbell Park Community Council believes now is the time to put Civility and Respect at the Top of the Agenda and start a culture change for the local council sector.

Certificate number: 208.

**Campbell Park Community Council will:**

- Treat all councillors, clerk and all employees, members of the public, representatives of partner organisations and volunteers with civility and respect in their role.
- Put in place a training programme for councillors and staff.
- Sign up to Code of Conduct for councillors.
- Have in place good governance arrangements in place including, staff contracts, and Dignity at Work Policy.
- Commit to seek professional help at early stages should civility and respect issues arise.
- Commit to calling out bullying and harassment when it happens.
- Continue to learn from best practice in the sector and aspire to being a role model / champion council e.g., via Local Council Award Scheme.
- Support the continued lobbying for the change in legislation to support the Civility and Respect Pledge including sanctions for elected members where appropriate.

**Signed on behalf of the council by:**

Chairperson/Mayor: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

8/10/22





# Civility & Respect

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## **Councillor's Statement of Assurance**

I confirm that I have read the council's Code of Conduct, including the principles of public life, and understand my obligations and the behaviour expected of me whenever I am acting as a councillor.

Understanding my duties as a councillor, I will adopt the principles of selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty and leadership. I will also:

- Behave respectfully towards others, including those I disagree with.
- Uphold the values identified in my council's Code of Conduct.
- Attend training required by the council as part of my role as a councillor.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_





# Councillor/Officer Protocol

Adopted by Council on 20 May 2025



# COUNCILLOR-OFFICER PROTOCOL

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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this Protocol is to guide councillors and officers of the council in their relations with one another. The Protocol's intention is to build and maintain good working relationships between councillors and officers as they work together. Employees who are required to give advice to councillors are referred to as "officers" throughout.

A strong, constructive, and trusting relationship between councillors and officers is essential to the effective and efficient working of the council.

This Protocol also seeks to reflect the principles underlying the Code of Conduct which applies to councillors and the employment terms and conditions of officers. The shared objective is to enhance and maintain the integrity (real and perceived) of local government.

The following extract from the Local Government Association guidance on the 2020 Model councillor Code of Conduct states that:

*"Both councillors and officers are servants of the public and are indispensable to one another. Together, they bring the critical skills, experience and knowledge required to manage an effective local authority.*

*At the heart of this relationship, is the importance of mutual respect. councillor-officer relationships should be conducted in a positive and constructive way. Therefore, it is important that any dealings between councillors and officers should observe reasonable standards of courtesy, should show mutual appreciation of the importance of their respective roles and that neither party should seek to take unfair advantage of their position or seek to exert undue influence on the other party.*

*councillors provide a democratic mandate to the local authority and are responsible to the electorate whom they represent. They set their local authority's policy framework, ensure that services and policies are delivered and scrutinise local authority services.*

*[Councillors of the executive,] Chairs and vice chairs of committees have additional responsibilities. These responsibilities will result in increased expectations and relationships with officers that are more complex. Such councillors must still respect the impartiality of officers and must not ask them to undertake work of a party-political nature or compromise their position with other councillors or other officers.*

*Officers provide the professional advice and managerial expertise and information needed for decision making by councillors and to deliver the policy framework agreed by councillors. They are responsible for implementing decisions of councillors and the day-to-day administration of the local authority.*

*The roles are very different but need to work in a complementary way.*

*It is important for both sides to respect these differences and ensure that they work in harmony. Getting that relationship right is an important skill. That is why the code requires councillors to respect an officer's impartiality and professional expertise. In turn officers should respect a councillor's democratic mandate as the people accountable to the public for the work of the local authority. It is also important for a local authority to have a councillor-officer protocol which sets out how this relationship works and what both councillors and officers can expect in terms of mutual respect and good working relationships."*

This Protocol covers:

- The respective roles and responsibilities of the councillors and the officer;
- Relationships between councillors and officers;
- Where/who a councillor or an officer should go to if they have concerns;
- Who is responsible for making decisions.

## **BACKGROUND**

This Protocol is intended to assist councillors and officers, in approaching some of the sensitive circumstances which arise in a challenging working environment.

The reputation and integrity of the council is significantly influenced by the effectiveness of councillors and the officer working together to support each other's roles.

The aim is effective and professional working relationships characterised by mutual trust, respect and courtesy. Overly close personal familiarity between councillors and officers is not recommended as it has the potential to damage this relationship.

## **ROLES OF COUNCILLORS AND OFFICERS**

The respective roles of councillors and officers can be summarised as follows:

- Councillors and officers are servants of the public and they are indispensable to one another, but their responsibilities are distinct.
- Councillors are responsible to the electorate and serve only for their term of office.
- Officers are responsible to the council. Their job is to give advice to councillors and to the council, and to carry out the council's work under the direction and control of the council and relevant committees.

### **Councillors**

Councillors have four main areas of responsibility:

- To determine council policy and provide community leadership
- To monitor and review council performance in implementing policies and delivering services
- To represent the council externally

- To act as advocates for their constituents

All councillors have the same rights and obligations in their relationship with the officer, regardless of their status and should be treated equally.

Councillors should not involve themselves in the day to day running of the council. This is the officer's responsibility, and the officer will be acting on instructions from the council or its committees, within an agreed job description.

In line with the councillors' Code of Conduct, a councillor must treat others with respect, must not bully or harass people and must not do anything which compromises, or is likely to compromise, the impartiality of those who work for, or on behalf of, the council.

Officers can expect councillors:

- to give strategic leadership and direction and to seek to further their agreed policies and objectives with the understanding that councillors have the right to take the final decision on issues based on advice
- to act within the policies, practices, processes and conventions established by the council
- to work constructively in partnership with officers acknowledging their separate and distinct roles and responsibilities
- to understand and support the respective roles and responsibilities of officers and their associated workloads, pressures and reporting lines
- to treat them fairly and with respect, dignity and courtesy
- to act with integrity, to give support and to respect appropriate confidentiality
- to recognise that officers do not work under the instruction of individual councillors or groups
- not to subject them to bullying, intimidation, harassment, or put them under undue pressure
- to treat all officers, partners (those external people with whom the council works) and members of the public equally, and not discriminate based on any characteristic such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation
- not to request officers to exercise discretion which involves acting outside the council's policies and procedures
- not to authorise, initiate, or certify any financial transactions or to enter into any contract, agreement or undertaking on behalf of the council or in their role as a councillor without proper and lawful authority
- not to use their position or relationship with officers to advance their personal interest or those of others or to influence decisions improperly
- to comply at all times with the councillors' Code of Conduct, the law, and such other policies, procedures, protocols and conventions agreed by the council.

- respect the impartiality of officers and do not undermine their role in carrying out their duties
- do not ask officers to undertake work, or act in a way, which seeks to support or benefit a particular political party or gives rise to an officer being criticised for operating in a party-political manner
- do not ask officers to exceed their authority where that authority is given

### **Chairs and vice-chairs of council and committees**

Chairs and vice-chairs have additional responsibilities as delegated by the council. These responsibilities mean that they may have to have a closer working relationship with employees than other councillors do. However, they must still respect the impartiality of officers and must not ask them to undertake work or anything else which would prejudice their impartiality.

### **Officers**

The primary role of officers is to advise, inform and support all members and to implement the agreed policies of the council.

Officers are responsible for day-to-day managerial and operational decisions within the council, including directing and overseeing the work of any more junior officers. Councillors should avoid inappropriate involvement in such matters.

In performing their role officers will act professionally, impartially and with neutrality. Whilst officers will respect a councillor's view on an issue, the officer should not be influenced or pressured to make comments, or recommendations which are contrary to their professional judgement or views.

Officers must:

- implement decisions of the council and its committees which are lawful, which have been properly approved in accordance with the requirements of the law and are duly recorded. This includes respecting the decisions made, regardless of any different advice given to the council or whether the decision differs from the officer's view
- work in partnership with councillors in an impartial and professional manner
- treat councillors fairly and with respect, dignity and courtesy
- treat all councillors, partners and members of the public equally, and not discriminate based on any characteristic such as age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage or civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation
- assist and advise all parts of the council. Officers must always act to the best of their abilities in the best interests of the authority as expressed in the council's formal decisions
- respond to enquiries and complaints in accordance with the council's standards protocol

- be alert to issues which are, or are likely to be, contentious or politically sensitive, and be aware of the implications for councillors, the media or other sections of the public
- act with honesty, respect, dignity and courtesy at all times
- provide support and learning and development opportunities for councillors to help them in performing their various roles in line with the council's training and development policy
- not seek to use their relationship with councillors to advance their personal interests or to influence decisions improperly
- to act within the policies, practices, processes and conventions established by the council

Officers have the right not to support councillors in any role other than that of councillor, and not to engage in actions incompatible with this Protocol.

In giving advice to councillors, and in preparing and presenting reports, it is the responsibility of the officer to express his/her own professional views and recommendations. An officer may report the views of individual councillors on an issue, but the recommendation should be the officer's own. If a councillor wishes to express a contrary view they should not pressurise the officer to make a recommendation contrary to the officer's professional view, nor victimise an officer for discharging his/her responsibilities.

There are exceptional circumstances where a councillor can fulfil the role of officer, for example where there is a vacancy. This can only be done if the councillor is not paid for the role and should only ever be short-term while the council seeks to fill a vacancy. There will need to be a particular clear understanding of when the councillor is acting as a councillor and when acting as the Proper Officer.

### **The Relationship: General**

Councillors and officers are indispensable to one another. However, their responsibilities are distinct. Councillors are accountable to the public, whereas officers are accountable to the council as a whole.

At the heart of this Protocol is the importance of mutual respect and also of civility. Councillor/officer relationships are to be conducted in a positive and constructive way. Therefore, it is important that any dealings between councillors and officers should observe standards of courtesy and that neither party should seek to take unfair advantage of their position nor seek to exert undue influence on the other party.

Individual councillors should not actively seek to undermine majority decisions of the corporate body, as this could then bring them into conflict with officers who have been charged with promoting and implementing the council's collectively determined course of action.

Councillors should not raise matters relating to the conduct or capability of an officer, or of officers collectively, in a manner that is incompatible with this Protocol at meetings held in

public or on social media. This is a long-standing tradition in public service. An officer has no means of responding to criticisms like this in public.

A councillor who is unhappy about the actions taken by, or conduct of, an officer should:

- avoid personal attacks on, or abuse of, the officer at all times
- ensure that any criticism is well founded and constructive
- ensure that any criticism is made in private
- take up the concern with the chair

Neither should an officer raise with a councillor matters relating to the conduct or capability of another councillor or officer or to the internal management of the council in a manner that is incompatible with the objectives of this Protocol.

Potential breaches of this Protocol are considered below.

### **Expectations**

All councillors can expect:

- A commitment from officers to the council as a whole, and not to any individual councillor, group of councillors or political group
- A working partnership
- Officers to understand and support respective roles, workloads and pressures
- A timely response from officers to enquiries and complaints
- Officer's professional and impartial advice, not influenced by political views or personal preferences
- Timely, up to date, information on matters that can reasonably be considered appropriate and relevant to their needs, having regard to any individual responsibilities or positions that they hold
- Officers to be aware of and sensitive to the public and political environment locally
- Respect, courtesy, integrity and appropriate confidentiality from officers and other councillors
- Training and development opportunities to help them carry out their role effectively
- Not to have personal issues raised with them by officers outside the council's agreed procedures
- That officers will not use their contact with councillors to advance their personal interests or to influence decisions improperly

Officers can expect from councillors:

- A working partnership
- An understanding of, and support for, respective roles, workloads and pressures
- Leadership and direction
- Respect, courtesy, integrity and appropriate confidentiality
- Not to be bullied or to be put under undue pressure

- That councillors will not use their position or relationship with officers to advance their personal interests or those of others or to influence decisions improperly
- That councillors will at all times comply with the council's adopted Code of Conduct

### **Some general principles**

Close personal relationships between councillors and officers can confuse their separate roles and get in the way of the proper conduct of council business, not least by creating a perception in others that a particular councillor or officer is getting preferential treatment.

Special relationships with particular individuals are not recommended as it can create suspicion that an employee favours that councillor above others.

The Proper Officer (usually called the Clerk) is the head of paid services and has a line-management responsibility to all other staff. Communications should be made directly with the Proper Officer, unless it is agreed by the Proper Officer that such communications may take place directly with other officers over a particular matter. Councillors should not give instructions directly to the Proper Officer's staff without the express approval of the Proper Officer.

### **COUNCILLORS' ACCESS TO INFORMATION AND TO COUNCIL DOCUMENTS**

Councillors are free to approach officers to provide them with such information, explanation and advice as they may reasonably need in order to assist them in discharging their role as members of the council. This can range from a request for general information about some aspect of the council's activities to a request for specific information on behalf of a constituent. Such approaches should normally be directed to the Officer.

The legal rights of councillors to inspect council documents are covered partly by statute and partly by the common law.

The common law right of councillors is based on the principle that any member has prima facie right to inspect council documents so far as their access to the documents is reasonably necessary to enable the member properly to perform their duties as a member of the council. This principle is commonly referred to as the "need to know" principle.

The exercise of this common law right depends therefore upon the councillor's ability to demonstrate that they have the necessary "need to know". In this respect a member has no right to "a roving commission" to go and examine documents of the council. Mere curiosity is not sufficient. The crucial question is the determination of the "need to know". This question must be determined by the officer.

In some circumstances (e.g. a committee member wishing to inspect documents relating to the functions of that committee) a councillor's "need to know" will normally be presumed. In other circumstances (e.g. a councillor wishing to inspect documents which contain personal information about third parties) a councillor will normally be expected to justify the request in

specific terms. Any council information provided to a councillor must only be used by the councillor for the purpose for which it was provided i.e., in connection with the proper performance of the councillor's duties as a member of the council.

For completeness, councillors do, of course, have the same right as any other member of the public to make requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

Correspondence between an individual councillor and an officer should not normally be copied (by the officer) to any other councillor. Where exceptionally it is necessary to copy the correspondence to another councillor, this should be made clear to the original councillor. In other words, a system of "silent copies" should not be employed. Acknowledging that the "BCC" system of e-mailing is used, it should be made clear at the foot of any e-mails if another councillor has received an e-mail by adding "CC councillor X."

Official letters or emails on behalf of the council should normally be sent out under the name of the officer, rather than under the name of a councillor. It may be appropriate in certain circumstances (e.g. representations to a Government Minister) for a letter or email to appear over the name of the chair, but this should be the exception rather than the norm. Letters or emails which, for example, create obligations or give instructions on behalf of the council should never be sent out in the name of a councillor.

Correspondence to individual councillors from officers should not be sent or copied to complainants or other third parties if they are marked "confidential". In doing so, the relevant officer should seek to make clear what is to be treated as being shared with the councillor in confidence only and why that is so.

## **PRESS AND MEDIA**

Councils are accountable to their electorate. Accountability requires local understanding. This will be promoted by the council, explaining its objectives and policies to the electors and customers. Councils use publicity to keep the public informed and to encourage public participation. The council needs to tell the public about the services it provides. Good effective publicity should aim to improve public awareness of the council's activities. Publicity is a sensitive matter in any political environment because of the impact it can have. Expenditure on publicity can be significant. It is essential to ensure that decisions on publicity are properly made in accordance with the Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity and the council's Media Protocol.

The officer may respond to press enquiries but should confine any comments to the facts of the subject matter and the professional aspects of the function concerned. On no account must an officer expressly or impliedly make any political opinion, comment or statement.

Any press release that may be necessary to clarify the council's position in relation to disputes, major planning developments, court issues or individuals' complaints should be approved by the officer.

The chair (or chair of a committee) may act as spokespersons for the council in responding to the press and media and making public statements on behalf of the council but should liaise with the officer on all forms of contact with the press and media. The council may also appoint individual councillors as spokespeople where there is an area of particular expertise but this should only be done with the agreement of the council.

The council must comply with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1986 ("the Act") regarding publicity. All media relations work will comply with the national Code of Practice for Local Government Publicity. The Code is statutory guidance and the council must have regard to it and follow its provisions when making any decision on publicity.

The LGA has produced useful guidance on the Publicity Code - <https://www.local.gov.uk/publications/short-guide-publicity-during-pre-election-period>

For more detailed information and guidance regarding the role of councillors in connection with the use of social media, reference should be made to the council's Social Media Protocol where there is one in place.

## **IF THINGS GO WRONG**

### **Procedure for officers:**

From time to time the relationship between councillors and the officer (or other employees) may break down or become strained. Whilst it is always preferable to resolve matters informally, it is important that the council adopts a formal grievance protocol or procedure.

The principal council's monitoring officer may be able to offer a mediation/conciliation role or it may be necessary to seek independent advice. The chair of the council should not attempt to deal with grievances or work-related performance or line management issues on their own. The council should delegate authority to a small group of councillors to deal with all personnel matters.

The law requires all employers to have disciplinary and grievance procedures. Adopting a grievance procedure enables individual employees to raise concerns, problems or complaints about their employment in an open and fair way.

Where the matter relates to a formal written complaint alleging a breach of the councillors' Code of Conduct the matter must be referred to the principal council's monitoring officer in the first instance in line with the Localism Act 2011. The council may however try to resolve any concerns raised informally before they become a formal written allegation.

**Procedure for councillors:**

If a councillor is dissatisfied with the conduct, behaviour or performance of the officer or another employee, the matter should be reported to the chair and then raised with the officer in the first instance. If the matter cannot be resolved informally, it may be necessary to invoke the council's disciplinary procedure.



**Together we can.**

**February 2026**  
(last updated)

## Introduction

### **A partnership of Milton Keynes City Council and Local Councils**

Local Councils (Town, Parish, and Community Councils, which we shall refer to 'parish councils' throughout this document) are working hard to benefit their communities and residents. In partnership with Milton Keynes City Council (MKCC), they innovate solutions to fast moving challenges, creating a powerful alliance and building a stronger Milton Keynes.

Here we set out the parameters of the dynamic working relationship that exists between parish councils and MKCC. It is a strong partnership that that is essential to meet the expectations of our residents, even in the face of challenges. It grows stronger when we all embrace the premise that, **'together we can'**.

Parish councils are key in supporting communities and improving local areas. Milton Keynes is unique - the first unitary local authority to be fully parished in England. This unique democratic model is one to be celebrated and must continue to benefit residents and communities.

Parish councils and MKCC can be proud of the relationships we have - much has been achieved. But these continue to be difficult times for local government. Increased demand, restraints on budgets, and a reliance on willing volunteers presents continued challenges. As a result, it is necessary to address the framework of how we work together to achieve the best results and affect real change at a local level.

The MKCC Plan (2022-2026) recognises the importance of this partnership and the vital role that parish councils have in shaping their own local areas and Milton Keynes as a whole.

## Our structures

- MKCC is recognised as the Principal Authority for the area.
- Policy is set by a combination of democratically elected ward councillors and national legislation and administered by MKCC Officers.
- Parish councils (48 within Milton Keynes) are the first tier of local government and have a unique and in-depth knowledge of their local communities and places. Parish Councils are autonomous and independent and are corporate bodies constrained by statute. They have a number of statutory powers and broader powers can be acquired through a General Power of Competence.
- Policy is set by parish councillors and administered by parish council officers, usually (but not exclusively), the clerk.

- MKCC Ward Councillors and parish councillors recognise the great value in having good relationships across the different parish councils and MKCC. Good communication and engagement are central to being effective. Parish councillors understand the role that ward councillors play at the MKCC wide level. Equally, ward councillors understand the role that parish councillors play at local area level. Whilst each are different types of councillors (be they ward councillors or parish councillors), all are committed to ensuring the best outcomes for their areas and for Milton Keynes as whole.

## Working together

- **‘Together We Can’** embodies the true ethos of partnership working, involving all partners contributing to a common goal, communicating, and working effectively with each other.
- By pooling knowledge, experience and tools, all councillors and council officers (both local and principal) can build a better understanding of what works at the very local level. They identify the needs and views of residents and communities and represent and act upon them.
- Success is dependent on all partners treating each other equally and with respect and understanding of the statutory landscape within which each partner operates.
- Collaborative relationships are mutually beneficial for all and involve both officers and councillors at every level.
- The non-statutory Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC) gives voice to issues affecting parish councils across Milton Keynes and liaises with MKCC on their behalf (although of course individual parish councils also raise specific issues). MKALC is supported by a County Association (BMKALC) and National Association (NALC) which provide advice, training and literature to parish councils.

Challenges that local communities are facing are sometimes very difficult to solve but **together we can** work towards positive solutions, ensuring all parties feel valued. It is vital that we treat each other with respect, dignity and politeness (even when we might not always see things the same way).

We strive to behave fairly and constructively towards each other when we disagree, we will listen and be respectful in our exchanges of views. Disagreements will arise sometimes and that’s okay because everyone can express their opinion and be heard. Debate may even be robust but aims to make Milton Keynes a better place for our residents and communities.

**What this means in reality is that parish councils and MKCC will:**

- Respond in a timely manner to ensure a regular flow of information, particularly where issues remain outstanding or unresolved. We recognise the importance of communication and will respond with acknowledgements and regular / periodic updates.
- Provide inductions to new key officers, as well as existing officers, on the role of parish councils and MKCC.
- Within MKCC, have parish council champions that work with ward councillors, council officers and cabinet members to highlight the key role that parish councils have.
- Support closer working between ward and parish councillors.
- Recognise that one size does not fit all given parish councils vary greatly in size, capacity, staffing, finances, etc and appreciate that sometimes, parish councillors of smaller parishes, will take on some functions to support the clerk / officer roles. Strive to continuously work together and improve engagement.
- Not work in silos and ensure the words within this document translate into actions.
- Ensure that the Parish Partnership Team continue to be a point of contact, information and advice and provide issue resolution for parish council difficulties.

## Consultation and engagement

**MKCC and parish councils** recognise that consultation and engagement can be challenging. However, it is key in ensuring that parish council and resident voices are heard on issues impacting both them and Milton Keynes more generally.

As the principal authority, it is MKCC that runs formal consultations on both local and national issues. More informal engagement with parish councils can also be used to help form the development of policy and practice of the Council.

### **MKCC will:**

- Consult and engage positively with parish councils on **matters which impact them and their communities materially**. Matters that will be of importance to some may be less to others, so a bespoke approach can be taken.
- **Start conversations early**, where changes will impact parish councils materially. Formal consultation may follow but engaging parish councils early can have a beneficial impact on success.
- **Publish formal consultations** on <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/consultations> enabling parish councils to respond accordingly and highlighting, in advance, (through the parish clerks), the consultations that are coming up.
- **Engage with parish councils** using the Parishes Forum (PF), the Parishes Advisory Group (PAG) and other meetings to **enable consultation, engagement and dialogue to take place**. This can be both formal, but also can be informal through discussions with parish councillors / officers and local resident and other groups.
- **Attend parish council meetings**, where appropriate, to discuss the impact on the parish council and its parish area.

- **Ensure that formal consultations**, other than those governed by statutory regulations such as planning matters, will be for a minimum of six weeks excluding the Christmas/New Year holiday period and giving some extra allowance in August when many parish councils do not have formal meetings. (In reality consultations are often longer than the minimum)
- **Understand that community engagement and consultations** is about listening and learning and having meaningful dialogue with the community and is an opportunity to find out what is important to them, their neighbourhoods and local areas.
- **Use the most effective method** to consult and engage, including digital methods.
- **Consult in plain English** to be clear and concise.

And for **parish councils**, they will:

- **Respond and engage** with formal consultations and provide contributions to shape policies that matter to residents and communities.
- **Provide officer / clerk contributions** and support where the nature of the consultation or engagement is more about operational processes.
- **Engage with MKCC officers in the development of policy or initiatives** respecting the uncertainty and confidentiality which comes in the early stages of development but recognising early influence of these decisions can lead to successful results for residents.

Over recent years the nature of consultation has evolved as there has been an increase in delegated decision making as MKCC has responded to national government directive.

We need to ensure that, going forward, the primacy of both formal and informal consultation is maintained by MKCC, the MKCC Cabinet and the Cabinet Member with responsibility for Parish Partnerships is committed to ensuring this.

Useful documents:

- *Cabinet Guidance on Consultation*  
[https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/691383/Consultation\\_Principles\\_1\\_.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/691383/Consultation_Principles_1_.pdf)
- *Statement of Community Involvement* setting out how MKCC engages and consults with local communities and stakeholders on planning policy documents and planning applications  
[Statement of Community Involvement \(SCI\)](#)

## **Asset and service devolution**

We recognise that parish councils are all different in their makeup, capacity and size and will require different solutions and responses. As they have different needs – one size simply does not

fit all. Assets and services are for the benefit of residents and parish councils can be best placed to deliver this.

MKCC will support those parish councils with an appetite to become more involved in service and asset devolution and work across the parish council community to ensure that the involvement is at a level that suits individual parish councils and the communities and residents they serve. Parish councils taking on devolved services are supported by service specific officers and regular meetings take place between such officers and the devolved parishes.

Parish councils are welcome to make use of the past experiences and expertise accumulated by MKCC in relation to devolution projects in which they choose to engage. For example, this could include shared ambitions for healthy and active communities, to be the Greenest City, promote biodiversity and combat climate change.

## **Section 106/Planning Obligations**

Under planning legislation and regulations, MKCC can require a developer to contribute towards providing infrastructure or taking steps to offset the impact of a development; obligations of this nature are set out in what are often known as S106 Agreements. Organisations that apply for funding are encouraged to engage with parish councils for the area, given that parish councils have a good understanding of local community needs. Parish councils also have the opportunity to apply for funding themselves, particularly in relation to certain categories. **Appendix A** provides officer contact details for parish councils to have initial discussions relating to particular categories of funding. Details of the available S106 funding can be found on [EXACOM](#) and it is advised that anyone considering applying for funds also contacts the MKCC Planning Obligations Team ([planning.obligations@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:planning.obligations@milton-keynes.gov.uk)) as part of initial considerations.

## **Joint working arrangements**

**Parishes Forum (PF)** - We ensure we meet regularly to discuss issues that are important to each other. The PF currently meets four times a year to achieve this. PF meetings can be held physically or virtually. Physical meetings take place in various locations, e.g. MKCC offices, parish council offices, other appropriate venues, etc.

Each parish council nominates two representatives annually. Parish councils share the details of their representatives with MKCC (usually following their Annual General Meetings).

The Cabinet Member with responsibility for Parish Partnerships chairs the PF. A vice chair is elected by the parish councils and serves for two years. Election is undertaken by ballot. The PF provides an opportunity for influencing, bringing fresh ideas and new outlooks, etc, as well as providing and sharing information.

MKC officers from the Parishes Partnership Team support the PF.

**Parishes Advisory Group (PAG)** - Is a small group of committed and enthusiastic parish councillors, and MKCC ward councillors who work co-operatively for the greater good of all parish councils across the MK area. The PAG has no decision-making powers and nor is it a constituted group. It is purely an advisory group, convened by the executive. The Cabinet Member and vice chair of the PF also hold the same roles on the PAG.

The PAG:

- advises the Cabinet Member with responsibility for parish partnerships on matters of mutual interest to MKCC and parish councils; making any appropriate and relevant recommendations to MKCC; holds consultations with / seek views of parish councils on areas of particular interest.
- shapes and agree approaches on key issues and pieces of work before wider circulation to all parish councils. Can set up Sub Working/Task Groups to focus on the identified areas of concern or progress. Working / Task Groups to be chaired by a PAG representative and opportunities to attend will be issued to all parish councils. This could be parish council clerks, parish councillors or a combination.
- determines the way forward for the devolution agenda, ensuring services and assets rest with the level of local government that can best maximise the opportunity of particular assets and services for the wider community.
- considers agenda items, discussion topics, and show casing for the PF, and agree the agenda for the PF each quarter.
- fosters close co-operation and engagement between each parish council, stakeholders, and partners to ensure the best possible outcomes for the communities that we all work to serve.

The PAG membership consists of

- Ward councillors from invited political groups
- Three representatives from the **Milton Keynes Association of Local Councils (MKALC)**
- Three further parish councillors invited by the Chair

MKCC officers from the Parishes Partnership Team support the PAG (See **Appendix A**).

**Local Area Forums (LAFs)** -meetings for groups of parish councils who share common interests / are connected by physical locality (usually ward). LAFs are attended by the Ward Councillors (who ordinarily take the role of chair). Support for LAFs is discussed and agreed with MKCC Officers and each individual LAF.

## Access to Systems

Where MKCC is able, it will provide access to systems that benefit joint working – for example the Geographical Information System (GIS).

## Reporting issues

MKCC encourage parish councils to report issues through the [Report It](#) function. Escalation of issues should be directed to [Ward Councillors](#). The Parish Partnership Team is also available to assist (See **Appendix A**).

## Future challenges

Working together and respecting our different roles, we know that we can make a real difference to our residents as challenges and opportunities present. There will be a likely rise in demand when budgets will be under considerable pressure. When difficult times arise, but with an open and honest dialogue between us (for example, around respective future financial and funding positions) we will be able to deliver for residents.

## Together we can....

Through a dynamic partnership, clear and timely communication and early conversations, sharing best practice, and innovating together, we can improve our communities.

Collaboration will:

- bring a range of resources and talent to creating innovative solutions.
- use available resources more efficiently and effectively.
- help tackle the complexity of the challenges.

This document is a living document; edited, updated, and revised over time to encourage collaboration and avoid stagnation. To be circulated for review annually, giving partners the opportunity to say what has worked well, what has not, and what, if anything, needs changing.

Our framework is deliberately not focused on specific measurements or sanctions for parties, but rather meant to act as a document that sets out the parameters for mature, constructive, and productive relationships between all councils in MK.

## Appendix A

The main contact for the Parishes Partnership Team is Kay Pettit who can be contacted at [Kay.Pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Kay.Pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk) or [Local.Councils.Liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Local.Councils.Liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

Parish councils can contact the following officers for initial discussions about S106 Funding

- Community Safety – Joanne Smart [Joanne.Smart@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Joanne.Smart@milton-keynes.gov.uk)
- Voluntary and Social infrastructure - Kay Pettit [Kay.Pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Kay.Pettit@milton-keynes.gov.uk)
- Biodiversity, play areas and parks - Phillip Snell [Phillip.Snell@Milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:Phillip.Snell@Milton-keynes.gov.uk)



## **Draft Terms of Reference**

### **SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE**

**MAY 2026**

#### 1. Purpose

The Sustainability Committee is established to support the Council in promoting environmental sustainability and climate resilience within the community's area. The Committee will consider, develop, and recommend policies and projects, creating a Council Sustainability Plan promoting environmental responsibility, climate change mitigation and adaptation, and sustainable community development. Responsibility and actions for the progression of certain aspects of the Council Sustainability Plan will fall to the other substantive Committees of Council, the Sustainability Committee will have scrutinise overall progress and further develop the plan for Council approval.

#### 2. Objectives

The objectives of the Sustainability Committee are to:

- Encourage sustainable practices within the Council's own operations and decision- making.
- Promote environmental protection, biodiversity, and responsible use of resources.
- Support initiatives that contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation at a local level.
- Engage with residents, community groups, and external organisations on sustainability matters.
- Advise the Council on relevant national, regional, and local environmental policies and funding opportunities.

#### 3. Scope of Responsibility

The Committee may consider and make recommendations to Council on matters including:

- Environmental and sustainability policies and action plans.
- Energy efficiency, renewable energy, and carbon reduction initiatives.
- Biodiversity, green spaces, and nature recovery projects.
- Waste reduction, recycling, and circular economy initiatives.
- Sustainable transport and active travel where relevant to council functions.
- Community engagement, education, and awareness-raising on sustainability issues.
- Partnerships with local authorities, voluntary organisations, schools, and other stakeholders.

#### 4. Membership

- The Committee shall consist of 7 Councillors appointed by the Council.
- The Council may appoint non-voting co-opted members with relevant expertise or community interest, subject to statutory limits.
- The Chair shall be appointed by Council.

#### 5. Quorum

A quorum shall be 3 Councillors of the Committee. Co-opted members may not be counted towards the quorum.

#### 6. Meetings

- The Committee shall meet biannually (with additional meetings if required).
- Meetings shall be convened in accordance with the Council's standing orders.
- Meetings shall normally be open to the public.

## 7. Reporting and Accountability

- Minutes shall be submitted to the Council.
- Recommendations requiring a decision shall be presented to Council.

## 8. Working Groups

The Committee may establish working groups to examine specific issues and report back.

## 9. Budget and Resources

Any expenditure must be approved by Council.

## 10. Review

These Terms of Reference shall be reviewed annually.

## 11. Adoption

Adopted on [date].



## **(DRAFT) TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & POLICY COMMITTEE**

**May 2026**

General Purpose: The Finance, Administration & Policy Committee (FA&P) manages the Council's financial affairs and oversees the internal administrative affairs of the Council

1. To prepare by end of October, Finance, Administration & Policy draft budget covering all project expenditure for the coming financial year and the following 4 financial year(s).
2. To review annually, at the beginning of each financial year, the Financial Risk Assessment document; and to minute and impose any action taken to manage risk.
3. To receive a quarterly report on the Council's finances; to ensure that all expenditure remains in line with agreed budget, where applicable after consultation and agreement of the relevant Committee making virement of up to £5,000.00 between cost centres/codes.
4. All virements to be reported to Council, with figures in excess of £5,000 requiring the approval of Council.
5. To prepare in June, a budget consultation questionnaire to be forwarded to all households within the CPCC area.
  - To prepare annually, for submission to Council by December of that financial year, a draft Council budget for the following financial year, which takes into account budgetary requirements received from all CPCC Committees and considers the opinions of residents of the CPCC area as recorded in the budget consultation questionnaire.
  - To recommend to December Council, for approval, the precept requirement for the following financial year.
  - To inform residents Homeground Magazine of the outcome of the budget questionnaire consultation.
6. To have overall responsibility for scrutinising Committee funding requests for projects not budgeted for at the beginning of the new financial year by Campbell Park Community Council Committees.
7. To scrutinise the financial management of all the Council's properties and to ensure correct financial and administrative processes are in place. These to include invoicing and collection of funds appertaining to the lettings of all Council's properties, including sports grounds and any future additions to Council's asset portfolio.
8. To direct the financial management of all repairs/alterations to all Council's property portfolio (if not budgeted for at the beginning of financial year), whether freehold, leasehold or rented.

9. To finalise in December each year a detailed draft budget recommendation covering all projected expenditure for the coming financial year and the following 4 financial years to go before December Council.
10. To finalise at the December meeting the precept recommendation to go before December Council.
11. To review annually the Terms of Reference prior to the Annual Meeting of Council.
12. To review annually the Freedom of Information Act prior to the Annual General Meeting.
13. To review annually the Data Protection Policy prior to the Annual General Meeting.
14. To assume sole responsibility of the Business Plan Strategy.
15. To be responsible for the continuous professional development and welfare of Councillors.

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### COMMUNITY & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

May 2026

**General Purpose:** The Community & Communications Committee is responsible to Council for overseeing the delivery of all matters pertaining to Community Development and for overseeing the delivery of the Communications Strategy, in particular;

1. To be responsible, under delegated authority as approved by Council, for promoting the availability of grants, assessing and awarding **standard** grants up to a maximum of £1,000 **and start-up grants up to £1500 (with any grants awarded to organisations based outside of the CPGC area, being ratified by Council)**. Annual grants budgets to be allocated on a quarterly basis. The budget allocation to be front-loaded with an increased allocation in the first two quarters, and the remaining budget spread across the rest of the financial year. The Committee to ensure that the budget is not overspent, and with any quarterly underspend being rolled forward to the next quarter. Extra diligence to be implemented when looking at accounts for those applying for grants.
2. **To develop and implement an action plan to address the strategic aims set out by Council and to respond to the priorities highlighted within the Annual Resident Consultation relating to Community & Communications.** ~~the remit of Community & Communications to deliver the on behalf of Council, to work with partners to promote life-long learning amongst all residents, from infants to the elderly.~~
3. ~~To work with partners to promote literacy and numeracy and work to ensure adequate provision is provided for those for whom English is a second language.~~
4. ~~To work with partners to improve access to employment, training and job search support.~~
5. Work with **local & national** organisations, including ~~the NHS Milton Keynes Clinical Commissioning Group, Health Watch MK, Alzheimer's Society & White Ribbon~~ to raise awareness of important issues effecting the health & wellbeing of residents, ~~and to deliver the specific actions in section 5.4 of the Business Plan or any successor.~~
6. To be responsible for public consultations carried out by Campbell Park Community Council to ascertaining community needs **and to engage residents in the development of community projects**, making associated recommendations to Council (excluding the budget consultation, which is under the remit of the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee).
7. To comment on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on any community/social wellbeing related consultations, plans or policies from MK City Council, the NHS or other public bodies.
8. In accordance with the strategic aims set out by Council, lead on matters relating to Community Safety, developing and maintaining a safe environment for residents and visitors and engaging with Thames Valley Police on issues concerning the Council (**except for issues relating specifically to CPCC buildings and land which fall under the remit of the Estates Committee**).

- ~~9. To develop and maintain an effective and mutually complementary relationship with Community Groups within the CPCC area.~~
- ~~10. To promote recycling and/or help enforce the proper disposal of household and other waste within the CPCC boundary in accordance with the policies of Milton Keynes City Council.~~  
To implement the tasks attributed to the Community & Communications Committee within the CPCC Climate Emergency Action Plan/Sustainability Plan and engage with the future development of the Plan.
- ~~11. To deliver events and promote events, in partnership with others, to improve Social Cohesion across the CPCC area.~~
12. To implement a community programme which will benefit and contribute to the improved wellbeing of all CPCC residents, providing a range of events, services and activities either directly by CPCC, working with community partners or by commissioning other organisations to deliver specific projects on our behalf.
13. To help to promote events being delivered by others in our area that contribute to the improved wellbeing of all CPCC residents
14. To seek out opportunities and submit applications on behalf of CPCC for funding from external sources to support the delivery of the community programme, new initiatives & projects.
15. To work with the schools within the CPCC area, implementing a range of activities to engage the children and parents in any CPCC events & initiatives to enable **an early awareness** and understanding of the Community Council.
16. To seek opportunities to work with organisations including Milton Keynes City Council to improve **community** assets not owned by CPCC, within the CPCC area, such as play areas etc. (CPCC owned assets to be the responsibility of the Estates Committee).
- ~~17. To highlight the dangers of loan sharks and promoting the use of Credit Unions.~~
18. Via an editorial panel of Members and Officers, to be responsible for the production of Homeground magazine.
19. To be responsible for the Council's digital presence, including the content and development of the Council's website(s) & **social media channels**.
20. To promote the use of, by staff and Councillors, available IT office tools, including calendars, announcements, discussions, facilities, shared documents etc. Promotion of tools to include provision of suitable training for all users.
- ~~21. To promote and enhance the Council's digital presence, including the use of social networking sites.~~
22. To be responsible for developing the style of communications including agenda, reports and minutes.
23. To be responsible for the Community Council's public relations

24. To prepare by end of October each year, for submission to Finance & Administration Committee, a detailed draft budget covering all project expenditure for the coming financial year and the following 5 financial year(s).

Any projects not included in the budget for that financial year, must be forwarded to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee for direction.

25. To review annually the Terms of Reference prior to the Annual Meeting of Council.



## TERMS OF REFERENCE

### PLANNING, INFRASTRUCTURE & TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

May 2026

**General Purpose:** The Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee (PIT) under approved delegated powers of Council, oversees all actions by Community Council Members and/or Officers within the Planning remit and, in particular

#### Development Control

1. To comment on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on applications for planning permission for sites within the parish or on those outside the Parish but with an effect on the Parish
- 1a Following a resolution to object to a planning application a member of the Committee will attend Development Control Panel meetings/Development Control Committee to speak against the application.
- 1b The Committee will follow up all major applications where conditions have been imposed
2. To make requests to MKCC for the enforcement of planning legislation within the parish.

#### Strategic Planning

3. To comment on and make proposals on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council concerning strategic and subject plans at Milton Keynes City Council, Milton Keynes Partnership, sub-regional, regional and national level

#### Policy

4. To comment on and make proposals on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on policies and other plans, relating to planning, infrastructure, transport and licensing including those from Milton Keynes Strategic Partnership and Milton Keynes City Council.

#### Highways, Transport and Infrastructure

5. To comment on proposals on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council relating to transport issues, (both public and private)
6. To make representations on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on issues related to highways and transport (public and private)
7. To be responsible for transport matters concerning existing roads, pathways and/or redways and public transport services
8. To comment on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on proposals relating to

Infrastructure issues.

9. To comment on proposals on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council relating to traffic management.

### Licensing

10. To make representations on behalf of Campbell Park Community Council on applications to grant and or vary licenses for licensed premises and/or events within or adjacent to the Parish.

### Neighbourhood Development Plan

11. To develop, maintain and deliver a neighbourhood development plan for the Parish, **ensuring the timeline for periodic reviews takes into account any new or updated MK City Plan/s.**

### General

12. To develop and recommend to Council policies relating to the areas of the committee's responsibility.
13. To make representations to Council relating to the implementation of the Parish Plan and to monitor implementation of that Plan".
14. To review annually the Terms of Reference prior to the Annual Meeting of Council
15. To prepare, every year in September, a draft budget covering all Planning expenditure, for submission to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee, and thence to Council.
16. All members of the Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee must attend **Milton Keynes City Council** planning training within 6 months **(or as soon as the training is available thereafter)** of their nomination to the Committee.
17. To be responsible for **reporting to MKCC** licensing and planning issues relating to Houses in Multiple Occupancy.
18. To work with partners to address the implications to the community of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HiMOs).

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **ESTATES COMMITTEE**

**(DRAFT) May 2026**

**General Purpose:** The Estates Committee is responsible to Council for overseeing the delivery of all matters pertaining to the buildings, property and land, owned and leased by the Community Council.

1. To manage and direct the use of all buildings, property and land within the Council's portfolio. To ensure the best possible use of them by/for the community, consistent with the Business Plan.
2. To be responsible for maintenance/improvement programmes of all Council property portfolio.
3. To prepare each year, for submission to Council by the end of October, a detailed draft budget covering all project expenditure for the coming financial year and the following 4 financial years.

Any projects not included in the budget for that financial year, must be forwarded to the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee for direction.

4. To review annually the Terms of Reference prior to the Annual Meeting of Council
5. The Estates Manager to present a 6 monthly report on the overall condition of all buildings, any issues of note or urgency to be reported to the next Committee meeting.
6. The Estates Manager to present a 6 monthly report on the overall condition of all land controlled by the Community Council, any issues of note or urgency to be reported to the next Committee meeting.

With regard to new projects:

7. To identify and present the options available to Council
8. To define the scope of the project for Council approval
9. To define the tasks, activities, timeline, processes and resources required to accomplish the delivery of the project for approval of Council
10. To report to Council the progress against the tasks defined
11. To identify any additional tasks that may be required to achieve the outcome

12. To identify any problems and issues that may adversely affect the timely accomplishment of the project
13. To define and implement the Exit Strategy agreed by Council

## Membership of Committees\* – May 2026

Finance, Administration & Policy Committee (7 members) <b>CONFIRMED</b>			
Councillor	Ward	Councillor	Ward
B Barton R Golding K Kavarana D Kendrick	Oldbrook Oldbrook Springfield Fishermead	K Kent I Opoku D Pafford	Oldbrook Oldbrook Woolstone
Planning, Infrastructure & Transport Committee (7 members) <b>CONFIRMED</b>			
Councillor	Ward	Councillor	Ward
V Dixon R Golding B Greenwood H Kakei	Willen Oldbrook Oldbrook Springfield	K Kavarana J Messent J Whild	Springfield Oldbrook Fishermead
Sustainability Committee (7 members) <b>CONFIRMED</b>			
Cllr K Kent Cllr B Macharia Cllr F Mangan Cllr R McCafferty	Oldbrook Willen Fishermead Oldbrook	Cllr I Opoku Cllr M Petchey Cllr J Whild	Oldbrook Fishermead Fishermead
Community & Communications Committee (11 members) <b>2 over</b>			
Councillor	Ward	Councillor	Ward
L Adura O Cole V Dixon <b>J Howard</b> <b>H Kakei</b> <b>K Kavarana</b> <b>D Kendrick</b>	Springfield Fishermead Willen Woolstone Springfield Springfield Fishermead	B Macharia <b>F Mangan</b> R McCafferty J Messent I Opoku M Petchey	Willen Fishermead Oldbrook Oldbrook Oldbrook Fishermead
Personnel Committee (7 members) <b>1 over</b>			
Councillor	Ward	Councillor	Ward
<b>B Barton</b> O Cole R Golding <b>B Greenwood</b> <b>H Kakei</b>	Oldbrook Fishermead Oldbrook Oldbrook Oldbrook	K Kent F Mangan D Pafford	Oldbrook Fishermead Woolstone
Estates Committee (11 members) <b>1 over</b>			
Councillor	Ward	Councillor	Ward
L Adura B Barton <b>O Cole</b> <b>V Dixon</b> R Golding B Greenwood J Howard	Springfield Oldbrook Fishermead Willen Oldbrook Oldbrook Woolstone	<b>D Kendrick</b> <b>B Macharia</b> R McCafferty <b>D Pafford</b> <b>M Petchey</b>	Fishermead Willen Oldbrook Woolstone Fishermead

\* All Councillors are substitutes for all committees

Members highlighted in **yellow** have expressed their preference as a lower priority in an oversubscribed committee and Council will therefore need to decide who to appoint





# **(DRAFT AMENDED) ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2026**

Adopted by Council at the Annual Meeting of Council on  
00.00.00

## Investment Strategy

Under section 15(1)(a) of the Local Government Act 2003, the Secretary of State Secretary of State for Local Government has issued “Statutory Guidance on Local Government Investments”. Local Councils are required to “have regard” to the guidance and for each financial year Local Councils with investments over £100,000 are required to prepare an Investment Strategy (“the Strategy”).

This Community Council Investment Strategy complies (as appropriate) with the revised requirements set out in the revised Guidance on Local Government investments issued by Secretary of State Secretary of State for Local Government in 2018.

When making investments over £100,000, the Council is required to adopt the Guidance in full and to put an investment strategy into place.

Campbell Park Community Council acknowledges the importance of prudently investing surplus funds held on behalf of the community. All investments will be made in line with the Council’s financial procedures and observations or advice received from the Council’s internal and external auditors, supported as necessary by advice from the Council’s financial advisors.

The Council will ensure it has adequate, though not excessive, cash resources, overdraft or standby facilities to enable it at all times to have the level of funds available which are necessary for the achievement of its service objectives.

For treasury management and other financial investments, the council is required to prioritise **SECURITY, LIQUIDITY** and **YIELD** in that order of importance

### Investment Objectives

1. The Council’s investment priorities are the security of reserves and adequate liquidity of its investments.
2. The Council will then aim to maximise income from its investments commensurate with proper levels of security and liquidity.
3. The Council will seek to ensure that investment income is consistent one year to the next.
4. Where external investment managers are used, they will be contractually required to comply with this Strategy.
5. In balancing risk against return, this Council is more concerned with avoiding risks than maximising returns.
6. All investments will be in sterling.
7. The council does not make any loans.

## **Specified Investments**

Specified investments are those offering high security and high liquidity, made in sterling and maturation of no more than a year. Such short-term investments made with the UK Government or a local authority or Town, Parish or Community council will automatically be Specified Investments.

For prudent management of its treasury balances, maintaining sufficient levels of security and liquidity, Campbell Park Community Council will use:

- Deposits with banks, building societies, local authorities or other public authorities.
- Other recognised funds specifically targeted at the Public Sector.
- The choice of institution and length of deposit will be subject to approval by the Council.

## **Non-Specified Investments**

These investments have greater potential risk such as investments in the money market, stocks and shares. The Council will use the services of an appointed FSA accredited financial advisor on the investment of these funds. The choice of investment company will be reviewed within the first year of every new administration following an election or more frequently if the performance of the investments is not meeting the required objectives. Long term investments, defined as greater than 36 months, will, if considered appropriate, be used to support the 3-5 year Capital Programme which will be reviewed and agreed annually. Capital growth of the fund should be maximised but at least equal to RPI whilst being consistent with the required level of security and all other public investment criteria. The Council will expect the investment to be in a balanced portfolio that will yield a consistent income/growth year on year whilst having regard to the Council's objectives and security of its investments. When considering any investments, this Council will be encouraged to consider social, ethical and/or environmental factors or criteria when selecting, retaining or disposing of assets.

## **End of Year Investment Report**

At the end of each financial year the Responsible Financial Officer will present a report on the Investment activity to Full Council.

## **Review and Amendment of Regulations**

This Strategy will be reviewed annually by the Finance, Administration & Policy Committee. The Committee reserves the right to make variations to the Strategy at any time, subject to the approval of the Full Council.

## **Campbell Park Community Council Investments**

The Council invests in a number of low risk cash deposit accounts. At 31 March 2025 the council held the following investments.

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Security</b>	<b>Liquidity</b>	<b>Yield</b>
Unity Trust Bank	£104K	High	High - no Notice	Low
Unity Trust Bank Instant Access	£466K	High	High – no notice	Med
Public Sector Deposit Fund A/C	£344K	High	High – no notice	High

Local Council deposits are normally covered by the Financial Services Compensations Scheme which pays out a maximum of £85,000 for each or banking group. However, cover under the scheme is restricted to those Councils whose income is less than 500,000 Euros which means that CPCC deposits are not eligible.

### **Options for Consideration**

#### **The Local Authorities Property Fund**

For longer term investments, the Council could consider investing in The Local Authorities Property Fund managed by the CCLA. The fund is exclusively for local authorities and other public sector organisations to invest in commercial and industrial property on a collective basis so as to obtain a spread of risk with constant expert property management. The fund aims to provide investors with a high level of income and long-term capital appreciation.

<b>Investment</b>	<b>Security</b>	<b>Liquidity</b>	<b>Yield</b>
Local Authorities' Property Fund	Medium to High	High	High

**RECOMMENDATION:** That the council:

Consider investing in The Local Authorities' Property Fund for long term deposits if the need arises in the future



**STAFF SPECTACLE  
(sight test)  
POLICY**

Adopted by Council at the Annual Meeting of Council on  
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Council Minute No. 252cij/12:

Council resolved to accept the Committee recommendation that the Community Council provides staff members with annual sight tests, and that on a biennial basis the Community Council make a financial contribution of 50% (up to a maximum of £150.00) towards the cost of one pair of glasses for staff members.

Those staff members with underlying medical conditions to be eligible to receive the above financial contribution on an annual basis and that the above proposals are backdated to 1.3.2013.

Council Minute No. XXXXXX

Council resolved to accept the Committee recommendation that the Community Council provides staff members with annual sight tests, and that on a biennial basis the Community Council make a financial contribution of 50% (up to a maximum of £175.00) towards the cost of one pair of glasses for staff members.

Ms Lisa Bradley  
Campbell Park Community Council  
C P C C Community Hub  
Springfield Boulevard  
Springfield  
Milton Keynes  
Buckinghamshire  
MK6 3JS

## Select for Local Councils Policy Schedule

This insurance policy, which meets your demands and needs, has been based on the latest information obtained from you. The Policy, the Policy Schedule, any Certificates of Insurance and Endorsements form one document and should be read together. This Schedule replaces any previous Schedule.

Policy Number	YLL-2720865053
Insured	Campbell Park Community Council
Business	Parish / Town Council
Period of Insurance	
From	01 <sup>st</sup> October 2025
To	30 <sup>th</sup> September 2026
and any other period for which cover has been agreed.	
Adjustment Premium	£ -89.41

Premiums are inclusive of Insurance Premium Tax and/or VAT as appropriate.

Schedule Number	159021238
Long term agreement active until	01 <sup>st</sup> October 2027
Preparation Date	10 <sup>th</sup> September 2025
Prepared by	Ms Caroline Hopgood
Policy Form Reference	MLAACH10

### Policy Cover Declaration:

You, the Insured, are not aware of any known losses or events that could give rise to a claim, or circumstances that would be prejudicial to us, the Insurer, should the basis of cover on the below given insurance product (s) be changed.

This is important information, please read it carefully and check that the facts given about you are correct and that we have included all the covers that you require. We are unable to give you advice so it is your responsibility to check the cover is correct for your organisation.

## Statement of Fact

If you provide services or activities to children, or adults who are in need of care and support and therefore may be unable to protect themselves against abuse or neglect:

- Your organisation has not had any third-party inspections with a grading of Inadequate, Requires Urgent Improvement, Weak or Unsatisfactory
- You have in place a written safeguarding policy and accompanying procedures that clearly set out the actions to take in response to child and vulnerable adult abuse
- You carry out safer recruitment and selection processes that include the seeking of appropriate criminal records checks, alongside a renewal and update process
- All Employees and **volunteers** engaged in regulated activity and/or activity that brings them into contact with children or vulnerable adults receive safeguarding awareness training including refresher training
- You have one or more designated practitioners for safeguarding to support other practitioners in the organisation to recognise and respond to concerns about Abuse
- You retain employment records, safeguarding checks, safeguarding policies and procedures and safeguarding records for at least the prevailing regulatory best practice period.

If you provide services or activities to children, or adults who are in need of care and support and therefore may be unable to protect themselves against abuse or neglect, and you become non-compliant with any of the above statements, you must tell us, as it may affect your ability to claim under this policy.

## Important information

### Taking reasonable care

We require that you take reasonable care in managing your activities. Where appropriate this requires you to do the following:

- Keep written risk assessments for your key activities
- Keep written records of your staff and volunteer training. For example, manual handling training, or for use of tools and machinery
- Abide by any rules, guidelines or advice that is given to you by any relevant authority, such as a Local Authority, or the Health and Safety Executive

We want you to be confident about your insurance and understand what is required of you. Please contact us if you have any questions relating to the above.

## Lines of Cover applying

### Part A – Material damage

#### Table Headings

Contents (a)	Furniture, fixtures, fittings and tenants improvements
Contents (b)	Other contents and consumable stock not specified below including printed books and unused stationery
Contents (c)	Computer equipment, other office equipment and sports equipment
Contents (d)	Televisions, audio-visual and photographic equipment (excluding videos), beer, wine, spirits, tools and gardening equipment
Contents (e)	Tobacco
Contents (f)	Camcorders, videos and gaming machines
Contents (g)	Civic Regalia

#### Sums Insured

Premises Address	Buildings Sum Insured	Loss of Rent	Contents (a)	Contents (b)	Contents (c)	Contents (d)	Contents (e)	Contents (f)	Contents (g)
1. Springfield Meeting Place, Address, 45 Springfield Boulevard, Springfield, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 3JH	£1,302,729.99	N/A	£20,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
2. Address, Oldbrook Centre, Oldbrook Boulevard, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 2HX	£0.00	N/A	£8,715.00	£4,200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3. Address, Pavilion and store, Evans Gate, Oldbrook, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 2PY	£0.00	N/A	£2,100.00	£7,875.00	£0.00	£0.00	£1,050.00	£0.00	£0.00
4. Community Council Hub, Address, CPCC Community	£3,744,918.45	N/A	£128,850.75	£33,036.15	£16,590.00	£22,188.60	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Hub, Springfield, Milton Keynes, Buckinghamshire, MK6 3JS									
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**For Premises: 1, 2, 3, 4**

**Insured Perils applicable to Material Damage : 1-13, 15 & 16**

**Excesses Applicable to Premises 1**

The following Excesses apply to each and every loss arising in respect of each and every separate premises:

Accidental Damage	£250
Theft	£250
Riot civil commotion and Malicious Persons	£250
Storm or Flood	£250
Escape of Water	£250
Falling Trees or Branches	£250

**Excesses Applicable to Premises 2 & 3**

The following Excesses apply to each and every loss arising in respect of each and every separate premises:

Accidental Damage	£100
Theft	£100
Riot civil commotion and Malicious Persons	£250
Storm or Flood	£250
Escape of Water	£250
Falling Trees or Branches	£250

**Excesses Applicable to Premises 4**

The following Excesses apply to each and every loss arising in respect of each and every separate premises:

Accidental Damage	£100
Theft	£100
Riot civil commotion and Malicious Persons	£250
Storm or Flood	£250
Escape of Water	£250
Falling Trees or Branches	£250

**Operative Endorsements: 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9** (please refer to the Endorsement section of the policy wording)

**Part B – Business interruption**

Premises Address	Additional Expenditure	Indemnity Period (Months)	Loss of Data	Indemnity Period (Months)	Loss of Gross Revenue	Indemnity Period (Months)
All Premises	£10,000	12	N/A		£46,920	12

**For Premises:** 1, 2, 3, 4

**Insured Perils applicable to Business Interruption :** 1-13, 15 & 16

**Operative Endorsements:**

None

**Part C – All risks**
**Table Headings**

Contents (a)	Furniture, fixtures, fittings and tenants improvements
Contents (b)	Other Contents and consumable stock not specified below including printed books and unused stationery
Contents (c)	Computer Equipment, other office equipment and sports equipment
Contents (d)	Televisions, audio-visual and photographic equipment (excluding videos), beer, wine, spirits, tools and gardening equipment
Contents (e)	Tobacco
Contents (f)	Camcorders, videos and gaming machines
Contents (g)	Civic Regalia

**Additional Items:**

Where no premises address is shown, the item is not based at one location and cover is provided anywhere within the **territorial limits**.

Item Description	Sum Insured	Excess
Portaloo	£3,576.76	£250
General Contents	£26,947.98	£250
Outside Equipment	£9,800.09	£250
Playground Equipment	£31,940.00	£250
Sports Equipment	£1,352.23	£250
Street Furniture	£24,311.72	£250
Mowers, power tools and related equipment	£60,637.50	£250
Additional Play Equipment	£45,031.22	£250
6 x Defibrillators & cabinets	£9,500.00	£100
Gazebos	£5,250.00	£100

The excess stated applies to each and every loss.

**Operative Endorsements:** 1, 2, 3 & 7 (please refer to the Endorsement section of the policy wording)

**Part D – Money**

	<b>Limit any one loss</b>
1. Loss of Non-Negotiable Money in the situations specified in items 2(a), 2(b), 2(c)(i) and 2(c)(ii):	£250,000
2. Loss of other Money:	
(a) in transit in the custody of any <b>member</b> or <b>employee</b> or in transit by registered post (limit £250), or in a Bank Night Safe	£5,000
(b) in the private residence of any <b>member</b> or <b>employee</b>	£500
(c) in the <b>premises</b>	
(i) in the custody of or under the actual supervision of any <b>member</b> or <b>employee</b>	£5,000
(ii) in locked safes or strongrooms	£5,000
(iii) in locked receptacles other than safes or strongrooms	£500

**Excess:** £50 each and every loss

**Personal Accident Assault Limits:** Stated in Section 3(c) of the policy wording

**Operative Endorsements:**

1. In respect of **Section 1 – Special Definitions**, the definition of Person Insured is extended to include any person between the ages of 16 and 90.

**Part E – Public liability**

**Limit of Indemnity:** £12,000,000

**Operative Endorsements: None**

**Part F – Hirers' liability**

**Limit of Indemnity:** £2,000,000

**Excess:** £100 each and every claim for damage to the premises or contents caused other than by fire or explosion

**Operative Endorsements**

None

**Part G – Employers liability**

**Limit of Indemnity:** £10,000,000

**Operative Endorsements:**

None

**Part H – Libel and slander**

**Sum Insured**

£500,000

**Excess:** 10% each and every claim or £1,000 whichever is the lower

**Operative Endorsements**

None

**Part I – Motor vehicles**

**Additional Cover : Section 25**

T. Continuing Hire Charges	Not Operative
U. Occasional Business Use	Not Operative
V. Loss of No Claim Discount/Excess	Operative
W. Hiring Charges	Not Operative
X. Termination Charges	Not Operative

**Operative Endorsements:**

None

**Part J – Motor legal expenses and uninsured loss recovery**

**Limit of Indemnity:** £100,000 per insured incident

**Operative Endorsements:**

None

**Part N – Fidelity guarantee**

**Persons Guaranteed:**  
 All members and employees

**Sum Guaranteed**  
 £2,000,000

**Excess:** £100 each and every loss

**Operative Endorsements:**

None

**Part O – Personal accident**

The cover		
Category:	Insured Persons:	Operative Time:
A	Employees	Engaged in Usual Occupation including Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of <b>business</b>
B	<b>member</b>	Engaged in the <b>business</b> including undertaking Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of <b>business</b>
C	<b>volunteer</b>	Engaged in the <b>business</b> including undertaking Journeys and whilst commuting directly between place of residence and usual place of <b>business</b>
D	key personnel as follows:  Clerk	24 hours per day engaged in any activity worldwide not excluded from this cover.

Excesses	
Excesses:	Not applicable

Table of benefits				
Benefit:	Category:			
	A	B	C	D
1. Death	£100,000.00	£100,000.00	£Nil	£100,000
2. Loss of Limb (one or more) and/or Loss of Sight (in one or both eyes)	£100,000.00	£100,000.00	£Nil	£100,000
3A. Total Loss of Hearing (in both ears) and/or Total Loss of Speech	£100,000.00	£100,000.00	£Nil	£100,000
3B. Total Loss of Hearing in one ear	25% of 3A	25% of 3A	25% of 3A	25% of 3A
4. Permanent Total Disablement	£100,000.00	£100,000.00	£Nil	£100,000

5. Permanent Partial Disablement	See section 2.16	See section 2.16	See section 2.16	See section 2.16
6. Paraplegia	£75,000	£75,000	£Nil	£75,000
7. Quadriplegia	£125,000	£125,000	£Nil	£125,000
8. Temporary Total Disablement	£500.00 per week	£500.00 per week	£Nil	£500 per week for up to 10 weeks and £100 per week thereafter
9. Temporary Partial Disablement	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil	50% of 8 or Nil
Benefit Period – temporary disablement	104 weeks	104 weeks	104 weeks	104 weeks
Deferment Period – temporary disablement	0 days	0 days	0 days	0 days
<b>Operative endorsements</b>				
<b>Endorsement title:</b>	<b>Endorsement wording:</b>			
1	Special Exclusion 2 of Section 3 is inoperative provided always that the <b>insurer</b> will not make any payment of any benefit or in respect of any expense or loss arising from any Person Insured who has attained the age of 90 years unless such expense or loss arises during the period of insurance during which the Person Insured attains the age of 90			
2	<p>Key Personnel Cover Extension.</p> <p>The following activities are excluded:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) motor cycling</li> <li>b) racing of any kind other than on foot</li> <li>c) winter sports other than skiing or snowboarding in the United Kingdom on a dry ski slope or within a snow dome, skating or curling</li> <li>d) aerial pursuits including but not limited to ballooning, bungee-jumping, gliding, hang-gliding, micro lighting, parachuting, paragliding or parascending</li> <li>e) jet skiing or white water rafting</li> <li>f) mountaineering or rock climbing using ropes or guides</li> <li>g) hiking, trekking or mountaineering above 3,000 metres</li> <li>h) caving using caving equipment</li> <li>i) diving using external breathing apparatus</li> </ul>			

**Part P – Legal expenses****Insured Incidents:**

1. Employment Disputes and Compensation Awards	Operative
2. Legal Defence	Operative
3. Statutory Licence Appeal	Operative
4. Contract Disputes	Inoperative
5. Debt Recovery	Inoperative
6. Property Protection and Bodily Injury	Operative
7. Tax Protection	Operative

**Limit of Indemnity:** £200,000

**Operative Endorsements: None**

## General Notes

### 1. Fair presentation of the risk

You must make a fair presentation of the risk to us at inception, renewal and variation of your policy. This means that we must be told about all facts and circumstances which may be material to the risks covered by the policy and that you must not make a misrepresentation to us about any material facts. As part of your duty of fair presentation, you must ensure that the information detailed within the schedule is correct and complete. A material fact is one which would influence the acceptance or assessment of the risk. If you have any doubt about facts considered material, it is in your interests to disclose them to us.

Failure to make a fair presentation of the risk could result in the policy either being avoided, written on different terms or a higher premium being charged, depending on the circumstances surrounding the failure to present the risk fairly.

This policy is compliant with the principles of the Insurance Act 2015 law reforms. It also incorporates an 'opt out' which has the aim to promote good customer outcomes. We have opted-out of the 'proportionate reduction of claim remedy' available to insurers under the Insurance Act 2015. This means that in cases of non-disclosure or misrepresentation which are neither deliberate nor reckless, if we would have charged an additional premium had we known the relevant facts, we will charge that premium and pay any claims in full rather than reducing claims payments in proportion to the amount of premium that would have been charged.

We believe that our 'additional premium approach' should, in most situations, be more favourable to our customers when compared to the proportionate reduction of claim remedy. Our additional premium approach does not affect our right to apply the other remedies available under the Act for non-disclosure or misrepresentation.

### 2. Cancellation

All insurance policies run for a fixed period of time. The Insured can terminate an insurance contract verbally or in writing at any time by calling 0800 917 9531 or emailing [Customers.team@uk.zurich.com](mailto:Customers.team@uk.zurich.com). Zurich may cancel the policy by giving 30 days' notice in writing. In such an event the insured will be entitled to a return of premium in respect of the unexpired portion of the period of insurance.

If you cancel your policy before the start date, you will be entitled to a full refund of premium. If you cancel within 14 days of the start date, you will be entitled to a full refund of premium, providing no claim has been made. After 14 days, if no claim has been made, we may offer a full or partial refund, depending on the time the policy was on risk and the circumstances at the time of the cancellation request. Please note, a cancellation charge of £50 may be applied.

### 3. Bonus and fee structure

Employees and businesses who carry out work for ZIC UK are remunerated in various different ways for selling insurance contracts. Employees receive a basic salary and also receive a bonus based on a number of factors, including the achievement of sales and quality targets. Businesses which work for the insurer on an outsourced basis receive a fee and also additional payments based on a number of factors, including the achievement of sales and quality targets.

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**COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS  
JUNE 2026 – MAY 2027**

These dates have taken into account Bank Holidays, Easter and Christmas  
but may be subject to change based on future operational need.

\* Planning consultations to be considered by Council/Delegated powers where period between Planning mtgs exceeds 4 weeks  
+ meeting to only be held if required.

JUNE				JULY				AUGUST			
Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee
Mon	1	6.30	Planning	Mon	6	6.30	Planning	Mon	10	6.30	Planning
Tue	2	6.30	FA&P	Tue	7	6.30	Personnel	Tue	18	7.30	<b>ECM+</b>
Tue	16	7.30	<b>Council*</b>	Tue	14	6.30	Estates	A meeting of Council or Committees will be convened if there is urgent business to consider			
Mon	22	6.30	Sustainability	Tue	21	7.30	<b>Council*</b>				
				Tue	28	6.30	Community& Comms				
SEPTEMBER				OCTOBER				NOVEMBER			
Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee
Mon	7	6.30	Planning	Mon	5	6.30	Planning	Mon	2	6.30	Planning
Tue	8	6.30	FA&P	Tue	6	6.30	Personnel	Tue	10	6.30	Estates
Tue	15	6.30	Estates	Tue	13	6.30	Sustainability	Tue	17	7.30	<b>Council*</b>
Tue	22	7.30	<b>Council</b>	Tue	20	7.30	<b>Council</b>	Tue	24	6.30	Community& Comms
				Tue	27	6.30	Community& Comms				
DECEMBER				JANUARY				FEBRUARY			
Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee
Tue	1	6.30	FA&P	Mon	4	6.30	Planning	Mon	1	6.30	Planning
Mon	7	6.30	Planning	Tue	5	6.30	Personnel	Tue	16	7.30	<b>Council</b>
Tue	15	7.30	<b>Council</b>	Tue	12	6.30	Estates	Tue	23	6.30	Community& Comms
				Tue	19	7.30	<b>Council</b>				
				Tue	26	6.30	Community& Comms				
MARCH				APRIL				MAY			
Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee	Day	Date	Time	Committee
Mon	1	6.30	Planning	Mon	5	6.30	Planning	Tue	4	6.30	Planning
Tue	2	6.30	FA&P	Tue	6	6.30	Personnel	Tue	11	6.30	Estates
Tue	9	6.30	Estates	Tue	13	6.30	Sustainability	Tue	18	6:30 7:30	<b>AMC Council</b>
Tue	16	7.30	<b>Council*</b>	Tue	20	7.30	<b>Council</b>	Tue	25	6.30	Community& Comms
Tue	23	6.30	Annual Mtg of Electors	Tue	27	6.30	Community & Comms				