

COWES TOWN COUNCIL



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20 January 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the FINANCE, ACQUISITIONS & STAFFING COMMITTEE to be held in the **Dining Room, Northwood House, Cowes (enter via St Mary's door) on Tuesday 27 January 2026 at 6.15pm** to consider the following matters set out in the agenda.

R. Shaul
Richard Shaul
Responsible Financial Officer

AGENDA

1. To receive any apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest.
 - a) To receive members Declarations of Interest on items on the agenda
 - b) To receive, consider and grant as appropriate, any written requests for dispensation for disclosable pecuniary interests
3. To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the Finance, Acquisitions & Staffing Committee Meeting held on 25 November 2025
4. **Finance & Acquisitions**
 - a) To receive the Financial Statement as at 31 December 2025
 - b) To consider the draft Reserves Policy
 - c) To consider the following Applications for Grant:
 - i. IW Community Club – Fully Accessible Playpark - £1,500
 - ii. Feeding Isle of Wight – Relocation costs - £5,000
 - iii. Cowes Classics Day 2026 – Contribution to costs of Cowes Classics Day - £1,500
 - d) To consider allocating a budget of £10,000 for inspections and strain testing of flags and banner fixings (Projects Committee Meeting - 13 January 2026, Minute No. 717a) refers)
 - e) To receive an update on the existing Household Support Fund of £5,000
5. **Staffing**
 - a) To consider staff membership of the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
 - b) To consider the draft Contracts of Employment for the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer
 - c) To receive an update on the Team Building & Alignment Plan
 - d) To discuss any other staffing matters
 - e) Health and Safety matters
 - f) Staff concerns

6. To receive any items for inclusion on a future agenda

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND