

COWES TOWN COUNCIL



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21 July 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 28 July 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 23 June 2026
4. **Finance & Acquisitions**
 - a) To receive the Financial Statements as at 30 June 2026.
 - b) To consider the following application for grants:
 - i. Isle of Wight Literary Festival - £1,500
 - c) To consider providing financial support to the Royal British Legion, Cowes branch for the Remembrance Parade buffet 2026 - £600
Note - Although Cowes Town Council have given this support in prior years, these payments should really be treated as a grant and so for future years a grant application should be requested.
 - d) To consider amending Financial Regulations to allow for making regular payments by Direct Debit.
Several regular suppliers have requested that payments could be made by direct debit. Currently Cowes Town Council's Financial Regulations do not have provision for making payments by direct debit.
 - e) To consider proposed Grants policy
 - f) To consider Sponsorship policy
 - g) To consider hospitality policy
 - h) To receive an update on the Household Support Fund.

5. Finance and Acquisitions – items for noting

- a) Appointment of a new payroll provider
- b) Backdating of Employers pension contributions (approximate value £2,000)

6. Staffing

- a) To discuss any staffing matters.
- b) To discuss any Health and Safety matters.
- c) To discuss any Staff concerns.

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

THE PUBLIC AND PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND