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MINUTES OF THE POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING OF EASTLEIGH TOWN COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 APRIL 2026 AT 7 PM AT THE CABLEWORKS BUILDING, TINNING WAY, EASTLEIGH

Those Present: Cllr Alex Clifton (Chair), Cllr Peter Barret and Cllr S Phillips.

In Attendance: R Davies - Town Clerk
N Barfield – Deputy Town Clerk

50 / 25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RESOLVED: That the council **received** and **approved** the apologies for the reasons stated for Cllr Paul Bicknell, Cllr Josh Constable, Cllr Eileen Marks, Cllr Gaz Richardson, Cllr P Varadharajan and Cllr Tanya Park.

51 / 25 REGISTER OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were no declarations of interest for matters on the agenda.

52 / 25 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

52 / 25 / 1 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee **approved** the Minutes of the meeting held on the 11 February 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting and were duly signed by the Chair of the Committee

52 / 25 / 2 The Clerk provided an update regarding the actions:

45 / 25 RFO FINANCE REPORTS TO 31 DECEMBER 2025

ACTION: Cllr Bicknell requested that the Officers contact Scribe to determine whether the lists can be ordered numerically.

The Clerk advised that Scribe have confirmed they are unable to order the lists numerically

50 / 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

ACTION: The Officers to obtain legal advice on its operation after the merger.

The Clerk advised that, in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, until the Full Council meeting in May, when councillors are formally appointed to Committees. Boyatt Wood Councillors are welcome to attend meetings in the capacity of residents rather than as Councillors.

53 / 25 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Five members of the public were present, four of whom were representatives for the Community Grant Applications and gave presentations to the Committee when their applications were considered.

54 / 25 TO RECEIVE FOR REVIEW AND APPROVAL COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS

54 / 25 / 1 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the grant application from Eastleigh 1216 Air Training Corps Squadron for £800.00

54 / 25 / 2 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the grant application from Sport in the Community for £800.00

54 / 25 / 3 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the grant application from The Empowerment Engine for £800.00

54 / 25 / 4 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the grant application from Veterans Support for £734.00

54 / 25 / 5 **RESOLVED:** That the Committee approved the grant application from Wessex Cancer Support for £709.00

The Committee also brought forward a proposal and

RESOLVED: to offer the above grant applicants the use of the ETCH Centre at no cost for their pilot projects, with this support provided in addition to their awarded grants and not deducted from the allocated amounts, enabling the funding to be fully directed towards project delivery.

55 / 25 RFO FINANCE REPORTS TO 31 MARCH 2026

55 / 25 / 1 The Committee **received** the Finance Report for the period of 1 Jan to 31 Mar and thanked the Clerk for their work.

55 / 25 / 2 The Committee **received** and

RESOLVED: To **unanimously approve** the detailed list of payments and receipts by cost centre to 31 March 2026.

55 / 25 / 3 The Committee **received** the Summary and Net Position reports to 31 March 2026.

56 / 25 TO RECEIVE FOR APPROVAL THE PROPOSED YEAR END ACTIONS

56 / 25 / 1 The Committee **received** and

RESOLVED: To **approve** the proposed reserve movements as proposed by the RFO.

56 / 25 / 2 The Committee **received** and

RESOLVED: To **approve** the **recommendation** to Full Council for **approval** of the Annual Governance Statement as part of the AGAR return due by 1 July 2026

56 / 25 / 3 The Committee **received** and

RESOLVED: To **approve** the One-off Events additional information requirement as it relates to asset transfers and Christmas

56 / 25 / 4 The Committee **received** and **noted** the Intermediate Audit questions and evidence for 2025 26 from BDO

57 / 25 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

47 / 25 / 1 The Committee **received** and made no amendments to the Biodiversity Policy that was approved by Council on 18 March 2026

47 / 25 / 2 The Committee **received** and

RESOLVED: To **approve** the amended Financial Regulations and proposal for an Internal Control Working Group

58 / 25 PRECEPT COMMUNICATION

58 / 25 / 1 The Committee **received** an update from the Deputy Clerk that the precept communication had been issued to all residents by 1 April 2026.

59 / 25 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Committee **agreed** the scheduled date of the next meeting as 24th June 2026

The meeting closed at 8:33 pm

Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Chair _____

Date _____