



2026

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Finance Governance & Performance Agenda

Monday 9th March 2026



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Wednesday 4th March 2026

Dear Councillors R Cleary, P Aves, E Calland, J Crossley, M Drewett, A Griffin and A Westbrook

You are summoned in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) to a meeting of Finance Governance & Performance Committee of Melksham Town Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Monday 9th March **2026**, to be held at 19.00 in the Council Chamber, Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 7ES.

The quorum for Finance Governance & Performance is 4.

Public Participation.

Members of the public and the press may attend this meeting in person or join the meeting on teams via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/44ypv3uf> . Public participation will take place near the start of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to three minutes, with a total public session of 20 minutes. Members of the public are requested to send their question to CEO@melksham-tc.gov.uk by noon on the working day before the meeting. You should still attend the meeting, in person or online, to ask your question.

No decisions will be made on matters not already on the agenda. The Council may ask the public and press to leave if confidential matters need to be discussed.

The Seven Principles of Public Life.

All members are reminded of their duty under the code of conduct to uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell – CEO

Finance, Governance & Performance Committee

The Finance and Administration & Performance Committee is primarily responsible for financial oversight, management, and planning, ensuring the council operates responsibly and effectively with its financial resources. This includes monitoring income and expenditure, reviewing the annual accounts, approving the award of grants, and advising on policy and strategic financial matters.

1. Membership: Seven elected members.

- 1.1. Invited officers relevant to planning and economic development, who will have no voting rights.
- 1.2. No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least 50% of the whole number of members of the Committee, rounded up, are present.
- 1.3. Substitution of Members - Substitutes should be nominated by the Member of the Committee planning to be absent and notified to the Proper Officer in writing by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

2. Delegated Business: The Committee has delegated authority to deal with the following matters to conclusion:

- 2.1 All financial matters, other than those which Full Council have statutory responsibility for as stated within the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations.
- 2.2 Oversight of the Monthly Management Accounts produced by the RFO.
- 2.3 To receive reports of paid invoices for goods and services.
- 2.4 Oversight of budgets drafted by the RFO for submission to Full Council for decision.
- 2.5 To set up such Sub-Committees and Working Groups as necessary.
- 2.6 Specific matters referred by the Town Council.
- 2.7 Agree and have oversight of maintenance contracts and budgets for all services.
- 2.8 To act as a Tender Committee as and when necessary to report the outcome of any tendering procedure to Full Council.
- 2.9 Receive updates/amendments to Policy Documents, Standing Orders, Financial Regulations and Terms of Reference from the Town Clerk for consideration and onward approval by Full Council. This includes all necessary legislation updates.
- 2.10 Monitor and report on the performance of the Town Council in meeting the objectives set out in its Action Plan.
- 2.11 Receive petitions and deputations from members of the public or any organisation.

3. Referred Business: The Committee will consider and make recommendations to the Town Council on the following matters:

- 3.1 All matters of policy.
- 3.2 Budget estimates to be prepared by the RFO no later than November each year.



3.3 Monitoring the performance of the Town Council in meeting its obligations, Action Plan and internal objectives. Monitoring Income and Expenditure within the Budget estimates approved by the Town Council and make necessary recommendations.

3.4 Any other matters referred to the Committee by the Town Council which is not otherwise within the Finance and Administration Terms of Reference.



AGENDA

Finance Governance & Performance

1. Apologies. **19.00 – 19.01**

To receive and consider acceptance for apologies and absences

(Local Government Act, 1972 s.85)

2. Declaration of interests. **19.01 – 19.02**

To declare an interest relating to the business of the meeting.

(Melksham Town Council Code of Conduct)

3. Minutes **19.02 – 19.05**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12)

4. Public participation **19.05 – 19.25**

To allow public participation, 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes allocation.

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12)

5. Resolutions from Previous Meeting **19.25 – 19.30**

To review progress on resolutions made at previous meeting.

Resolution - to appoint Goughs Solicitors, Melksham to act as the Council's legal representatives and Wellers to provide specialist advice and support in relation to Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and Section 106 matters.

Action – Initial contact made with Goughs by Committee Clerk. CEO to meet with Goughs Wednesday 18th March.

6. Draft Heads of Terms for Sports Field at Champion Drive Melksham **19.30 – 19.40**

Ongoing discussions between Melksham Town Council, Wiltshire Council, and Future of Football regarding the sports field and pavilion at Champion Drive.

Following our recent site visit with all parties involved, there is now a clear opportunity for Melksham Town Council to become the leaseholder for the site, with Future of Football taking on a third-party lease. This arrangement would secure the future of the



field and pavilion for community and sporting use, with both councils and Future of Football working collaboratively.

Recommendation that the council proceed with signing the lease for the site, as outlined in the draft Heads of Terms provided by Wiltshire Council. Once this is in place, we can continue negotiations with Future of Football to agree on the next steps for their involvement and use of the facilities.

7. Park Leases **19.40 - 19.50**

A lease for Primrose Play Area was agreed but has never been formally signed.

To approve the signing of Primrose Drive Play Area Lease.

8. CCTV **19.50 -20.10**

To approve quote from Smart Integrated Services for Edge Recording and upgrade of core network to 60Ghz and approve funding source with advice from RFO.

Total cost **£16623.80 plus £3324.76 VAT.**

To note – quotes have been requested from other companies but have not been supplied.

9. Amended Communications Policy **20.10 – 20.30**

For approval

10. Proposal to relocate from Bowerhill **20.20 – 20.50**

For approval

Total cost **£18250.00**

11. IT Upgrade **20.50 – 21.10**

Recommendation to approve the purchase of IT equipment allocated from the IT budget 2025 -2026. Some existing equipment to be to be retained as reserve with the remainder donated to Wiltshire Digital Drive.

Total cost **£10069.15 exc vat**



12. EP AMP XL Electric Utility Vehicle for the Amenities Team

21.10 – 21.20

For decision.

The approved 2026/27 budget allocated **£420.00 per month** for the lease of this vehicle. However, the original quotation has since expired, and the leasing company's updated price was **£479.00 per month**.

Our broker, *Planet Leasing*, has successfully renegotiated the terms and secured a revised rate of **£445.76 per month**. This equates to an annual increase of **£309.12**, applied over the full **36-month contract hire period**.

The Amenities Team has already received the two new Maxus T90 pickup trucks, but one additional vehicle is still required to meet operational needs.

Subject to the Council's approval, we can proceed with signing the amended contract to enable delivery of the vehicle at the earliest opportunity.

13. Financials

21.20 – 21.30

To receive financial reports

- 13.1 Unity Bank
- 13.2 Unity Savings
- 13.3 CCLA Investment
- 13.4 Income & Expenditure with Variances
- 13.5 Annual Budget
- 13.6 Balance Sheet
- 13.7 Trial Balance
- 13.8 Payments over £500
- 13.9 Credit Control

14. Bank Reconciliations

21.30 -21.40

- 14.1 Unity
- 14.2 Petty Cash



14.3 CCLA

14.4 Cambridge

14.5 Unity Saver

15. Item to Note

21.40 -21.41

Venues Manager will become a MTC credit Card holder.

