

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council Finance and Audit Committee:
Cllr Blagrove, Cllr Crotty, Cllr El, Cllr Huseyin, Cllr Peters, Cllr Rustem, Cllr Wilson, Cllr Winter

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

to be held in the **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road,**

Bexhill-on-Sea

on **Wednesday 11th February 2026 at 6:30pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:

Michelle Webber

Deputy Clerk

5th February 2026

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.

Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014.

Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

In accordance with standing order 3(e) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(f), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. 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. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. 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.

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

4. CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. MINUTES

To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday 14th January 2026.

(Appendix A)

6. GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

a) To receive bank reconciliation as of 31st January 2026.

(Appendix B)

b) To consider budget position as of 31st January 2026.

(Appendix C)

c) To receive payment listing as of January 2026.

(Appendix D)

d) To receive the balance sheet, including ear-marked reserves as of 31st January 2026.

(Appendix E)

e) To receive CCLA update.

7. GRANTS AND DONATIONS

a) To consider grants as per appendix F.

(Appendix F)

8. TO REVIEW CIL POLICY FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

a) To review the Community Infrastructure Levy Policy for community groups.

(Appendix G)

9. RECCOMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

10. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr Peters

That the Town Council amends its Grant Policy to permit grant applications for events or activities scheduled to take place within the first three months of a new financial year to be submitted, considered, and approved during the final quarter of the preceding financial year, subject to the following conditions:

1. All standard grant criteria remain applicable, including submission of required evidence and documentation.

2. Funding for such applications, if approved, shall be allocated from the grant budget of the upcoming financial year.
3. Applications may be considered at any Finance & Audit Committee meeting held during the final quarter of the preceding financial year, ensuring applicants have adequate opportunity to seek support without being disadvantaged by meeting schedules.
4. The prohibition on retrospective applications shall remain in force, except where an application has been submitted and approved in advance under this provision.

11. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

12. RISK REGISTER

- a) To consider any new risks for future mitigation.

13. OVERVIEW OF ANNUAL INTERNAL CONTROL TASKS OF THE COUNCIL

January	Submit Precept to Rother District Council
February	Review Standing Orders/Financial Regs and policies for Full Council AGM, obtain three quotes for insurance policy renewal
March	Review annual financial risk assessment
April	Complete year end accounts and AGAR, produce annual report, insurance policy renews,
May	AGM – adoption of policies, internal audit, review asset register
June	Approval of AGAR, review internal controls, complete internal audit
July	Electors rights period, Annual VAT return
August	RFO to begin budget drafting
September	Committees prepare budget forecasts, F&GP review salary budgets
October	Committees prepare budget forecasts
November	F&A review committee forecasts and prepare budget for full council review
December	Full council approve annual budget

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 11TH MARCH 2026

All motions for the next meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee on 11th March 2026 must be received by the 28th February 2026.