



**MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025 AT THE ALLENS, ALBION ROAD, MARDEN
COMMENCING AT 7.30PM**

105/25 PRESENT

Cllrs Adam, Boswell, Gibson, Newton, Rabot, Tippen (in the chair) and Turner were present. The Deputy Clerk was also in attendance.

106/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllr Goda. The Clerk also gave her apologies. Absent: Cllr Summersgill

In the Clerk's absence the Deputy Clerk took the minutes.

107/25 COUNCILLOR INFORMATION

Declaration of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of interest

Changes to Register of Interest

There were no changes to Cllrs Registers of Interest

Granting of Dispensation

There were no requests for dispensation

108/25 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Cllrs agreed to defer the minutes of the Full Council held on 14th January to the February meeting.

109/25 IDENTIFICATION OF ITEMS INVOLVING PUBLIC SPEAKING

There were no members of the public in attendance.

110/25 FINANCE

2025/2026 Budget

The Clerk had circulated the documents prior to the meeting and Cllrs agreed the proposed budget set by Finance Committee for the financial year 2025/2026.

2025/2026 Precept

Cllrs agreed the proposed 2025/2026 Precept for £209,526.73 (Band D equivalent: £99.45pa / £8.29pm *increase of £16.73pa / £1.40 pm*). The main reasons for this increase are a reduction in the tax base of properties paying council tax, increase in employer's National Insurance contributions, a need to start rebuilding the council's reserves to a more sustainable level and a general percentage increase on essential services.

The Chairman signed the request form for Maidstone Borough Council which the Clerk would countersign and return to MBC before 31st January.

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 7.40pm.

Cllr Kate Tippen, Chairman

Date: 11th February 2025

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