

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE
HELD ON 7 MAY 2026**

PRESENT: Councillors Chowns, Harvey (Chair), Hughes, and Morris

ALSO PRESENT:

Angela Price – Town Clerk

R350. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received.

R351. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received

R352. TO APPROVE AND SIGN AS A CORRECT RECORD THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE RESOURCES COMMITTEE HELD ON 23 APRIL 2026

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Resources Committee held on 23 April 2026 be approved and signed as a correct record.

R353. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Resources Meeting will be agreed at the Annual Council Meeting on 14 May 2026.

R354. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Administration to Meetings Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

R355. CODE OF CONDUCT MATTERS

The Chair provide an overview on the actions of Councillor Bradford following the meeting of Council held on 23 April which included him suggesting that by being asked in that meeting whether he had reconsidered his stance on the recommendations of the Standards Panel and sharing a confidential document with Councillors and staff

members which was only in his possession because of a breach of confidentiality by a former Councillor.

The Chair stated that the Council has a duty of care towards staff and that it was not unreasonable for him to be asked the question in full council and that his response and actions to this and his continued refusal not to comply with sanctions placed upon him by the Standards Panel were not acceptable.

Members were asked to consider whether the draft proposed complaint to the Monitoring Officer was measured and appropriate and whether it should be sent to the Monitoring Officer for consideration.

Clarification was sought on whether it was proposed that the Resources Committee would be submitting the Complaint independently or whether it would be on behalf of the Council. The Chair advised that the Committee still had delegated powers to deal with the outcome of the complaint against Councillor Bradford, notably due to him not having complied with the outcome. It was agreed that it should be made clear when submitting the complaint to the Monitoring Officer that the Resources Committee are submitting the complaint under delegated powers placed on the committee by the Council and with the responsibility of the committee for dealing with staff matters.

Members agreed that the draft submission was well structured and authentic draft.

RESOLVED:

That the Chair be authorised to submit the proposed code of complaint, on behalf of the Resources Committee, acting under delegated authority from Full Council and being mindful of the Council's responsibility towards staff.

The meeting ended at 21:13.

Signed

Dated: