



Minutes of Meeting of the Finance and Compliance Committee held on 16 February 2026 at 6.30 pm Hybrid Meeting at the Ostreme Centre & via Teams

Councillors Present: Rob Marshall (Chair), Tim Zhou, Ian Scott and Carrie Townsend Jones

Officers Present: Kerry Grabham – CO Ian Hughes – CSO

FI2602-01	<p>Apologies: Cllrs Sara Keeton, Martin O'Neill, Pam Erasmus, Richard Jarvis and Phil Keeton,</p>
FI2602-02	<p>Declarations of Interest: None</p>
FI2602-03	<p>Minutes of the Previous Meeting of the Committee To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2026 as a true record.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 19th January 2025 as a true record.</p>
FI2602-04	<p>Outstanding Actions from Previous Meeting Outstanding actions outlined by the CSO.</p> <p>RESOLVED outstanding actions updated, and new actions to be recorded in 'outstanding action' report by CSO.</p>



<p>FI2602-05</p>	<p>Budget Monitoring Reports to 31/12/2025 - Paul Beynon, RFO Reports attached.</p> <p>Financial reports prepared by RFO Paul Beynon, had previously been circulated to councillors. No queries regarding these reports were raised prior to the meeting.</p> <p>Whilst no queries arose in relation to the financial reports, The Chair, Cllr Townsend Jones proposed that the budget for hybrid meeting equipment (£1,400) be made available for a roving microphone to facilitate meetings at Ostreme.</p> <p>RECOMMENDED: That up to £1,400 contained within the hybrid meeting equipment budget be made available for the acquisition of a mobile microphone for use at meetings at Ostreme.</p> <p>RESOLVED to approve the above reports</p>
<p>FI2602-06</p>	<p>External Evaluation Update</p> <p>The CO outlined that she had recently circulated an evaluation report which had been prepared by an external consultant. The report contained a number of recommendations.</p> <p>RESOLVED: Due to the Evaluation report having only recently been circulated to members it was agreed that the recommendations contained within the report should be discussed at March's Meeting once members have had an opportunity to consider the report in detail.</p> <p>Outstanding recommendations from the report to be created as actions on 'outstanding action list' in order to progress the matter.</p> <p>ACTION CO to provide CSO with outstanding actions who will in turn document the actions on the 'outstanding action report'.</p>



<p>FI2602-07</p>	<p>Finance and Governance Toolkit</p> <p>The CO outlined that she had circulated the report in relation to this item to members prior to the meeting. The CO believed that all bar one of the recommendations, relating to the MCC Website would be completed before the end of March 2026.</p> <p>A discussion took place on how best to progress the recommendations. Due to a number of items falling within the jurisdiction of other committees, it was proposed that the chairs of the other committees participate in the process.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION That all four chairs of the MCC Committees meet to discuss how the recommendations contained within the Finance and Governance Toolkit Report can be progressed.</p>

Meeting Finished at 6.41pm

Next meeting: 16th March 2026