



EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

From: Simon Cross Clerk to the Council

9th February 2026

Dear Councillor and Parishioners

RE: FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AND COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED to a Meeting of the above Committee to be held on **Monday, 16th February 2026** at East Preston Infant School, Lashmar Road, East Preston commencing at **18:00**.

The Public has the right to attend; however, numbers are currently limited and attendance should be booked in advance. Please call the Council Office before midday on the day of the meeting to book a space.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

To: All Members of the Finance and General Purposes Committee

A G E N D A

1. Introductions.
2. Apologies and Reasons for Absence.
3. Members and Officers are reminded to make any declarations of personal and/or prejudicial/pecuniary Interests they may have in relation to items on this Agenda.

This interest should be declared by stating:

- a) The item you have the interest in

- b) Whether it is a personal interest and the nature of the interest
- c) Whether it is also a prejudicial/pecuniary interest
- d) If it is a prejudicial/pecuniary interest, whether you will be exercising your right to speak under Public Question Time

Members and Officers will then need to re-declare any prejudicial/pecuniary interest at the commencement of the item or when the interest becomes apparent.

4. A **Public Question Time** of up to fifteen minutes.

Note: This Question Time is the only opportunity at which “Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.” (Standing Order 3e)

Each “member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.” (Standing Order 3g)

Members of the public are respectfully asked to identify themselves clearly when they begin to speak and not to talk during the rest of the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman of the Council.

- 5. To agree to create a ringfenced reserve for Major Events – Christmas Celebrations and to agree to vire money from the 2025/26 Community Engagement budget to the 2025/26 Major Events budget.
- 6. Leases Working Party: to consider a new proposal from the council’s negotiator in the matter of the lease renewal to East Preston & Kingston Bowls Club.
- 7. Warren Recreation Ground: to consider further financing of the mediation exercise.
- 8. Grant Aid: to consider three-year grants.
- 9. To review the council’s earmarked reserves.
- 10. To consider any matters related to the purchase of 118-120 Sea Road.
- 11. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th December 2025.
- 12. To receive an update on matters from previous meetings.
- 13. New items to be referred to the next meetings (12th May, 19:00).

This meeting is open to the public. Where possible, members of the public are to be present five minutes before the start of the meeting.

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