

MINUTES
of
An Especial Meeting of New Romney Town Council
Held in the Council Chamber, New Romney
on Monday 20th January 2025
Commencing at 6.45pm

PRESENT: The Right Worshipful the Mayor of New Romney,
Councillor John Rivers

Town Ward:
Councillors: J Davies, P Carey and E Carr

Coast Ward:
Councillors: P Coe, P Thomas, J Hiscock, S O'Hare and K Terry

In Attendance:
Town Clerk & RFO - Mrs C Newcombe

IN THE CHAIR
The Mayor – Councillor J Rivers

475/2024-25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
None.

476/2024-25 **DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**
No new applications for Dispensation to Participate had been processed by the Town Clerk.

477/2024-25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
@6.45PM all Councillors present declared a DPI (Disclosable Pecuniary Interest) in respect of the setting of the Precept for 2025-26, stating that they had been granted dispensation to participate and vote in respect of this matter.

478/2023-24 **PRECEPT REQUIREMENT 2025-26**
Having duly considered the draft budgetary requirement for 2025-26 and the resulting Precept requirement for 2025-26, and having noted that the proposed Budget requirement and output Precept requirement had been vigorously debated by the Finance and General Purposes Committee, it was:

(i)

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Terry
SECONDED BY: Councillor Thomas

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that New Romney Town Council’s net budget requirement for 2025-26, in the amount of £429,562.00, be hereby confirmed and approved.

(ii)

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Coe
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that New Romney Town Council’s Precept requirement for 2025-26, in the amount of £429,562.00 be hereby confirmed and approved.

(iii)

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Hiscock
SECONDED BY: Councillor Davies

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that the Town Clerk and / or the RFO be authorised to submit the formal Precept demand to Folkestone & Hythe District Council by the due deadline and, in consultation with the Chairman of the Council, to issue an associated press release.

The Clerk was thanked for the detailed and clear report that supported the Council in considering this matter.

The Chairman thanked the Councillors and Clerk for their attendance and the meeting then concluded @ **6.54PM**.

NB: All documents referred to herein are available at the Town Hall for perusal on request, except for those documents of a sensitive / legal nature discussed in private session, including documents relating to staff matters which remain Private and Confidential in accordance with Data Protection legislation.

Minutes prepared by the Town Clerk