



14 March, 2025

Dear Councillor

FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

You are summonsed to attend a Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on Thursday, **20 March, 2025** in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, East Preston, that will be held following a meeting of the Planning Committee that commences at 7 pm.

Members of the Public are also welcome to join the meeting and will be given an opportunity to make representation to the Committee.

Val Knight

Mrs V Knight
Clerk of the Council

A G E N D A

1. **Welcome and Safety Procedures**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** - To receive any declarations under the Council's Code of Conduct and consider any dispensation requests
4. **Public Opportunity** - An opportunity for the Public to make representations, ask or answer questions and give evidence to the Committee on matters relating to items on this agenda.
5. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January, 2025 (circulated).
6. **Payments** - To consider the report of the Clerk on accounts and financial matters, including a summary of costs re Judicial Review (attached).
7. **Budget 2025/26** – To note correspondence with District on the Precept increase for 2025/26.

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**Clerk's Report on Financial Matters for the
Meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee on 20 March, 2025**

1. **Account Balance** - To note the balance on bank account as at 28 February, 2025 was £24,897.48 after taking into account receipts not previously reported of bank interest of £80.55 and £9,465 gross donations re the Judicial Review fundraiser, as well as payments not previously reported to Committee and shown below:

Payee	Payment method	Re:	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Date
Arun District Council	Direct Debit	Payroll recharge	388.70	-	388.70	13/01/25
Arun District Council	Direct Debit	Payroll recharge	388.70	-	388.70	12/02/25

Payee	Re:	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Cheque No.
Sharpe Pritchard *	Judicial Review: Solicitor/Barrister fees	4915.95	901.79	5817.74	022
Sharpe Pritchard *	Judicial Review: Costs awarded against Council to defendant and Interested Party	10,000.00	-	10,000.00	023
Crowdfunder *	Administrative charges	174.69	34.99	209.68	Deduction by Crowdfunder

* Approved at a meeting of Council on 20 February, 2025

Payments for Approval:

Payee	Re:	Net £	VAT £	Total £	Cheque No.
Our Lady Star of the Sea	Use of hall 2024-25	198.00	-	198.00	024
V Knight	Reimbursements: Stamps Annual claim for office costs -heating, lighting etc. per budget Annual claim for mileage – per budget cap Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) – Annual subscription	12.60 312.00 144.00 110.00	- - - -	578.60	025

3. **Update on Judicial Review costs** - Attached APPENDIX 1.

APPENDIX 1

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Judicial Review Re Planning Application K/46/23/PL - Information on costs as at 13 March 2025 (all figures Net of VAT)

Legal Fees and Costs awarded

October 2024:

- Barristers Advice on merits of
Judicial Review Application £ 3,000.00

November 2024 – February 2025

- Solicitor and Barrister £ 9,792.40

February 2025

- Costs awarded by the Court £10,000.00

Total £22,792.40

Funding for the above:

Amounts donated

Crowdfunder (gross) £6,465

Direct to Bank £7,580

Total Donations £14,045.00

KPC

KPC Planning Reserve £6,000.00

KPC General Fund £2,747.40

KPC Funding Total* £ 8,747.40

Total £22,792.40

*Note for completeness: in addition, Council will meet the administrative fee charged by Crowdfunder £174.69 and a CHAPS fee of £21.