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THESE MINUTES NOT YET CONFIRMED

**LOUGHTON TOWN COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES of the Meeting held on Wednesday 28 January 2026 at 7pm at  
1 Buckingham Court, Rectory Lane, Loughton IG10 2QZ**

**Present**

**Councillors:**

D Wixley (in the chair)

I Allgood

A Fricker

K-W Lee

C Pond

C Ubah

R Brookes

S Harriman

N MacKinnon

M Stubbings

K Valentine

S Fontenelle

L House

S Murray

R Sylvan

**Officers:**

M Squire (Town Clerk)

C Carroll (Responsible Financial Officer) (RFO)

The Chairman reported that the meeting was being recorded.

**145 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Dodd, Minhas, Murphy, Obaseki and Riley

**146 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest

**147 Public Representations**

None were received.

**148 Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10 December 2025 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

**149 Questions Without Discussion**

None were received.

**150 Town Mayor's / Town Clerk's Report**

Members NOTED the request for implementing the 'Gov.uk' e-mail addresses.

**151 Town Council Table of Meetings for 2026/27**

Members AGREED the timetable of meetings.

**152 Council Precept and Budget for 2026/27**

Members received and noted all the reports relevant to this agenda item.

The Town Clerk outlined the parameters of the following year's budget. A member requested that funding for '24 hour' street lighting in Loughton should be considered and members agreed that this would be reviewed again in the next Town Council year.

**The Council AGREED**

- I. the budget for 2026/27
- II. the increase in earmarked (funds) reserves for 2026/27; and
- III. the level of the Precept for 2026/27.

The Council CONFIRMED that the Council's precept for 2026/27 will be set at £1,104,681.00. This will set the Loughton proportion of the annual council tax for a band D property as £83.26, an increase of £2.78 from the current year of £80.48 and represents a 3.46% increase per household per year.

**153 Town Mayor's Engagements and Announcements**

The Town Mayor's report was NOTED. The Town Mayor gave an overview of the events attended since the last meeting. He had so far raised £530 on his 'Favourite Walk in Epping Forest' events which would be continued.

**154 Reports from Committees**

**154.1 Planning and Licensing**

The report from the meetings held on 15 December 2025, 5 and 19 January 2026 were NOTED

**154.2 Recreation**

The report from the meeting held on 14 January 2026 was NOTED.

**154.3 Resources and General Services**

The report from the meeting held on 14 January 2026 was NOTED.

**155 Reports from Members on Outside Organisations**

There were no reports to note. However following a request from the Chairman, Cllr Murray commented on the ongoing initiatives and events organised by the 'Oakwood Hill Community' and the continued good work of the Oakwood Hill Community Engagement Officer, Claire Evans.

Signed .....  
25 February 2026