

FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (Budget Setting 2026-27)
SAFFRON WALDEN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES of the FINANCE & ESTABLISHMENT SUB-COMMITTEE (Budget Setting 2026-27) MEETING held on Monday 15h December 2025 in the Town Hall, Saffron Walden at 8.45am

Present Councillors: Ahmed, Asker (at 8.48am), Curtis, de Vries, Eke, Freeman, McLellan and Porch

Officers: Town Clerk, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO), Deputy Town Clerk and Operations Manager

Public: None

Budget 022-25	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from Cllr Coote.
Budget 023-25	To receive any Declarations of Interest Cllrs Ahmed, Asker and Freeman declared generic non-pecuniary interests as members of Uttlesford District Council.
Budget 024-25	Public Speaking Time No public present, no matters raised
Budget 025-25	Minutes from the previous meeting Minutes from the meeting held on 07.11.2025 were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.
Budget 026-25	Date and time of Next Meeting Noted no further sub-committee meetings are currently scheduled.
Budget 027-25	Confidential Item – Exclusion of Press and Public (Part II meeting) It was resolved that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

Budget 028-25	Budget and Supporting Papers The Sub-Committee received and discussed the following: a. Details from the written summary report b. 2025/26 budget as presented, equating to a 5.1% precept increase (inclusive of the confirmed housing numbers). It was resolved: To recommended to the Finance Committee support for the budget as presented at a 5.1% increase and that this increase and recommendation is presented to both the F&E Committee meeting on 19 th December 2025 and to the Full Council meeting on 12 th January meeting for adoption.
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The meeting closed at 9.33am

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