



DURRINGTON TOWN COUNCIL

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MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND HR COMMITTEE

Held on 17th March 2026 at 6.00 pm in the Robinson Room, Village Hall

Attendance:

Cllr Smith (Chair)
Cllr Galan-Bamfield (Vice Chair)
Cllr Rennie
Cllr Wright
Cllr Paul
Clerk – Jo Tudor

No members of the public were in attendance

FHR 65.25: Apologies

All members were present.

FHR 66.25: Approval of Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th February were approved.

FHR 67.25: Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

FHR 68.25: Review of the current Budget and Reserves

The committee reviewed the budget figures for the year to date.

The Council currently holds **£219,000** in earmarked reserves and anticipates using approximately **£80,000** of these reserves in next year's budget.

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An underspend of potentially more than **£7,000** is expected at the end of the current financial year.

General reserves (emergency funds) currently stand at **£137,500**.

FHR 69.25: Review of three-year Budget and projected EMR's

The committee reviewed the projected three-year budget forecast. It was noted that an increase in the precept may need to be considered next year, as the Band D contribution has remained unchanged for three years.

Without improvements or significant maintenance to facilities, the committee anticipates that the Council may begin operating at a deficit by **2027**. This deficit would likely increase annually due to inflation and rising operational costs.

The committee agreed to highlight this concern at the next Full Council meeting.

FHR 70.25: Consideration of EMR movements

The Committee reviewed the current ear marked reserves and, considering the likelihood of a small underspend, voted not to move any funds at this time.

FHR 71.25: To consider Goga Funding

The committee considered funding for GOGA (Get Out Get Active), a programme previously funded by Wiltshire Council. Members of the GOGA community attended the last Full Council meeting to request support following the cessation of the Wiltshire Council grant.

Several options were discussed. It was proposed that, if GOGA participants agree to cover the hall hire from January 2027, the committee would fund the Coach and Assistant from 1 April for the 2026/27 financial year at an estimated cost of **£3,900**. This would be funded from the anticipated underspend in the 2025/26 budget.

The proposal was carried by three votes to two.

The committee further noted that, if all proceeds as expected, GOGA will be added to the 2027 budget to ensure continued provision for the community.

FHR 72.25 Review of Insurance renewal

Insurance renewal information had been circulated. The Clerk reported that, since publication of the meeting papers, the renewal details had been updated to reflect current reinstatement values for the buildings and the construction type of the village hall. As a result, the premium for 2026/27 has increased to **£6,200**.

FHR 73.25: Date of Next Meeting – 14th April 2026.

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