

**Minutes of the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee
27 January 2026**

Present:

Councillor S.M. Doran (Chair)
Councillor M.M. Attewell (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

C. Bateson	M. Buck	K.M. Grant
M. Bing Dong	S.A. Dunn	
J.R. Boughtflower	R.V. Geach	

Substitute: Councillor J Sexton

Apologies: Councillors M Arnold and M Beecher

In Attendance: Councillors D Clarke, D Saliagopoulos and P Woodward

16/26 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

17/26 Community Wellbeing & Housing Committee - Budget, Fees and Charges and Capital Programme for 26/27

Committee considered a report that asked the Committee to:

1. Review the draft detailed Revenue Budget for 2026/27 for Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee and agree any amendments,
2. Review the draft Capital Budget for 2026/27 for Community Wellbeing and Housing; and
3. Recommend to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to approve the proposed Detailed Revenue Budget and Capital Programme proposals for this Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Sexton and seconded by Councillor Bateson that the 2026/27 service fee for meals on wheels be increased by £1.00 to £6.00 per meal instead of the recommended £1.50.

The Committee **resolved** to agree that the cost per meal under the Meals on Wheels Service should be increased by £1.00 to £6.00.

The Committee were advised that the above would result in a £20,000 gap in the budget so savings would need to be made elsewhere within the budget for this committee.

Councillor Attewell requested recorded votes on all three recommendations within the report.

Recommendation 1:

For	Councillors Bateson, Dunn, Grant, Sexton – 4 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstain	Councillors S Doran, Attewell, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Buck, Geach, Rutherford – 7 votes

Recommendation 2:

For	Councillors Bateson, Dunn, Grant, Rutherford, Sexton – 5 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstain	Councillors S Doran, Attewell, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Buck, Geach – 6 votes

Recommendation 3:

For	Councillors Bateson, Dunn, Grant, Rutherford, Sexton – 5 votes
Against	0 votes
Abstain	Councillors S Doran, Attewell, Bing Dong, Boughtflower, Buck, Geach – 6 votes

The Committee **resolved** to:

1. Agree the draft detailed revenue budget for 2026/27 for the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee subject to the increase on the cost of Meals on Wheels only being increased to £6.00 p/meal,
2. Agree the draft capital budget for 2026/27 for the Community Wellbeing and Housing Committee; and
3. Recommend to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee to approve the proposed detailed Revenue Budget and Capital Programme proposals for this Committee.