



To Members of the Town Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a Town Council Meeting to be held on Monday 16th February 2026 at 7.00pm at the Town Hall, 1 Queens Road, Stonehouse

Council Members:

Councillors: John Callinan, Keren Capeling (Vice Chair), Keith Creighton, Debbie Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, Carol Kambites, Simon MacGregor, John Parker (Chair), Val Randell, Keith Terry, Carol Trim and Theresa Watt

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend the meeting. Up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise questions.

Carlos Novoth
Town Clerk
10th February 2026

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

A G E N D A

- TC3559 To receive apologies
- TC3560 To receive declarations of interest
- TC3561 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting of 19th January '26
- TC3562 To note and officially welcome the newly elected Member to the town council
- TC3563 To note Matters Arising
- TC3564 To receive reports from Chair of Town Council and town councillors
- TC3565 To receive reports from County and District Councillors
- TC3566 To receive RFO's budget report and bank reconciliations for January '26
- TC3567 To approve the latest payment lists
- TC3568 To approve the renewal of the council's current 3 year financial software supplier and support contract with 'Edge IT Systems' to take effect from financial year 2026

- TC3569 To receive draft minutes of Business Committee meeting of 2nd Feb '26 and approve the following recommendations:
1. B/970 To approve the town council's new 'Sickness Absence Management' policy
 2. B/968 To approve the award of a new rolling 12 month contract to website hosting and design company, 'Aubergine' for:
 - a. the website Migration, Hosting and Support (incl training) for year one, commencing with immediate effect, at a cost of £999 plus vat and
 - b. the website Hosting and Support (incl Training) at a cost of £399 plus vat for subsequent years

TC3570 To receive draft minutes of Environment Committee meeting of 9th Feb '26 and approve the following recommendations:

1. E/1013 To delete the following Earmarked Reserve headings
 - a. Replacement Vehicle
 - b. Mowers and Equipment
 - c. Underwrite Rev Budget
 - d. Laburnum Recreation Field Trees and Wildflower Seed Memorial Fund
 - e. GCC Build Back Better Fund
 - f. Welcome Back Funding
 - g. Major Projects Support
 - h. Kings Coronation

And:

- i. to move the remaining reserve held for the Canal Spring Festival to the General Fund
2. E/1015 To RESOLVE to make an application to Stroud District Council for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the building design/site plans, proposed for the Ship Inn Community Space
 3. E/1014 To approve the reserve allocation of £20,000 to the Ship Inn Community Space project to cover the anticipated funding shortfall anticipated over the next three years should Stroud District Council formally transfer the land to Stonehouse Town Council: Year 1 - £5000, Year 2 - £7,500, Year 3 - £7,500

TC3571 To note the date of the next town council meeting Monday 16th March '26



**Minutes of a meeting of the Town Council
held Monday 19th January 2026 at the Town Hall**

Present:

Councillors: Councillors: John Callinan, Keren Capeling (Vice Chair of Council), Keith Crieghton, Debbie Curtis, Marcus Dixon, Stephen Hunter, Carol Kambites, Simon MacGregor, John Parker (Chair of Council), Val Randell, Keith Terry, Carol Trim and Theresa Watt

In Attendance: Carlos Novoth - Town Clerk and several members of the public. (County Councillor Dean Botterill could not attend the meeting)

Attendees were reminded that the Proceedings of the meeting could be filmed photographed or recorded.

Public Questions

A member of the public raised a concern about the state of the roads in Stonehouse and in particular, roads leading to Horsetrough roundabout. She wished to know how often the County Councillor for Stonehouse, Dean Botterill visited the area with the Highways officer to check on their condition. As the County Councillor was not present, the member of the public asked if it were possible to raise this question with him.

A G E N D A

- TC3545 To receive apologies**
There were no apologies
- TC3546 To receive declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest
- TC3547 To approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting of 8th Dec '25**
Council **APPROVED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting
- TC3548 To note Matters Arising**
Council **NOTED** the matters arising from the previous meeting as detailed in the supporting papers
- TC3549 To receive reports from Chair of Town Council and town councillors**

The Chair attended the Christmas Carol singing in the town and St Cyr's Festive Service.

TC3550

To receive reports from County and District Councillors

County Councillor did not provide the meeting with a written update Cllr Callinan highlighted the very detailed written report provided by District Councillor Carol Kambites - comment supported by the Chair of Town Council.

Ward Cllr Carol Kambites verbally added to her update highlighting the current consultation being undertaken by Stroud District Council in relation to Stroud Leisure centre

Cllr Callinan referred to an email detailing comments on the District Council's CEO thoughts on the Local Government Review (LGR) relating to the potential transfer of services and assets to parish and town councils - Officers were asked to distribute the email from a Rodborough Ward Cllr to all town councillors. It was strongly advised that all town councillors need to be considering this issue in relation to both SDC and GCC assets and services.

TC3551

To receive RFO's budget report and bank reconciliations for Dec '25
Council **NOTED** the bank reconciliation for December '25 with a closing balance of £20,045.94.

The Clerk highlighted a number of budget references:

- Budget lines 155 and 125 - STFC has just been invoiced
- Income from investments - this to be detailed at year end
- Budget line 205/3 - Markets income - regular
- Budget line 215 - Income from CIL
- Budget line 1030 - Lease costs due in
- Budget line 1040/1 - few IT problems
- Electric and Gas payments made up to and including December '25
- Budget line 1090/1 - paper usage down by 50%
- Budget line 1140/9 - septic tank costs to be covered by reserve
- Budget line 1160/1 - ride on mower and inverter to be covered by reserves
- Budget line 1170 - 3 quarter payments now made
- Budget line 1190/6 - payment reduced to just under £3,000 - payment to be made
- Budget line 2000 - add cost to be covered by reserve

Cllr Callinan spoke on the issue of CCLA's investments not performing as well as it had been - he asked if Officers could contact CCLA to find out what actions are being taken by them to improve performance.

Cllr Theresa Watt raised the issue of potential budget underspend and that this should be reflected in future years' budget setting. Councillors were advised that the budget setting process was based on management information and the authority's best guess; he advised that there would be a number of factors that could alter a year's eventual spend.

Council NOTED the total 'Actual Net' income of £436,528.84; total 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £385,556.25 and a total reserve movement of £42,927.70

- TC3552 To approve the latest payment lists**
Council **APPROVED** BACS Payments totalling £4,042.40
Council **RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVED** Debit Card payments totalling £9.60
Council also **NOTED** the total Standing Order payments of £10,983.27 and Direct debit payments totalling £5,203.60 (Gross)
- TC3553 To approve the internal auditor to undertake the annual audit for financial year 2025/26**
Officers previously brought this matter to council for a decision on the basis that there was another known auditor in the market to act as competition for the annual audit. The Clerk could not make contact with the other company and is therefore recommending that the council award the annual audit work to GALC for the amount of £480 plus additional fees if found necessary.
Council **APPROVED** the annual audit work for the 2024/25 financial year to GAPTC at a cost of £480 plus potential added fees
- TC3554 To approve the council's latest Reserves**
Officers explained that the adjustments presented for council approval amounted to good housekeeping only.
Council **APPROVED** the adjustments as follows:
- Adding £5,000 to the festive lighting earmarked reserve based on a previous council decision
 - Adding £3,105 to Oldends Lane Sewerage Development as a result of an overspend
 - Transferring £106 from the Elections Earmarked reserve to the General fund
 - Transferring £45,000 from the General fund to the General Reserve to ensure that the council met its obligations to ensuring that in the event of disruption, it can continue to make at least 3 months of supplier payments
- Council **APPROVED** Officer's recommended adjustments.
Council recommended that both committees review the respective earmarked reserves at their next meetings
- TC3555 To receive draft minutes of Business Committee meeting of 12th January 2026 and approve the following recommendations:**
Council **NOTED** the draft minutes
1. B/952 - For financial year 2026/27, council to approve
 - a. A total council expenditure budget of £480,524 (net exp Budget of £433,387)

Council **APPROVED** the Council's total expenditure budget for financial year 2026/27 of £480,524.

There was some confusion in relation to the reference to the 'net exp budget of £433,387'. It was confirmed that this related to the total expenditure budget of £480,524 minus income not including precept.

- b. A Town Council precept of £433,387 representing an increase of 5.07% (an annual increase of £8.97 per Band 'D property)**

Council **APPROVED** the precept of £433,387 for financial year 2026/27 representing an increase of 5.07%

- 2. B/953 - For Council to receive and note the findings of the first two Internal Control Checks (ICC) for the 2025/26 financial year**
Council received and **NOTED** the reports - there were no questions

TC3556 To receive draft minutes of Environment Committee meeting of 5th January '26
Council received and **NOTED** the draft minutes

TC3557 To receive information about the new Digital and Data Compliance requirement for Parish and Town Councils to support the 2025 AGAR
Assertion 10 is a new digital and data compliance requirement for UK Parish and Town Councils, introduced in the 2025 AGAR. It covers data protection, IT governance, and transparency and accessibility. Officers are in the process of determining the appropriate way forward to ensure compliance in all areas.
Queries raised included: Were the council's relevant policies fit for purpose to support compliance with Assertion 10; Was the council's website fully compliant; Were there easy fixes to make the website fully compliant - could this be done through 'Wordpress'.
It was confirmed that Town Councillors were required to meet the same compliance requirements especially those involved in organising volunteers.
Officers stated that discussions would take place with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), Gloucestershire Association of Local Councils (GALC), Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC), the council's IT support contractor, Edge Finance and any other relevant organisation. It was confirmed that discussions were already underway with Website designers to establish the amount of work needed to bring the council's website up to compliance level.
It was **RESOLVED** that Officers should include discussion on Assertion 10 as a standing items on future Business committee agendas at least until full compliance has been confirmed.

TC3558 To note the date of the next town council meeting Monday 16th February '26
Council **NOTED** the date of the next meeting

Notes on Agenda items, Full Town Council Monday 16th February '26

TC3561 - Minutes	See attached minutes																				
TC3562 – New Member	The town council welcomes new Councillor David Drew to Stonehouse Town Council following his election on Thursday 22nd January 2026. Cllr Drew currently sits on the Council's Environment Committee; he is presently considering the working groups he will be joining																				
TC3563 – Matters arising	<p>Officers have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requested GAPTC to undertake the 2025/26 annual internal audit • completed adjustments to the council's reserves as directed • informed Stroud District Council of the town council's budget for the 2026/27 financial year and Precept requirements • included a standing agenda item in forthcoming Business Committee meetings to provide Members with an update on Officers progress in relation to Digital and Data Compliance ('Assertion 10' of AGAR). 																				
TC3565 – District/County reports	A report has been provided by the Ward Cllr Carol Kambites																				
TC3566 – Budget & Reconciliation	See attached budget to date and Bank Reconciliations for January '26																				
TC3567 – Payment list	See attached payment lists for BACS payments and Debit Card payments for approval. Please also see attached report for Direct Debit and Standing Order payments to note																				
TC3568 – Finance system	<p>The town council currently has used finance software provided by 'Edge IT Systems' for the past five years.</p> <p>The software allows officers to provide council with a full finance system that has been found to be reasonably easy and flexible to use, easy to interrogate and provides regular reporting, full detailed analysis of costs and income, a simplified end of year process that complies with accounting requirements and many more facets that benefit the council. Staff know the system well and are fully familiar with it.</p> <p>The current contract is for a period of 3 years ending this month and is now due for renewal. A new three year contract shows a slight increase in cost but falls within budget.</p> <p>Officers have secured fixed price quotes from three suppliers (including the incumbent provider); these are detailed as follows:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 1440 1469 1637"> <thead> <tr> <th>Supplier</th> <th>Contract length</th> <th>1st year cost (excl vat)</th> <th>Sub yearly costs</th> <th>Total costs</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Scribe*</td> <td>3 years</td> <td>£1,140.00</td> <td>£1,140.00</td> <td>£3,420.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Rialtas</td> <td>3 years</td> <td>£2,542.00</td> <td>£1,473.00</td> <td>£5,488.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Edge</td> <td>3 years</td> <td>£1,282.90</td> <td>£1,282.90</td> <td>£3,848.70</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>*The town council were unable to speak to Scribe as they are not contactable by phone – the price detailed above was secured from a local authority that had just had their contract renewed. Officers will continue to secure a quotation from Scribe and will provide this on the day of the meeting.</p> <p>Feedback</p> <p>Feedback from local authorities that currently use one or other of the three companies mentioned above is as follows:</p> <p>Rialtas is an unnecessarily complicated software to use and it has been necessary to liaise a lot with the company to resolve operational issues</p> <p>Scribe are very easy to use with very few problems – they are a more basic version of 'Edge'</p>	Supplier	Contract length	1 st year cost (excl vat)	Sub yearly costs	Total costs	Scribe*	3 years	£1,140.00	£1,140.00	£3,420.00	Rialtas	3 years	£2,542.00	£1,473.00	£5,488.00	Edge	3 years	£1,282.90	£1,282.90	£3,848.70
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	<p>Edge are good at what they do; they provide good customer support.</p> <p>Conclusion</p> <p>The suitability of software to individual council is often determined by the authority's size and activity. All three suppliers would be able to meet the town council's needs. However in light of costs, feedback from users of other software and staff confidence with the Edge system, Officers would prefer to remain with the status quo – 'Edge IT Systems'</p> <p>Recommendation: To continue to contract with 'Edge IT Systems' to provide finance software and support to the town council for the next three years commencing 17th February 2026 at the quoted annual cost of £1,282.90 excl vat</p>
TC3569 – Business Committee	<p>See attached draft minutes and new 'Sickness Absence Management' Policy. Business Committee recommendations included in the meeting's agenda</p>
TC3570 – Environment Committee	<p>See attached draft minutes and the latest 'Reserves Report' Environment Committee recommendations included in the meeting's agenda.</p>

SDC Councillor report – February 2026

Council meetings - Link to meeting agenda and documents in the committee title.

Strategy & Resources Committee - 15th Jan 2026

- **Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)** - this is a planning charge, introduced in 2017 for Stroud district, to help deliver infrastructure to support the development of the area, related to housing growth, such as roads, schools, and green spaces. It's not designed to meet all the district's infrastructure needs. The CIL fund is split into two funding pots. A Strategic Infrastructure Fund (administered by SDC) and a Neighbourhood proportion fund (administered by the parishes). Since 2017, the 'Strategic Infrastructure' fund has received £4.3m. In this year's allocation, four projects were approved for funding:
 - Stroud College - Construction Centre Expansion £60,154
 - GCC Education - Feasibility study for Slimbridge Primary School expansion £60,000
 - GCC Libraries – improved digital centre £29,700
 - Stroud Station Quarter redevelopment feasibility study £94,800
- **The Fair Pay and Senior Pay Policy Statement** - approved. This statement notes that the ratio between the highest and lowest employees (including apprentices) at Stroud District Council is approx 1:7. There are currently 568 staff employed by SDC, which includes the two leisure centres in Dursley and Stroud.
- **Budget Monitoring** of General Fund Revenue budget, Housing Revenue Account & Capital Programme.
- **City Region Board** report
- Approved the Local Growth Plan as Gloucestershire's overarching economic strategy, and outlined progress on the new Spatial Development Strategy (SDS) mandated by the Planning and Infrastructure Bill.
- Gloucestershire Business Rates Pool indicated that the forthcoming 2026 business-rates "reset" will likely eliminate the pool's financial benefit, casting doubt on its continuation; consequently future contributions are uncertain. Several Strategic Economic Development Fund bid proposals were approved in an exempt session.
- **Leadership Gloucestershire** report
- Noted education and skills challenges in Gloucestershire. This covers financial deficits in higher education, digital-cyber security skill shortages, and a need for coordinated, cross-sector initiatives (education, industry, public services) to reduce NEET rates (people Not in Education, Employment or Training). Also noted progress with the Gloucestershire Housing Commission, Local Government Reorganisation (Government consultation on options expected soon), the Strategic Migration Partnership, and an update on the abolition of the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- [Video recording](#)

Audit & Standards Committee - 20th Jan 2026

- **Planning Enforcement** Update - The backlog stands at 181 cases for the team of 4.8 full time staff. Councillors are keen to see this reduced. Service improvements: formal enforcement actions have risen, professional training is underway for officers, and proactive monitoring of the build out of developments is being piloted to boost early intervention and public confidence.
- An updated **Risk and Opportunity Management Framework** was approved.
- **Treasury Management** and Investment Strategies and limits approved.
- Noted the **Statement of Accounts 2024/25**. This is a fantastic document that clearly lays out all of the Council's activities.
- Noted the external **auditors reports** and checked internal audit activity, including a recent audit of Council Tax and Business Rates Collection, which received a very positive rating.
- Video recording

Development Control Committee - 27th Jan 2026

- **S.25/1414/FUL 15 Waterdale Close, Hardwicke**. Change of use from C3 to C2 (Care home) for one person with complex needs - APPROVED
The Parish Council strongly objected to commercial property in residential area. There were many complaints around intensification of use and parking which it was advised could be accommodated by conditions. Lengthy inquisitive debate, finally approved: 8:2 two abstentions.
- **S.25/1855/FUL Wild Goose Lodge, Shepherds Patch, Slimbridge** Change of use of youth hostel (Sui Generis) to SEND school F1(a) - APPROVED
Ward councillor and Parish Council raise numerous concerns, in particular transport. Approved subject to conditions: 10:0 two abstentions.
- **s106 monitoring report**. Section 106 agreements are legal agreements between a planning authority and a developer, or undertakings offered unilaterally by a developer, that ensure that certain extra works related to a development are undertaken. The report shows where these contributions have been used across the district:
<https://stroud.moderngov.co.uk/documents/s17860/S106%20Report%20-%20Appendix%20A.pdf>
- [Video recording](#)

Licensing Sub-Committee - 28th Jan 2026

- Premises licence for Chalfest Music Festival to be held in July 2026, July 2027 and July 2028 at France Lynch Pleasure Ground, Chalford Hill, Stroud. - TO BE DECIDED
Well supported and managed local event with a comprehensive event management plan.
- [Video recording](#)

Strategy & Resources Committee - 29th Jan 2026

- **Council Tax support scheme** to continue, offering up to 100% support for eligible claimants.
- **Capital Strategy** reviewed and approved.
- **Housing Revenue budget** recommended for approval. Social and affordable rents would increase by 4.8% along with other increases.
- **General Fund Budget** - recommended Medium Term Financial Plan for approval, and to increase Council Tax by 2.99% to £250.35 band D. All budget decisions must be agreed by the full council.
- **Brimscombe Port redevelopment** - The council has de-risked the site over recent years (£2.4m spent) and is preparing to procure a new developer, with to be appointed in February/March. A Project Board will be formed, with meanwhile-use community activities planned, pending health-and-safety and feasibility assessments.
- **Regeneration & Investment Board.** The Stroud Station Quarter project is progressing, as noted above a CIL grant for feasibility work has been approved, and this study will progress, even though the Government has not allowed Stroud Station's bid for a lift / step free access to go forward to the 'access for all' funding programme.
- **Canal Project** – Cotswold Canals Connected Phase 1B - An increased grant of £15.42m (original £8.96m plus £6.46m) enables construction of the Missing Mile project and the Stroudwater Canal reconnection, pending several permits (EA flood-risk, National Highways easement, planning discharge, land-access licence). Key upcoming milestones: lift bridge commissioning by end-Jan 2026, public consultation events (2 Feb–14 Feb).
- [Video recording](#)

Forthcoming Meetings

Full Council: Thursday 19th February

Agenda not yet available at the time of writing

Local Government Reorganisation

District councillors received an update from Kathy O’Leary:

The Government consultation is now open at [Local government reorganisation in Gloucestershire - GOV.UK](#) for 7 weeks. Background information is available on the [Future Gloucestershire](#) website. Additionally, the Gloucestershire principal authorities will be producing explanatory materials in an easy to understand form.

There are no questions about which strategic authority we should join. The preference at Stroud District is to join WECA. WECA has not so far expressed an opinion on whether or not we would

be accepted as members. And there is no evidence that the decision on whether to go for one or two unitaries will have any bearing on the likelihood of joining WECA.

Other news

- **New - Stroud District Council's Culture Grants** are now open - offering up to £2,000 for arts and culture projects in the district. Applications are welcomed from early career artists, students, arts, culture and community organisations, and charities based in Stroud district. Deadlines run throughout 2026: 2 March, 1 June, 25 September <https://www.stroud.gov.uk/culture-leisure-sports-parks/culture/culture-grants-2026/>
- SDC and Hartbury University held a **farm workshop** on 23 January in Stroud, to support the farming community to build resilience, boost profitability and protect the environment ([link](#))
- **Clean Air Night** (22 January) - tips to reduce smoke and improve air quality ([link](#))
- **Garden waste** collection service. [Bookings now open](#)
- **Postal voters:** time to check if you need to [reapply](#)
- Stroud District Council wins top **RSPCA PawPrints Awards** for outstanding animal welfare
- **Museum in the Park** opens playful new show exploring [inventive automata](#)

With usual thanks to Cllr Gareth Kitchen for the committee reports,

Carol Kambites, 10th February 2026

Improvements to Arle Court Park & Ride Service 100

Gloucestershire County Council in partnership with Stagecoach West is pleased to announce a series of improvements to the Arle Court Park & Ride Service 100, enhancing reliable, affordable and sustainable travel options for Cheltenham with changes now in effect.

The 100 service operates from Arle Court Transport Hub into central Cheltenham and is important in helping to reduce congestion and air pollution in the town centre. With free all-day parking for those using the 100 bus and return fares of just £3.50 for adults or £5 for groups of up to five, the service provides one of the most cost-effective ways to access the town centre. Buses can take advantage of sections of Cheltenham's bus lanes, offering a journey time of around 12 minutes into the heart of the town.

New Sunday service - £50,000 investment

Buses are now operating every 20 minutes between 09:25 and 17:05 on Sundays, offering greater flexibility for weekend shoppers, workers and visitors.

Late night shopping evening buses - £10,000 investment

To support the busy festive period, additional evening journeys are now running every 20 minutes until Saturday, 10 January 2026.

- Services operate until 21:45 Monday to Saturday and until 18:05 on Sundays
- Journeys run between Cheltenham Promenade and Arle Court Park & Ride.

These improvements have been made possible by £60,000 funding from Gloucestershire County Council, demonstrating the commitment to boosting local public transport options and supporting more sustainable travel in and out of Cheltenham.

Passenger Information

- View the updated timetable and the updated Park & Ride Service 100 map: [Service 100 Park and Ride \(Free Parking\) | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Cllr Roger Whyborn, cabinet member for sustainable transport and strategic highways at Gloucestershire County Council, said: “Ensuring Arle Court Transport Hub provides as many flexible services as possible is really important to us to ensure that air pollution and congestion continue to reduce. We also want to provide our residents with regular efficient bus services and are proud to continue to support this through investment and partnership working.”

Chris Hanson, Managing Director, Stagecoach West, said: “We're proud to be enhancing the Arle Court Park & Ride Service 100 in partnership with Gloucestershire County Council. The new Sunday service and extra evening journeys mean people can travel more easily, more sustainably and more affordably during one of the busiest times of the year. With free parking at Arle Court and quick, reliable links into

Cheltenham, we're committed to making the Park & Ride the most convenient choice for residents, commuters and festive visitors alike."

The hub is also home to the largest contactless payment EV charging public transport hub in the UK. The multi-storey car park features 100 x 7kW EV commissioned charge points for long stay-term charging and four rapid EV chargepoints – ideal for electric or hybrid car owners who want to charge their vehicle while they visit Cheltenham.

Gloucestershire County Council launches new strategy to tackle domestic abuse

Today, Monday 8 December, Gloucestershire County Council launched its new three-year strategy to tackle domestic abuse and make the county a place where everyone can live free from abuse and harm.

The Gloucestershire Tackling Domestic Abuse Strategy 2025–2028 was created with input from victims, survivors, professionals, community partners and the public. It focuses on working together to:

- Prevent abuse before it starts.
- Support victims and survivors.
- Hold perpetrators to account.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background and includes physical or sexual abuse, violent or threatening behaviour, controlling or coercive behaviour, economic abuse and psychological and emotional abuse. In 2023/24, almost 20% of all crimes reported to Gloucestershire Constabulary were domestic abuse.

The key priorities of the strategy are:

- **Prevention and early help:** Teaching about healthy relationships and spotting abuse early through education and community work.
- **Working together:** Making sure services like police, health, and social care work closely together to support victims and their families.

- **Training professionals:** Giving staff the training and knowledge to spot the signs of abuse and respond effectively.
- **Better support from services:** Making sure help is easy to access and is person-centred.
- **Changing perpetrator behaviour:** Expanding programmes that challenge abusive behaviour and help people change for good.

The strategy also looks at types of abuse that are often hidden or underreported, including stalking, honour-based violence, forced marriage, and child-to-parent abuse.

It also supports the wider work being done in the county to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), as this is closely linked to domestic abuse.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Public Health said:

“This strategy represents our unwavering commitment to ending domestic abuse in Gloucestershire. We are investing in prevention, protection, and partnership to ensure every resident can live free from fear and harm.

“By listening to victims and survivors and working collaboratively across sectors, we are building a safer, more supportive county for all.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, support is available:

- Call GDASS on 01452 726 570 for support to victims and survivors who are aged 16 years and above. Visit www.gdass.org.uk.
- Call STREET (Safe Teenage Relationship Education and Empowerment Team) on 01452 228 802 for young people aged 13 to 19 years who have experienced harmful relationship behaviours/domestic abuse within their own relationships, or those who are using harmful behaviours/domestic abuse in their own relationships. Visit <https://ygtglos.org.uk/street>.
- Call PRG (Positive Relationships Gloucestershire) on 01452 529 866, the behaviour change service for those aged 18 years and above who want to make positive changes to improve their relationships. Visit <https://www.fearfree.org.uk/refer/gloucestershire/>.

Winners chosen in Gloucestershire's gritter-naming competition

Gritting McQueen, Grit-fire and Feathers McGrit are just three of 29 winning names in a competition organised by Gloucestershire County Council and its partner Ringway, to give a name and face to the gritters keeping Gloucestershire's roads free from snow and ice this winter.

Thousands of children from Gloucestershire's primary schools were offered the opportunity to take part in a competition to name the 29 gritters in the council's fleet operated by Ringway. There were over 540 entries with some brilliant names suggested, making it a hard choice to narrow it down.

Across the county 106,705km are driven by gritting vehicles each winter – the equivalent of more than twice around the Earth's equator. That's around 200 journeys by gritting vehicles on routes to keep public transport moving, help children get to school and support the emergency services to safely reach people who need them. The gritters and their drivers are backed by more than 5,000 salt bins checked and topped up where necessary and salt barns full of around 10,950 tonnes of salt – that's enough to fill more than 100 million kitchen table saltshakers.

Cllr. Joe Harris, cabinet member for Highways said: "We received a brilliant response to this competition which has been a fun way to get children in the county involved in naming the gritters. It's been great to see how excited they've been and the fantastic ideas they've come up with. The heroes who go out at all times of day and night deserve our recognition."

Nick Radford, business unit manager for Ringway Gloucestershire said: "This has been a fun initiative and one that raises awareness about what our teams do, day in day out across the network in the winter. Its important people know more about what we do and hopefully the schools involved will follow their favourite gritter and now they each have a name. Thanks to everyone for their support, the schools, the head teachers and the children as well as parents and especially Gloucestershire Highways."

The 29 winning names were: Anikan Icewalker, Grit Patrol, Ice Vadar, David Attenbrrrr, Taylor Drift, Cold Aston, Snow Patrol, BFG (Big Friendly Gritter), Elsa Meltsa, Lionel Gritty, Tilly, Grit Britain, Great Gangster Gritter, Gritfield Park, Gritter Star, Oreo, Cherry and Ice, Feathers McGrit, Grit-fire, Queen Margritter, Great Grizzly, Grit Grit the Gritter, Grit-asaurus Rex, Seasons grittings, Come Grit with me, Gritsy Wincy Spider, Benji the Baltic Blaster, Gritting McQueen, and Veruca Salt.

County Council shows solidarity with Ukraine

Gloucestershire County Council has signed an agreement with a region of Ukraine to provide support and share the expertise the county has in a number of areas.

Cllr Lisa Spivey, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, signed the agreement with the Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration on December 11, 2025.

The agreement was signed virtually during a meeting also attended by David Owen, Director of Economy and Environment at Gloucestershire County Council, and Ivan Fedorov, Head of regional state administration.

The council has been working with the economic development team in Zaporizhzhia, a region in the south-east of Ukraine, after being approached by them last year.

An agreement has now been signed between the two authorities. It will see them work more closely together in areas of mutual interest, where they can help each other to develop.

Gloucestershire County Council and Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration have already worked together in areas including:

- Cyber security
- Developing green energy infrastructure
- Improvement of agricultural land
- Support to small to medium size businesses
- Development of the aerospace sector

This partnership has been supported by the UK Government's Department for Business and Trade, the Ukrainian Government's Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ukrainian Embassy in London.

Cllr Spivey said: "I am delighted that we have been able to sign this agreement with the Zaporizhzhia Regional State Administration. We stand in solidarity with Ukraine and are horrified by the impact of war on its population, some of whom have come to live in our county. It's an honour to play our part in supporting them during this hugely challenging time.

"Signing this agreement will allow us to work closely together to learn and bring benefits to our residents both here in Gloucestershire, and in Ukraine.

"Our thoughts are with the people of Zaporizhzhia and we hope for a peace settlement soon so that they can begin to rebuild and we will do what we can to support that effort."

Hempsted Household Recycling Centre to close later than planned for major improvements

Gloucestershire County Council has today announced that Hempsted Household Recycling Centre (HRC) will need to close later than expected next year for essential repairs and improvements.

The original plan was to close in early January 2026 and reopen by Easter, but after further assessments, the timeline isn't possible. This is because the centre is on an old landfill site, more groundwork is needed, and reopening by Easter - when the centre is usually busiest - wouldn't be feasible with those limitations.

Cllr Martin Horwood, cabinet member for nature, climate and waste reduction, said: “We understand this change may be inconvenient, and we're truly sorry for the disruption it may cause. Our goal is to choose the best possible time for the closure, based on when the centre is least used, and to carry out the work in better weather to avoid delays. We'll keep residents updated as soon as we have confirmed dates.”

The improvements will make the centre safer, more sustainable, and easier to use. Highlights include new surfaces, modern waste compactors powered by renewable energy, and a new Reuse Shop where items can be repaired and given a second life. We're also adding better protection for electrical waste and new EV charging points for service vehicles.

While Hempsted HRC is closed, residents are still be able to use other recycling centres in the county, such as Pyke Quarry and Wingmoor Farm, which will be open seven days a week. Residents can also consider using kerbside collections, bring banks, and bulky waste services.

For more information, please visit:

[Gloucestershire Recycles | Gloucestershire Recycles](#)

[Waste Wizard | Gloucestershire Recycles](#)

Gloucestershire County Council launches new strategy to tackle domestic abuse

Today, Monday 8 December, Gloucestershire County Council launched its new three-year strategy to tackle domestic abuse and make the county a place where everyone can live free from abuse and harm.

The Gloucestershire Tackling Domestic Abuse Strategy 2025–2028 was created with input from victims, survivors, professionals, community partners and the public. It focuses on working together to:

- Prevent abuse before it starts.
- Support victims and survivors.
- Hold perpetrators to account.

Domestic abuse can affect anyone from any background and includes physical or sexual abuse, violent or threatening behaviour, controlling or coercive behaviour, economic abuse and psychological and emotional abuse. In 2023/24, almost 20% of all crimes reported to Gloucestershire Constabulary were domestic abuse.

The key priorities of the strategy are:

- **Prevention and early help:** Teaching about healthy relationships and spotting abuse early through education and community work.
- **Working together:** Making sure services like police, health, and social care work closely together to support victims and their families.
- **Training professionals:** Giving staff the training and knowledge to spot the signs of abuse and respond effectively.
- **Better support from services:** Making sure help is easy to access and is person-centred.
- **Changing perpetrator behaviour:** Expanding programmes that challenge abusive behaviour and help people change for good.

The strategy also looks at types of abuse that are often hidden or underreported, including stalking, honour-based violence, forced marriage, and child-to-parent abuse.

It also supports the wider work being done in the county to tackle Violence Against Women and Girls (VAWG), as this is closely linked to domestic abuse.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, Cabinet Member for Public Health said:

“This strategy represents our unwavering commitment to ending domestic abuse in Gloucestershire. We are investing in prevention, protection, and partnership to ensure every resident can live free from fear and harm.

“By listening to victims and survivors and working collaboratively across sectors, we are building a safer, more supportive county for all.”

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic abuse, support is available:

- Call GDASS on 01452 726 570 for support to victims and survivors who are aged 16 years and above. Visit www.gdass.org.uk.
- Call STREET (Safe Teenage Relationship Education and Empowerment Team) on 01452 228 802 for young people aged 13 to 19 years who have experienced harmful relationship behaviours/domestic abuse within their own relationships, or those who are using harmful behaviours/domestic abuse in their own relationships. Visit <https://ygtglos.org.uk/street>.
- Call PRG (Positive Relationships Gloucestershire) on 01452 529 866, the behaviour change service for those aged 18 years and above who want to make positive changes to improve their relationships. Visit <https://www.fearfree.org.uk/refer/gloucestershire/>.

Gloucestershire County Council celebrates top national endorsement for active travel ambitions

Gloucestershire County Council is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded the prestigious Level 3 rating by Active Travel England (ATE) joining six authorities in the highest banding - recognising the county as one of England's highest performing authorities for active travel, and the only predominantly rural council to achieve this milestone.

Alongside the rating review ATE have announced their four-year funding allocation for Gloucestershire, resulting in just under £18million of additional funding. The funding will be ring-fenced to deliver an agreed programme of strategic schemes that meets ATE's stringent requirements.

This accolade marks a significant step forward in Gloucestershire's journey to transform how people move around the county. At the heart of this transformation is the ambitious 26-mile 'Gloucestershire Cycle Spine', a flagship project connecting key towns, villages, and employment hubs. The Cycle Spine aims to provide safe, accessible, and attractive walking and cycling routes for half of Gloucestershire's population, using a blend of segregated cycle lanes, on-road facilities, and shared-use paths.

Since 2020, Gloucestershire County Council has delivered over nine miles of high-quality active travel infrastructure extending between Gloucester, Cheltenham and Bishops Cleeve with some sections already seeing a doubling of cycle volumes. These achievements are the result of strategic planning, innovative design, and strong partnerships with the county's six district councils. The programme is supported by a diverse funding mix, including the Active Travel Fund, Levelling Up Fund, National Highways Designated Funds, Walk Wheel Cycle Trust, Community Infrastructure Levy, and local contributions.

The DfT have provided agreement to extend the area in which electric scooters can be used, meaning that there are now high-quality facilities you can ride from Cheltenham to Gloucester by electric scooter, bike, wheel or walk safely using the cycle spine.

Active Travel England's endorsement reflects Gloucestershire's commitment to long-term modal shift, integration of active travel into wider transport and planning strategies, and

the capacity to deliver complex infrastructure at scale. The county council's collaborative approach and dedication to healthier, greener, and more connected communities have set a new benchmark for rural active travel delivery in England.

Cllr Roger Whyborn, cabinet member for sustainable transport and strategic highways at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "We're proud and delighted to be recognised as one of England's top-performing Active Travel Authorities, especially as a rural council. Our close collaboration with Active Travel England has significantly boosted our ability to deliver meaningful behaviour change campaigns and the ambitious 26-mile Gloucestershire Cycle Spine, which we plan to connect with more local routes in the future. This achievement reflects our commitment to support sustainable growth, improve transport connections and promote healthier lifestyles across the county. The extra funding is also most welcome to help us continue with our work."

Comment from Active Travel England: "The increase in rating is testament to the hard work and enthusiasm of local authority officers to improve local capability and performance."

Employment summit brings together key partners

Key partners from across Gloucestershire came together last week (Tuesday, 9 December) to discuss how to support even more people in the county back to work.

On the agenda was a look back on 10 years of the Forwards programme which successfully supported 1,700 people with disabilities and health conditions to find work - empowering them to live independent lives and flourish in work through 121 support, job clubs, outreach and educational links.

Gloucestershire County Council is now looking ahead to its latest government-backed initiative Connect to Work. The Connect to Work programme is a major new initiative launched in July 2025, funded by the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP). The programme is designed to help people with health conditions, disabilities or other barriers to employment move into or stay in meaningful work.

Gloucestershire was one of the first of 47 areas across England and Wales to roll out this scheme, which is part of a wider national effort to improve employment rates and strengthen local economies.

In attendance at the summit were representatives from county and district councils, health, the voluntary and community sector and Jobcentre Plus, with keynote speakers from Gloucestershire County Council, Integrated Care Board, Jobcentre Plus and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Cllr Linda Cohen, cabinet member for education and skills at Gloucestershire

County Council, said: “It was wonderful to see so many people gathered at the summit. We have a long history of successfully supporting people back to the workplace. Work is one of the best things you can do to support your purpose, mental health, it also provides social opportunities and helps people to be self-sufficient.”

Together the summit developed a pledge around collaboration and working together to ensure that people have access to opportunities.

Following the summit, partners will continue working together to turn discussion into action. Key priorities include:

- **Strengthening collaboration** between councils, health services, Jobcentre Plus, and the voluntary sector to ensure joined-up support for job seekers.
- **Embedding the Connect to Work programme** across Gloucestershire, making sure individuals with health conditions or disabilities can access tailored support.
- **Expanding employer engagement** to create more inclusive workplaces and increase opportunities for people facing barriers to employment.
- **Developing pathways into education and training** so that people can build skills and confidence for sustainable employment.

To find out more go to: [Employment and skills hub | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

Have your say on Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service's Community Risk Management Plan

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is asking residents to help shape its future by sharing views on its new draft Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP).

A CRMP is a vital document that sets out how the Service will identify and manage risks in local communities. It's a legal requirement and ensures resources are targeted where they're needed most. The plan takes national guidance and local priorities and turns them into a clear strategy for delivering services over the next four years.

The new CRMP, which will run from 2026-2030, will help GFRS respond to major challenges, including:

- Recommendations from His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) to drive improvement.
- Adopting national operational recommendations, for example learning from the Grenfell Tower and Manchester arena tragedies and making changes to how the Service operates.
- Continuing to make cultural improvements following an independent review in 2024, to create a Service that is inclusive and values-driven.
- Making sure the Service is run as efficiently as possible whilst ensuring it remains an effective fire and rescue service, amid ongoing pressure on public sector spending.
- The growing impact of climate change, including flooding and wildfires.

GFRS now wants to hear from the public to make sure the plan reflects the needs of the communities it serves. The consultation focuses on its aims, objectives, and key questions about fire cover.

Public consultation has been launched today, Wednesday 24 December, and runs until Sunday 8 February. The consultation survey is available online and in hard copy.

For more information and to take part, please visit: [Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service Draft Community Risk Management Plan 2026-2030 for Public Consultation | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

Feedback will be reviewed and used to shape the final plan, which will go to cabinet for approval in spring 2026.

Mark Preece, Chief Fire Officer, said: "Our Service is here to protect people and places across Gloucestershire, and this plan sets out how we'll do that and continue our

improvement journey. We face new challenges, from climate change to national safety recommendations, and we need to adapt. We want to make sure it reflects what matters to you. Please take a few minutes to share your views – together we can create a service that’s strong, responsive, and ready for the future.”

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, cabinet member with responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service at Gloucestershire County Council, said: “This plan is about making sure Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service continues to improve and deliver the best possible service for our communities. We’ve listened to staff and partners, and now we want to hear from you. Your views will help shape how the Service tackles risks and challenges in the years ahead. Please get involved and have your say, as it really does make a difference.”

Gloucestershire tops England's road repairs league

Gloucestershire has been ranked as one of the best counties in England for road maintenance in a new national map published today by the Department for Transport (DfT).

The DfT's latest highways performance map compares every local highway authority using three measures – the condition of roads, how much councils invest in maintaining them, and how effectively they follow best practice to prevent and repair potholes. Authorities are given a red, amber or green rating, with Gloucestershire emerging top of the table with a green score.

The ranking reflects sustained improvement and investment delivering an increase in resurfacing, greater use of modern repair technologies and a shift towards faster, more permanent pothole repairs across the county's road network.

Despite the top national rating, Gloucestershire County Council acknowledges that many residents are still frustrated by the state of some local roads after years of under-investment from Government and the impact of severe weather.

Over the past year the council has accelerated its resurfacing and maintenance programme, targeting the worst-affected roads first and increasing the pace and volume of permanent repairs. Investment in better materials, improved inspections and more responsive repair teams are now focused on delivering longer-lasting fixes rather than repeat patch-ups.

The council is also proposing a £15million uplift in the council's highways budget over the next 3 years.

Cllr Joe Harris, Cabinet Member for Highways at Gloucestershire County Council, said "The council is committed to fixing our roads and it's encouraging to see our work recognised nationally. I want to thank our highways teams for the huge effort that has gone into getting us to this point.

"But people don't care about league tables when they hit a pothole – they care about whether their road is being fixed and there are still far too many roads that fall below the standard we'd expect. That's exactly what we are focused on now. This is just one milestone on a longer journey to fix our roads and deliver visible, lasting improvements across Gloucestershire."

The council will continue to publish road condition data, update residents on where work is taking place and expand its resurfacing and repair programme as part of its commitment to improving Gloucestershire's highways.

Residents can report potholes and track repairs through Fix My Street or find out what work is planned in their area at gloucestershire.gov.uk/highways.

Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee raises concerns with CQC on inspection numbers

The Chair of Gloucestershire County Council's Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee has, on behalf of the committee, written to the Care Quality Commission (CQC) calling on it to review the number of care provider inspections it carries out.

The letter, written by Cllr Dr Rebecca Trimnell argues that the CQC's current level of inspections does not give residents an accurate picture of the care market in Gloucestershire.

The letter highlights that the number of new providers registering in the county was double the number of inspections undertaken in the last quarter. It is also pointed out that previously inspected providers in Gloucestershire have waited up to 10 years for a return visit, to provide an up-to-date inspection.

The Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee is concerned that 5% of residential and nursing homes and 35% of community-based providers in the county have not been inspected by CQC.

In the letter, Cllr Dr Trimnell writes: "Our concern therefore is that the CQC information may not give an accurate reflection of overall quality in the market and may not support people needing care in their decision making."

Gloucestershire has 397 services registered with the CQC, with 79 of these still awaiting their first graded inspection.

As well as expressing concerns over the number of inspections, the letter also asks the CQC what action it is taking to address the issue. To read the letter Cllr Dr Trimnell wrote to the CQC, [click here](#).

Stefan Kallee, Deputy Director of the CQC, has responded to Cllr Dr Trimnell acknowledging the concerns raised by the committee and pointed to improvements being made. [To read this letter in full, click here](#).

Cllr Dr Trimnell said: "It is important that our residents have the correct information when they make their decisions about care for themselves or their loved ones.

"On behalf of the committee, I wrote to the CQC to ask what action they plan to take to ensure that enough inspections are being carried out to allow residents to have an accurate picture.

"I am pleased that the CQC have responded so promptly and advised of improvements they are carrying out. We will continue to monitor this situation."

County Council marks National Pothole Day with a call to action

Winter has been busy doing what winter does best – throwing ice, rain and freezing temperatures at our roads. And while we can't control the weather, we *can* work together to tackle the potholes it leaves behind.

Thursday 15 January is National Pothole Day, and Gloucestershire County Council is using the occasion to shine a spotlight on [FixMyStreet](#) – our quick and easy online tool for reporting potholes.

Even though our highways teams regularly inspect all county roads, potholes can still appear almost overnight at this time of year. That's why we're asking residents to help be our eyes on the ground and report any new damage as soon as they spot it.

Once a pothole is logged, our inspectors head out to assess the safety risk. The most serious issues can be repaired within two hours, and smaller problems are usually fixed within 28 days.

So far this financial year, we've carried out 51,828 minor road repairs – most of them potholes. And when our crews fix one, they don't stop there: they proactively tackle nearby issues too, resulting in 7,638 additional potholes repaired.

Resurfacing remains our long-term priority. This year, we're planning to resurface more than 200 roads across the county including surface dressing and patching schemes. We'll be making full use of the government's multi-year highways maintenance funding settlement (announced in the Budget), and we're also investing an extra £15 million to improve local roads and drainage.

Cllr Joe Harris, Cabinet Member for Highways, said: "Pothole season is here and the icy winter weather has had a big impact on our roads. We act quickly to fix the biggest potholes, so please do report any that have sprung up near you using FixMyStreet.

Resurfacing is the best long-term fix, so we're busy laying new road surfaces across the county – and when spring arrives and the roads are drier, we'll be ramping up our operations with specialist machines to make long lasting repairs. We're working to fix our roads and keep Gloucestershire moving."

New measures proposed to improve road safety

New measures are being proposed by Gloucestershire County Council to improve road safety, reduce congestion and encourage more people to use public transport.

A six-week consultation has been launched today, Monday 19 January, to seek views on proposals to enforce moving traffic offences at 16 high risk locations across the county. The council is considering using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras to enforce existing restrictions at the sites identified.

Moving traffic offences occur when drivers ignore road signs or markings designed to keep traffic flowing safely and efficiently. Vehicles not complying with these rules put all road users at risk, including pedestrians and cyclists, and contribute to congestion and delays that can affect emergency services and public transport.

The council is not proposing to introduce any new restrictions, simply just changing how existing rules are enforced. Currently, enforcement is carried out by the police; however, new powers allow the council to enforce these restrictions directly using ANPR cameras. This will enable more consistent and effective enforcement, helping to improve compliance and deliver better road safety, traffic flow and environmental outcomes. Examples of moving traffic offences include driving through streets where vehicles are banned, stopping in yellow box junctions, entering cycle lanes or making banned turns. Better enforcement of these restrictions will help reduce accidents, improve air quality and support sustainable travel.

The 16 locations were chosen due to reports of poor compliance with existing restrictions causing safety risks and congestion.

They include:

- Quedgeley A430 – yellow box junction
- A38 Whitminster – Left turn only
- Bruton Way/Station Road – yellow box junction

The consultation ends on Sunday 1 March 2026 at 11.59pm. Subject to the outcome of the consultation, enforcement could begin from spring 2026.

For more information, including a full list of the identified locations, and to take part in the consultation, please visit: [Moving Traffic Enforcement | Have Your Say Gloucestershire](#)

Cllr Roger Whyborn, cabinet member for sustainable transport and strategic highways, said: “We want to make our roads safer and more efficient for everyone.

Enforcing moving traffic offences will help reduce congestion, improve air quality and support reliable bus services. These measures are not about penalising drivers unnecessarily – they are about encouraging compliance with rules that keep traffic flowing and protect vulnerable road users. We welcome feedback from residents, businesses and road users during this consultation to ensure the approach is fair and effective.”

Residents are also reminded that enforcement of new restrictions preventing unauthorised vehicles from using Gloucester’s historic gated streets went live on 5 January. The

measures aim to make the area safer and more welcoming, and permits have been issued to traders so they do not receive fines.

Feedback can be sent to: highwayconsult@gloucestershire.gov.uk and you can find out more here: [County Council launches experimental Traffic Regulation Order for Gloucester's gated streets | Gloucestershire County Council](#)

19 January 2026

For Immediate Release

Additional £71.5m secured to deliver transformative M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme

Gloucestershire County Council is celebrating a major funding boost, following the decision by UK Government to commit to providing an additional £71.5 million towards the transformative M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme.

This investment will allow the council to move ahead with vital transport upgrades that will unlock homes, jobs and investment. Completion of the scheme will:

- Enable the delivery of over 20,000 new homes — including over 7,000 that are affordable
- Support the Golden Valley development and the National Cyber Innovation Centre and technology cluster, including the creation of around 12,000 skilled jobs for local people
- Build on the successful delivery of the £33 million Arle Court Transport Hub

Development consent for the scheme was granted by the Secretary of State for Transport in June 2025, marking a major milestone and confirming the strategic importance of the project for the county's transport network and economy.

Cllr Julian Tooke, Cabinet Member for Business, Economic Development, Planning and Infrastructure, said: “Securing this additional Government funding is a turning point for Gloucestershire. The delivery of the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme is a catalyst for transformational growth and opportunity in the region, driving future investment and prosperity. I’m grateful to Homes England and our partners for their support and confidence in this essential infrastructure.”

The newly confirmed £71.5m is additional funding from UK Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund, administered by Homes England, and will bridge the gap to deliver the full improvements.

Funding for the scheme had already been secured from a range of sources to date, including contributions from: UK Government's Housing Infrastructure Fund, administered by Homes England; district council Community Infrastructure Levy funding; Gloucestershire County Council; and S106 contributions from developers whose sites will directly benefit from the scheme.

Tewkesbury MP Cameron Thomas said: "Gloucestershire's heritage as a foundation of UK engineering and security makes it an ideal nucleus for growth in both sectors, as we look to meet the challenges of tomorrow. This crucial infrastructure upgrade will ensure not only that we keep skilled professionals in Gloucestershire, but that we are an attractive proposition for those across the country. This welcome government investment is testament to the consistent and joined-up pressure of local campaigners, Gloucestershire County Council and Members of Parliament, which continue to keep Gloucestershire in the government's thinking. I commend everybody involved."

Gloucestershire County Council is leading delivery of the scheme in collaboration with National Highways and other partners. Weather-dependant preparation works began in autumn 2025, to avoid rising costs and keep the project on track. These early site works are being carried out by appointed contractor Galliford Try.

With the additional funding now in place, the council and its partners will finalise delivery arrangements and continue preparation works for the start of the main construction phase in autumn 2026.

Cheltenham MP Max Wilkinson said: "The upgrade of this junction will support thousands of new jobs in cyber and tech at the landmark west Cheltenham Golden Valley development. After a lot of campaigning work in Parliament and by the local business community, I'm pleased and very relieved to have heard the good news that Ministers have done the right thing by closing the funding gap. I hope we can now get on with delivering the prosperity Cheltenham has been promised for so long."

All the latest information on the M5 Junction 10 Improvements Scheme can be found on the scheme webpage at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/J10, where you can also sign up to receive updates as the project progresses.

Householders urged to register their appliances to help prevent fires

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service (GFRS) is urging residents to take a few minutes to register their household appliances and help reduce the risk of avoidable fires and safety incidents.

GFRS is supporting the Association of Manufacturers of Domestic Appliance's (AMDEA) Register My Appliance Week, which runs from 19 to 23 January 2026.

A recent survey by OnePoll for AMDEA revealed that nearly a quarter (24%) of UK homeowners may not hear promptly about a recall affecting their appliances. One in five (20%) couldn't remember whether they'd registered their large appliances, and fewer than half (46%) had registered all their major white goods.

This week, GFRS is reminding households that registering appliances - new, old or pre-loved - is quick, free and can offer peace of mind for years to come.

Mark Preece, Chief Fire Officer at Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service, said: "Making sure your appliances are registered is one of the simplest steps you can take to keep your home safe. It takes only a few minutes, it doesn't cost anything, and it means manufacturers can contact you immediately if a safety repair is ever needed. We know people often put off small tasks around the home, but this is one job that genuinely protects you and your family. Registering your appliances also helps ensure they enjoy a long and safe working life, giving you confidence every time you use them."

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, cabinet member for the fire and rescue service, added: "Keeping people safe is at the heart of everything we do, and Register My Appliance Week is a great reminder of how small actions can prevent bigger problems later on. Many of us rely heavily on our appliances - dishwashers, washing machines, fridges - but we don't always think about what happens if something goes wrong. By registering your appliances, you'll be first to know if a repair is needed, and you'll help reduce the risk of avoidable incidents. It's quick, it's free, and it could make a real difference."

Residents can register their appliances at: [Home - Register My Appliance](#)

Council set to approve use of £772 million education grant

Gloucestershire County Council's Cabinet is set to approve the use of the £772.21 million Dedicated Schools Grant which will support education across the county in 2026/27.

The annual grant, which is provided by the Government Department for Education to fund all education services from birth to 18, has increased by £27.75 million from last year's total.

Despite the increased grant, the money provided to fund our primary and secondary schools will not be enough to deliver the Government's National Funding Formula in full. The National Funding Formula is a calculation by the Government which prescribes how much funding primary and secondary schools should receive based on the context and cohort. As a result of Government funding not being enough to cover the National Funding Formula, the Schools Forum has agreed an approach for the upcoming financial year. This includes a small reduction to each National Funding Formula factor, except for the minimum per pupil level.

This means that primary and secondary schools will see a small reduction in funding, and the council will work closely with school leaders to ensure every pupil receives a high standard of education and the support they need.

Special Needs education in Gloucestershire continues to face significant pressures as demand for Education, Health and Care Plans (EHCPs) rises both locally and nationally.

The county council is proposing a set of measures designed to protect support for children and avoid further strain on schools, including:

- A 3% inflationary increase in EHCP top-up funding.
- Continuing targeted SEND funding for mainstream schools with proportionately high numbers of pupils with SEND.

These proposals aim to maintain essential support for children and young people with SEND ahead of national reforms which are expected to be announced by the government. Early Years funding from the Government has increased by £19.3 million, reflecting the national expansion of childcare entitlements for parents and increased hourly rates set by the Department for Education. The council will be consulting with the early years sector on how the funding is allocated.

Council's cabinet will discuss these proposals at its meeting on January 28.

Cllr Linda Cohen, Cabinet member responsible for Education and skills at Gloucestershire County Council, said: "This year the funding we've received from the Department for Education isn't enough to deliver the National Funding Formula in full, so the Schools Forum has agreed an approach that results in a small reduction for schools.

"With demand for Education, Health and Care Plans continuing to rise, we're also proposing measures to protect support for children and young people with SEND and avoid placing further strain on schools.

"By safeguarding funding wherever possible, we're helping ensure children receive the support they need while much needed national reforms are developed, and we will continue working closely with school leaders to maintain high quality education for every pupil."

To read the Cabinet paper in full, [click here](#).

Council supports f40's campaign for increased education funding

Gloucestershire County Council is supporting f40's campaign for increased and fairer education funding, with major reforms to SEND provision.

With the Government due to publish its Schools White Paper, which will set out the direction of travel for education, f40 is urging the government to ensure the reforms are powerful enough to solve the crisis and are backed by sufficient funding to enable schools to implement them.

It is anticipated that the White Paper will bring reforms to Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND).

The f40 group, which campaigns on behalf of 43 local authorities across the country for fairer and increased education funding, including Gloucestershire County Council, is hoping for a much clearer long-term vision for the education sector. It also believes education funding should be more fairly distributed and that every school should have enough funding to operate well.

The group is campaigning for lasting change to the SEND system, prioritising early intervention for those children who need extra help, investment and resources for schools, and better inclusion of SEND children in mainstream education.

With demand for SEND support currently outstripping funding, local authorities in England are estimated to have a cumulative SEND deficit of £6 billion by April 2026, which will continue to grow unless changes are made.

f40 believes a firm commitment is required from Government to meet the cost of current and future SEND deficits to ensure councils are financially sustainable – until such point that the system is reformed and there is alignment between SEND policy and the funding required to deliver it.

Cllr Linda Cohen, Cabinet member responsible for Education at Gloucestershire County Council, said: “We are proud to support f40 in this campaign for increased funding for education from the Government.

“Our children and young people in Gloucestershire deserve the best possible education to be able to achieve their full potential.

“Reforms to the education system will allow our schools to provide the education that every child in our county deserves.”

Chair of f40, Councillor Alex Dale, said: “We welcome Government's commitment to tackle the crisis in SEND, and hope they take this opportunity to really get to the root causes of the issues and make brave, lasting changes that benefit every child and school.

“However, the reforms must be backed by funding, or schools and the reforms themselves will be set up to fail.

“Whilst Government is focusing on education, it's the perfect time to also improve the National Funding Formula to ensure money for schools is distributed more fairly. Currently, some schools receive more than £5,000 less per pupil than others, and only a third of the

SEND funding that others get. That is fundamentally wrong. No child should be worth less than another.”

For more information about f40, and to view funding graphs that show the disparity in education funding across all local authorities in England, go to <https://www.f40.org.uk/>.

Cabinet to recommend £697 million budget for Council to approve

Gloucestershire County Council’s cabinet is set to recommend that the ambitious budget plan for the next few years is put forward to Full Council for debate and approval at its February meeting.

This follows a period of public consultation on draft proposals which saw more than 350 responses. The proposed spending plans for 2026/27 will see spending rise by £32.7 million on 2025/26 levels, to almost £700 million.

The £697.8 million proposed budget includes significant investment by the council to improve road safety, education for young people, and continued support for the most vulnerable people in the county.

An additional £15 million is proposed to be spent over the next three years on improving the quality and safety of the county’s roads. In addition, £2 million will be spent on improving road safety through introducing 20mph speed limits over the next two years.

A total of £21.1 million will be spent on delivering the new special schools in Gloucester and Cheltenham, allowing more young people to be educated closer to home. A further £2.7 million will be invested in the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) services.

Towards a total investment of £57 million, there will be £6.55 million committed next year towards the building of three new care homes in the county.

Household Waste Recycling Centres across the county will benefit from improvements with £3.9 million set to be invested over the next four years.

Gloucestershire Fire and Rescue Service will see £2.5 million spent on new frontline vehicles, £1.5 million towards a new training facility, and £1.3 million to make improvements to Cinderford Fire Station.

The Cabinet meeting follows a public consultation which ran from 4 December until 9 January.

This consultation saw 44 per cent of respondents support the proposals to increase Council Tax and the Adult Social Care Precept. The proposed increase reflects unavoidable pressures on the council and supports the continued delivery of essential services.

There was broad support from the consultation responses for the budget’s revenue proposals across most service areas. This investment will ensure we can enable effective delivery across the organisation, including digital infrastructure, financial controls and workforce support. These functions ensure frontline services remain safe, modern and efficient.

The budget proposes raising an additional £27.4 million to help fund services through a council tax increase of 2.99% and a further 2% increase in the adult social care precept, which will specifically support work with the most vulnerable adults in the county. Based on a band D property, residents would pay an additional £1.61 each week. The council is also looking at the way it works to generate more income, reduce costs and make its money go further. This will create £32.3 million in savings for the council's budget in 2026/27.

Cllr Lisa Spivey, Leader of Gloucestershire County Council, said: "I would like to thank everyone who took part in our budget consultation. Your views give us a valuable insight into where our communities want money to be spent.

"The financial settlement from Government for the coming years has not been what we had hoped and leaves us in an extremely challenging position.

"Despite these challenges, I am delighted that we have been able to propose a budget that protects frontline services and invests in what our residents need and rely on. This is part of our commitment to delivering on the priorities we set out in our Council Plan last year."

Contractor appointed for Black Dog Way and London Road cycling and walking improvements

Gloucestershire County Council is pleased to announce that, following a competitive tender process, Montel Civil Engineering has been appointed as the contractor for the Black Dog Way and London Road cycling and walking improvement scheme.

Construction is scheduled to begin in early to mid-February at the Black Dog Way junction.

This project will connect existing infrastructure on London Road with the recent upgrades on Northgate Street, creating a safer, more accessible and better-connected route for pedestrians and cyclists travelling in and around Gloucester.

Key benefits of the scheme include:

- Improved cycling connectivity between London Road and Northgate Street
- Better public transport flow, with dedicated bus signals at Northgate Street to enable quicker journeys across the junction

The first few weeks of construction will involve reduced lane widths on approaches to the junction. From the start of the project, turning right from London Road onto Black Dog Way will no longer be available and this change will remain in place permanently.

This measure is essential to maintaining junction capacity, improving traffic flow and protecting priority for buses and emergency vehicles.

To allow construction of a new bus stop, the Northgate Street bus and taxi lane will be temporarily closed from the beginning of the works.

Meet the contractor event

Residents, businesses and stakeholders are invited to attend our Meet the Contractor event, which will take place on Wednesday 4 February 2026 from 10am – 6pm at Gloucester Heritage Hub, Clarence Row, Alvin Street, Gloucester GL1 3DW.

This drop-in event is an opportunity to meet Montel Civil Engineering, learn about the upcoming works and timelines and ask questions about the scheme.

The event follows on from the “You Said, We Did” session held in November 2025, where the project team shared how feedback from the 2023 public consultation helped shape and refine the final design of the scheme.

Cllr Roger Whyborn, Cabinet Member for Sustainable Transport and Strategic

Highways, said: “This scheme is an important step towards improving safe, sustainable travel in this part of Gloucester, making it easier for people to walk, cycle and use public transport. While some disruption is unavoidable as the works get underway, we’re working hard to minimise delays and would encourage road users to plan ahead and consider alternative routes where possible. I’d like to thank residents and businesses for their patience as we deliver these much-needed improvements.”

More information about the scheme can be found

at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/black-dog-way

Her Majesty The Queen visits Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service

Her Majesty The Queen yesterday (Wednesday 21 January) met with staff who provide vital care and support to victims and survivors of domestic abuse in Gloucestershire.

The visit was hosted by Gloucestershire Domestic Abuse Support Service (GDASS), which is commissioned by Gloucestershire County Council and delivered by GreenSquareAccord (GSA).

Funding partners include the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire (OPCC), and the NHS Integrated Care Board.

Upon arrival, Her Majesty met privately with a domestic abuse survivor who now works for the service after receiving direct support.

Her Majesty then met with staff and volunteers, who outlined the stages of an individual’s journey through GDASS services, from initial contact through to the range of support available to those who have experienced, or are experiencing, domestic abuse.

GSA has been delivering domestic abuse support services in Gloucestershire since 2012.

Cllr Paul Hodgkinson, cabinet member for Public Health, Communities and Fire said:

"Her Majesty's visit is a powerful recognition of the professionalism and compassion shown every day by the GDASS team to tackle domestic abuse. We will continue to invest in services and support to tackle domestic abuse, and deliver safer outcomes for victims and survivors and their families.

"This is a partnership effort across the county to prevent harm, reduce risk, and support recovery."

Between July 2024 and July 2025, GDASS received 9,400 referrals for support, responded to 1,000 calls to its professional helpline, and delivered training or engagement to 3,622 individuals across Gloucestershire.

OPCC's Domestic Abuse Lead, Sophie Jarrett said: "It was an honour to meet Her Majesty and to share the vital work taking place here in Gloucestershire to support people affected by domestic abuse and sexual violence. The OPCC has proudly funded victim services locally for many years, including contributing to GDASS.

"Her Majesty's visit helps to shine an important light on the work of GDASS and on the courage of those who come forward for help. There are staff that provide vital care and support for vulnerable victims and survivors, and it was wonderful to be able to thank them during this royal visit."

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
INCOME						
Town Business Committee						
100	Precept	£410,143.00	£0.00	£410,133.00	£-10.00	0.00%
105	Newsletter Advertising	£100.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-100.00	-100.00%
120	Feed-in Tariff from Town Hall	£800.00	£0.00	£883.46	£83.46	10.43%
125	Stonehouse Town FC lease	£600.00	£0.00	£1,160.00	£560.00	93.33%
126	STFC Water Recharge	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-200.00	-100.00%
127	STFC Electric Recharge	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,018.02	£18.02	0.90%
130	Athletics Field Lease	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
135	Phone Mast on Land	£6,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-6,000.00	-100.00%
140	Building Lease at OEL	£637.00	£0.00	£637.00	£0.00	0.00%
145	Magpies Social Club	£2,000.00	£0.00	£2,100.00	£100.00	5.00%
150	Community Centre Lease	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00	£0.00	0.00%
155	OEL Pitch Hire	£3,000.00	£0.00	£1,815.00	£-1,185.00	-39.50%
160	Misc Income	£500.00	£0.00	£4,779.56	£4,279.56	855.91%
170	Investments Interest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
171	Bank Interest - Lloyds Bank	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
172	Bank Interest - Charity A/C	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-2,000.00	-100.00%
173	Bank Interest - Natwest	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
174	Bank interest - Cambridge BS	£2,000.00	£0.00	£1,831.69	£-168.31	-8.42%
176	Bank Interest - Nationwide	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-2,000.00	-100.00%
177	Bank Interest - Melton Building Society	£2,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£-2,000.00	-100.00%
178	CCLA Interest	£21,000.00	£0.00	£12,565.76	£-8,434.24	-40.16%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
179	Town Hall/Library Recharges	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,488.69	£488.69	16.29%
Total Town Business Committee		<u>£458,480.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£441,912.18</u>	<u>-£16,567.82</u>	<u>-3.61%</u>
Town Environment Committee						
200	Stonehouse in Bloom	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
205	Event Income/Donations					
205/1	Events	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,335.00	£135.00	11.25%
205/2	Donations	£0.00	£0.00	£49.20	£49.20	100.00%
205/3	Markets	£0.00	£0.00	£755.00	£755.00	100.00%
205	Total	<u>£1,200.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£2,139.20</u>	<u>£939.20</u>	<u>78.27%</u>
210	Planting Sponsorship	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
215	Grants	£0.00	£0.00	£1,797.11	£1,797.11	100.00%
Total Town Environment Committee		<u>£1,200.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£3,936.31</u>	<u>£2,736.31</u>	<u>228.03%</u>
Total Income		<u>£459,680.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£445,848.49</u>	<u>-£13,831.51</u>	<u>-3.01%</u>
EXPENDITURE						
Town Business Committee						
1000	Salaries					
1000/1	Contracted staff	£223,800.00	£0.00	£178,869.03	£44,930.97	-20.08%
1000/2	Locum	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1000/3	Short term contracted staff	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1000	Total	<u>£223,800.00</u>	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£178,869.03</u>	<u>£44,930.97</u>	<u>-20.08%</u>
1010	Training & Recruitment					
1010/1	Contracted Staff	£2,500.00	£0.00	£2,102.98	£397.02	-15.88%
1010/2	Councillors	£500.00	£0.00	£1,731.00	-£1,231.00	246.20%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
1010	Total	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,833.98	-£833.98	27.80%
1020	Health & Safety	£2,500.00	£0.00	£1,173.98	£1,326.02	-53.04%
1030	Professional Fees	£8,000.00	£0.00	£5,931.30	£2,068.70	-25.86%
1040	IT support					
1040/1	General	£6,750.00	£0.00	£3,747.66	£3,002.34	-44.48%
1040/2	Website	£1,300.00	£0.00	£1,343.76	-£43.76	3.37%
1040/3	Newsletter	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1040/4	Phones	£1,500.00	£0.00	£229.43	£1,270.57	-84.70%
1040/5	Printing	£0.00	£0.00	£533.01	-£533.01	100.00%
1040	Total	£9,550.00	£0.00	£5,853.86	£3,696.14	-38.70%
1050	Office Equipment Renewals	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	-100.00%
1060	Grants					
1060/1	One-Offs	£10,000.00	£7,500.00	£22,670.00	-£5,170.00	51.70%
1060/2	Long-Term	£7,400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£7,400.00	-100.00%
1060	Total	£17,400.00	£7,500.00	£22,670.00	£2,230.00	-12.82%
1070	Town Hall/Library Shared Costs					
1070/1	Rates	£4,500.00	£0.00	£5,613.75	-£1,113.75	24.75%
1070/2	Water	£1,200.00	£0.00	£467.79	£732.21	-61.02%
1070/3	Electric	£3,000.00	£0.00	£2,305.37	£694.63	-23.15%
1070/4	Gas	£1,800.00	£0.00	£1,422.06	£377.94	-21.00%
1070/5	Interior Maintenance (reactive)	£500.00	£0.00	£1,556.99	-£1,056.99	211.40%
1070/6	Interior Maintenance (programmed)	£500.00	£0.00	£0.00	£500.00	-100.00%
1070/7	Waste Collection	£300.00	£0.00	£10.92	£289.08	-96.36%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
1070/8	Security	£200.00	£0.00	£0.00	£200.00	-100.00%
1070	Total	£12,000.00	£0.00	£11,376.88	£623.12	-5.19%
1080	Town Hall/Library STC costs					
1080/1	Exterior Maintenance/Cleaning	£500.00	£0.00	£294.45	£205.55	-41.11%
1080/2	Interior Cleaning	£1,700.00	£0.00	£1,979.39	-£279.39	16.43%
1080	Total	£2,200.00	£0.00	£2,273.84	-£73.84	3.36%
1090	Admin Expenses					
1090/1	Paper	£250.00	£0.00	£111.34	£138.66	-55.46%
1090/2	Other	£500.00	£0.00	£2,066.96	-£1,566.96	313.39%
1090/3	Printing and Delivery of Newsletters	£8,000.00	£0.00	£5,821.00	£2,179.00	-27.24%
1090/4	Travel expenses	£500.00	£0.00	£45.00	£455.00	-91.00%
1090	Total	£9,250.00	£0.00	£8,044.30	£1,205.70	-13.03%
1100	Mayor's Charity & Expenses	£300.00	£0.00	£100.00	£200.00	-66.67%
1110	Travel Costs/Staff & Councillors	£400.00	£0.00	£0.00	£400.00	-100.00%
1120	Election Costs	£0.00	£9,185.29	£9,185.29	£0.00	0.00%
1130	Civic/Remembrance Parades	£180.00	£0.00	£0.00	£180.00	-100.00%
1140	Pavilion Overheads					
1140/1	Rates	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1140/2	Water	£1,200.00	£0.00	£1,786.95	-£586.95	48.91%
1140/3	Electric	£6,300.00	£0.00	£4,365.23	£1,934.77	-30.71%
1140/4	Cleaning	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,228.72	-£228.72	22.87%
1140/5	Maintenance (reactive)	£2,000.00	£2,160.00	£3,322.65	£837.35	-41.87%
1140/6	Maintenance (programmed)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£3.10	£996.90	-99.69%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
1140/7	Waste Collection	£500.00	£0.00	£43.68	£456.32	-91.26%
1140/8	Security	£200.00	£0.00	£90.00	£110.00	-55.00%
1140/9	Septic Tank	£700.00	£0.00	£3,036.68	-£2,336.68	333.81%
1140	Total	£12,900.00	£2,160.00	£13,877.01	£1,182.99	-9.17%
1150	Workshop Overheads					
1150/1	Water	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1150/2	Electric	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£300.00	-100.00%
1150/3	Maintenance (Reactive)	£300.00	£5,912.39	£7,296.98	-£1,084.59	361.53%
1150/4	Maintenance (programmed)	£700.00	£0.00	£120.03	£579.97	-82.85%
1150/5	Waste Collection	£1,800.00	£0.00	£1,268.99	£531.01	-29.50%
1150/6	Security	£200.00	£0.00	£30.00	£170.00	-85.00%
1150	Total	£3,300.00	£5,912.39	£8,716.00	£496.39	-15.04%
1160	Equipment & Vehicle Costs					
1160/1	Equipment and Vehicle costs	£700.00	£4,049.17	£4,604.29	£144.88	-20.70%
1160/2	Maintenance	£600.00	£0.00	£594.17	£5.83	-0.97%
1160/3	Fuel	£900.00	£0.00	£500.35	£399.65	-44.41%
1160/4	Tax	£200.00	£0.00	£345.00	-£145.00	72.50%
1160/5	MOT/Service	£600.00	£0.00	£0.00	£600.00	-100.00%
1160	Total	£3,000.00	£4,049.17	£6,043.81	£1,005.36	-33.51%
1170	Youth Centre Workers	£66,000.00	£0.00	£65,000.50	£999.50	-1.51%
1180	Youth Centre Overheads					
1180/1	Rates	£1,400.00	£0.00	£1,458.88	-£58.88	4.21%
1180/2	Water	£300.00	£0.00	£137.54	£162.46	-54.15%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
1180/3	Electric	£1,500.00	£0.00	£1,136.80	£363.20	-24.21%
1180/4	Cleaning	£1,300.00	£0.00	£1,071.50	£228.50	-17.58%
1180/5	Maintenance (reactive)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£752.89	£247.11	-24.71%
1180/6	Maintenance (programmed)	£1,500.00	£0.00	£46.50	£1,453.50	-96.90%
1180/7	Waste collection	£300.00	£0.00	£21.84	£278.16	-92.72%
1180/8	Security	£500.00	£0.00	£400.00	£100.00	-20.00%
1180/9	IT costs	£1,000.00	£0.00	£808.61	£191.39	-19.14%
1180	Total	£8,800.00	£0.00	£5,834.56	£2,965.44	-33.70%
1200	Subscriptions	£3,500.00	£0.00	£3,251.45	£248.55	-7.10%
1210	Insurances					
1210/1	Public/Employee Liability	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,851.28	£-851.28	10.64%
1210/2	Buildings	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1210/3	Vehicle	£0.00	£0.00	£137.42	£-137.42	100.00%
1210	Total	£8,000.00	£0.00	£8,988.70	£-988.70	12.36%
1220	Project Planning & Delivery					
1220/1	OEL Car Park	£0.00	£2,555.00	£2,555.00	£0.00	0.00%
1220/2	Stagholt	£0.00	£100.00	£100.00	£0.00	0.00%
1220/3	Ship Inn site	£0.00	£5,020.32	£5,775.32	£-755.00	100.00%
1220/4	Court View	£0.00	£10.00	£0.00	£10.00	100.00%
1220/5	Great Oldbury	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
1220	Total	£0.00	£7,685.32	£8,430.32	£-745.00	100.00%
1230	Climate Change	£5,000.00	£0.00	£0.00	£5,000.00	-100.00%
Total Town Business Committee		£399,580.00	£36,492.17	£369,454.81	£66,617.36	-16.67%

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		2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
Town Environment Committee						
1190	Amenity Areas					
1190/1	Grounds Maintenance (contract)	£29,500.00	£0.00	£24,605.00	£4,895.00	-16.59%
1190/2	Grounds Maintenance (in-house)	£1,000.00	£0.00	£829.88	£170.12	-17.01%
1190/3	Play Equipment maint/repairs/insp	£3,800.00	£0.00	£3,390.83	£409.17	-10.77%
1190/4	Public Space Improvements	£6,000.00	£0.00	£3,958.98	£2,041.02	-34.02%
1190/5	Tree & Hedge/boundary maintenance	£4,500.00	£0.00	£1,733.90	£2,766.10	-61.47%
1190/6	Waste Collection	£4,000.00	£0.00	£2,978.32	£1,021.68	-25.54%
1190	Total	£48,800.00	£0.00	£37,496.91	£11,303.09	-23.16%
2000	Christmas Lights	£2,000.00	£14,897.15	£17,007.15	-£110.00	5.50%
2005	Climate Change	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010	In Bloom					
2010/1	Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/2	Non-Contract Planting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/3	Watering Services	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010/4	Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2010	Total	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	Cultural Events & Studies					
2050/1	Goodwill	£6,000.00	£0.00	£5,574.26	£425.74	-7.10%
2050/2	Civic Awards	£300.00	£0.00	£24.91	£275.09	-91.70%
2050/3	Other	£3,000.00	£0.00	£3,454.00	-£454.00	15.13%
2050/4	Communications	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2050	Total	£9,300.00	£0.00	£9,053.17	£246.83	-2.65%

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Comparison between 01/04/25 and 09/02/26 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Includes commitments.

Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/25

	2025/2026	Reserve Movements	Actual Net	Balance	Bal %age
2080 Neighbourhood Plan Review	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Planning Specialist Advice					
2090/1	£0.00	£1,320.00	£500.00	£820.00	100.00%
2090/2	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	0.00%
2090 Total	<u>£0.00</u>	<u>£1,320.00</u>	<u>£500.00</u>	<u>£820.00</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
Total Town Environment Committee	<u>£60,100.00</u>	<u>£16,217.15</u>	<u>£64,057.23</u>	<u>£12,259.92</u>	<u>-20.40%</u>
Total Expenditure	<u>£459,680.00</u>	<u>£52,709.32</u>	<u>£433,512.04</u>	<u>£78,877.28</u>	<u>-17.16%</u>
Total Income	£459,680.00	£0.00	£445,848.49	-£13,831.51	-3.01%
Total Expenditure	£459,680.00	£52,709.32	£433,512.04	£78,877.28	-17.16%
Total Net Balance	£0.00		£12,336.45		

Bank Account Reconciled Statement

Stonehouse Town Council

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Statement Number	70	Bank Statement No.	70
Statement Opening Balance	£20,045.94	Opening Date	01/01/26
Statement Closing Balance	£59,286.69	Closing Date	31/01/26
True/ Cashbook Closing Balance	£59,286.69		

Date	Cheque/ Ref.	Supplier/ Customer	Debit (£)	Credit (£)	Balance (£)
02/01/26	FPI020126CAMBRI DGE	Cambridge Building Society	0.00	1,831.69	21,877.63
06/01/26	DD060126WATERP LUS	WaterPlus	13.71	0.00	21,863.92
08/01/26	DD080126YUENER GY	YU Energy	883.65	0.00	20,980.27
12/01/26	DD120126YUENER GY	YU Energy	476.87	0.00	20,503.40
12/01/26	DEB120126SMONK EY	Survey Monkey	320.00	0.00	20,183.40
12/01/26	DEB120126VOIPFO NE	Voipfone	9.60	0.00	20,173.80
13/01/26	1868868062413110		0.00	70,000.00	90,173.80
13/01/26	FPO130126ABBEY LOOS	Abbey Loos	207.36	0.00	89,966.44
13/01/26	FPO130126ALLDO NE	All Done and Dusted	250.80	0.00	89,715.64
13/01/26	FPO130126CRIME STOP	CrimeStoppers	247.20	0.00	89,468.44
13/01/26	FPO130126DENNIS BROWN	Dennis Brown & Son	45.00	0.00	89,423.44
13/01/26	FPO130126EASYW IN	Easy Window Cleaning	24.00	0.00	89,399.44
13/01/26	FPO130126FLAGP OLE	Flagpole Express Ltd	922.80	0.00	88,476.64
13/01/26	FPO130126GCC	Gloucestershire County Council	402.96	0.00	88,073.68
13/01/26	FPO130126HMRC	HMRC	4,325.01	0.00	83,748.67
13/01/26	FPO130126HOGG	Hogg and Smith	96.00	0.00	83,652.67
13/01/26	FPO130126JIREH	Jireh Solutions Ltd	317.69	0.00	83,334.98
13/01/26	FPO130126JOMEW	Jo Mew Creative	100.00	0.00	83,234.98
13/01/26	FPO130126 [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	71.91	0.00	83,163.07
13/01/26	FPO130126KELLA WAY	Kellaway Building Supplies Ltd	11.98	0.00	83,151.09
13/01/26	FPO130126MARKE T	Market Street Markets - Nailsworth	1,000.00	0.00	82,151.09
13/01/26	FPO130126MDELE CTRIC	M D Electrical Contracting	150.82	0.00	82,000.27
13/01/26	FPO130126MDELE CTRICA	M D Electrical Contracting	265.46	0.00	81,734.81
13/01/26	FPO130126MIDLAN D	Midland Forestry Limited	1,900.80	0.00	79,834.01

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13/01/26	FPO130126NAILS WORTH	Nailsworth Silver Band	200.00	0.00	79,634.01
13/01/26	FPO130126		150.00	0.00	79,484.01
13/01/26	FPO130126PROLIF IC	Prolific Solutions (South West) Ltd	69.71	0.00	79,414.30
13/01/26	FPO130126PROLU DIC	Proludic	43.44	0.00	79,370.86
13/01/26	FPO130126SCA	Stonehouse Community Association	60.00	0.00	79,310.86
13/01/26	FPO130126SMITHS	Smiths Gloucester LTD	354.00	0.00	78,956.86
13/01/26	FPO130126STROU DALARM	Stroud Alarms	612.00	0.00	78,344.86
13/01/26	FPO130126TWHA WKINS	T W Hawkins & Sons	3,084.20	0.00	75,260.66
15/01/26	FPI150126STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	1,700.00	76,960.66
16/01/26	DEB160126FIREPR O	Fire Protection Online	205.85	0.00	76,754.81
16/01/26	DEP160126NATION ALGR	National Grid	0.00	27.29	76,782.10
19/01/26	DD190126WATERP LUS	WaterPlus	120.80	0.00	76,661.30
19/01/26	PAY190126LLOYD S	Lloyds Bank	8.50	0.00	76,652.80
20/01/26	DD200126SKY	Sky Mobile	10.00	0.00	76,642.80
20/01/26	DEB200126FASTH OSTS	Fasthosts	13.20	0.00	76,629.60
21/01/26	DEB210126ARRO WFILE	Arrowfile	36.89	0.00	76,592.71
21/01/26	FPO210126AUTOP ARTS	Stonehouse Autoparts	43.96	0.00	76,548.75
21/01/26	FPO210126CHAME LEON	Custom Chameleon Ltd	2,050.00	0.00	74,498.75
21/01/26	FPO210126EASYW INDOW	Easy Window Cleaning	24.00	0.00	74,474.75
21/01/26	FPO210126FLAGM AKERS	Flagmakers (Specialised Canvas Services)	227.50	0.00	74,247.25
21/01/26	FPO210126GRUND ON	Grundon Waste Management Ltd	6.94	0.00	74,240.31
21/01/26	FPO210126LITTLE ACORN	Little Acorns Baby & Toddler Group	1,500.00	0.00	72,740.31
21/01/26	FPO210126NFP	NFP Workshops	190.00	0.00	72,550.31
22/01/26	DEB220126TVLICE NCE	TV Licence	174.50	0.00	72,375.81
22/01/26	FPI220126STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	1,160.00	73,535.81
23/01/26	DD230126NEST	NEST	2,640.12	0.00	70,895.69
23/01/26	DEB230126SMITHS	Smiths Gloucester LTD	342.00	0.00	70,553.69
26/01/26	DD260126JSTAYTE	John Stayte Services Ltd	99.27	0.00	70,454.42
26/01/26	DD260126WATERP LUS	WaterPlus	43.15	0.00	70,411.27

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26/01/26	SO260126STAFF	Staff Salaries	10,777.61	0.00	59,633.66
28/01/26	SO280126PATA	PATA Payroll	97.75	0.00	59,535.91
30/01/26	DD300126PENINSU LA	Peninsula	451.36	0.00	59,084.55
30/01/26	FPI300126STFC	Stonehouse Town Football Club	0.00	202.14	59,286.69

Uncleared and unrepresented effects

Total uncleared and unrepresented	0.00	0.00
Total debits / credits	35680.37	74921.12

Reconciled by Carla Swindells

Signed _____
Clerk / Responsible Financial Officer

Chair

Date _____

Stonehouse Town Council
Townhall
1 Queens Road
Stonehouse
United Kingdom
GL10 2QA

Your Account

Sort Code 30-98-29
Account Number 01651837

BUSINESS ACCOUNT

01 January 2026 to 31 January 2026

Money In	£74,921.12	Balance on 01 January 2026	£20,045.94
Money Out	£35,680.37	Balance on 31 January 2026	£59,286.69

Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
02 Jan 26	CAMBRIDGE BUILDING FPS2601011781764	FPI	1,831.69		21,877.63
06 Jan 26	WATER PLUS 0611010313	DD		13.71	21,863.92
08 Jan 26	YU ENERGY RETAIL L 2000103903001	DD		90.21	21,773.71
08 Jan 26	YU ENERGY RETAIL L 2000103905001	DD		128.85	21,644.86
08 Jan 26	YU ENERGY RETAIL L 2000103902001	DD		170.55	21,474.31
08 Jan 26	YU ENERGY RETAIL L 2000103904002	DD		494.04	20,980.27
12 Jan 26	VOIPFONE CD 1929 10JAN26	DEB		9.60	20,970.67
12 Jan 26	SURVEYMONK* T 4735 CD 1929 10JAN26	DEB		320.00	20,650.67
12 Jan 26	YU ENERGY RETAIL L 2000101348003	DD		476.87	20,173.80
13 Jan 26	HSBC AS DEP OF THE 1868868062413110HN 400530	FPI	70,000.00		90,173.80
13 Jan 26	ABBEY LOOS 500000001698360761 83458	FPO		207.36	89,966.44
13 Jan 26	ALL DONE AND DUSTE 100000001689200460 767	FPO		250.80	89,715.64
13 Jan 26	██████████ 400000001703220726	FPO		71.91	89,643.73
13 Jan 26	DENNIS BROWN & SON 600000001698155172 195406	FPO		45.00	89,598.73
13 Jan 26	EASY WINDOW CLEANI 400000001703220738 31513	FPO		24.00	89,574.73
13 Jan 26	GLOUCESTERSHIRE CO 300000001701757303	FPO		402.96	89,171.77

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Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
13 Jan 26	HOGG AND SMITH LTD 400000001703220758 3289	FPO		96.00	89,075.77
13 Jan 26	JIREH SOLUTIONS 600000001698155199 34637	FPO		317.69	88,758.08
13 Jan 26	JO MEW CREATIVE 400000001703220769 STC1135	FPO		100.00	88,658.08
13 Jan 26	KELLAWAY 100000001689200519 3300758	FPO		11.98	88,646.10
13 Jan 26	M D ELECTRICAL CON 600000001698155217 2704	FPO		416.28	88,229.82
13 Jan 26	MARKET STREET MARK 300000001701757341 STC	FPO		1,000.00	87,229.82
13 Jan 26	WEST COUNTRY FORES 600000001698155228 5082/4732	FPO		1,900.80	85,329.02
13 Jan 26	NAILSWORTH SILVER 600000001698155233 121225	FPO		200.00	85,129.02
13 Jan 26	PROLIFIC 300000001701757362 12452 556138 10 13JAN26	FPO		69.71	85,059.31
13 Jan 26	PROLUDIC 400000001703220813 11971	FPO		43.44	85,015.87
13 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE COMM AS 200000001694383834 SCA-136	FPO		60.00	84,955.87
13 Jan 26	STROUD ALARMS 600000001698155259 64705	FPO		612.00	84,343.87
13 Jan 26	T W HAWKINS 100000001689200572	FPO		3,084.20	81,259.67
13 Jan 26	HMRC 400000001703220840 STCDEC25 083210 10	FPO		4,325.01	76,934.66
13 Jan 26	[REDACTED] 300000001701757403 STC	FPO		150.00	76,784.66
13 Jan 26	CRIMESTOPPERS TRUS 400000001703221120 00943	FPO		247.20	76,537.46
13 Jan 26	FLAGPOLE EXPRESS 600000001698155790 62879	FPO		922.80	75,614.66
13 Jan 26	SMITHS GLOUCESTER 600000001698156020	FPO		354.00	75,260.66
15 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE TOWN FO STC3174 PITCH HIRE	FPI	1,700.00		76,960.66
16 Jan 26	500201	DEP	27.29		76,987.95
16 Jan 26	FIREPROTONL CD 1929	DEB		205.85	76,782.10
19 Jan 26	WATER PLUS 0152032908	DD		120.80	76,661.30

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Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
19 Jan 26	SERVICE CHARGES REF : 474977774	PAY		8.50	76,652.80
20 Jan 26	SKY MOBILE 00624994227004	DD		10.00	76,642.80
20 Jan 26	FASTHOSTS CD 1929	DEB		13.20	76,629.60
21 Jan 26	CUSTOM CHAMELEON 200000001698228956 035	FPO		2,050.00	74,579.60
21 Jan 26	EASY WINDOW CLEANI 500000001702209683 32190	FPO		24.00	74,555.60
21 Jan 26	SPECIALISED CANVAS 100000001693048473 313384	FPO		227.50	74,328.10
21 Jan 26	GRUNDON 600000001702002588 1409014	FPO		6.94	74,321.16
21 Jan 26	LITTLE ACORNS BABY 500000001702209708	FPO		1,500.00	72,821.16
21 Jan 26	NFP WORKSHOPS 400000001707066243 4460	FPO		190.00	72,631.16
21 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE AUTOPAR 200000001698229007 6523071	FPO		43.96	72,587.20
21 Jan 26	ARROWFILE.COM CD 1929	DEB		36.89	72,550.31
22 Jan 26	TV LICENCE DDA 3697924173	DD		174.50	72,375.81
22 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE TOWN FO STC3176 LEASE 2425	FPI	580.00		72,955.81
22 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE TOWN FO STC3177 LEASE 2526	FPI	580.00		73,535.81
23 Jan 26	NEST IT000001272861	DD		2,640.12	70,895.69
23 Jan 26	SMITHS GLOUCESTER CD 1929	DEB		342.00	70,553.69
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		2,429.75	68,123.94
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		1,749.63	66,374.31
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		1,910.24	64,464.07
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		891.39	63,572.68
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		890.37	62,682.31
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		1,312.50	61,369.81

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Your Transactions

Date	Description	Type	Money In (£)	Money Out (£)	Balance (£)
26 Jan 26	██████████	SO		1,593.73	59,776.08
26 Jan 26	WATER PLUS 0510081519	DD		43.15	59,732.93
26 Jan 26	T/AS J STAYTE JOHN STAYTES	DD		99.27	59,633.66
28 Jan 26	PATA	SO		97.75	59,535.91
30 Jan 26	PENINSULA BUSINESS 000STO809	DD		451.36	59,084.55
30 Jan 26	STONEHOUSE TOWN FO ELEC JAN 26 600000001707693851	FPI	202.14		59,286.69

Transaction types

BGC Bank Giro Credit	BP Bill Payments	CHG Charge	CHQ Cheque
COR Correction	CPT Cashpoint	DD Direct Debit	DEB Debit Card
DEP Deposit	FEE Fixed Service	FPI Faster Payment In	FPO Faster Payment Out
MPI Mobile Payment In	MPO Mobile Payment Out	PAY Payment	SO Standing Order
TFR Transfer			

Stonehouse Town Council

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/25

Supplier totals will include confidential items

BACS Approval List

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
4827		£230.40	1220/3	03/02/26	Abbey Loos - Jan '26 - Portaloo Hire - Ship Inn Site	83847
		£230.40			Abbey Loos - Total	
4844		£250.80		05/02/26	All Done and Dusted - Jan '26 - Pod & Pavilion Cleaning	
	1	£112.80	1180/4		Jan '26 - Pod Cleaning	
	2	£138.00	1140/4		Jan '26 - Pavilion Cleaning	
		£250.80			All Done and Dusted - Total	
4834		£24.00	1080/1	01/02/26	Easy Window Cleaning - Feb '26 - TH	32800
		£24.00			Easy Window Cleaning - Total	
4840		£0.00	1040/3	05/02/26	██████████ - Design & Artwork - Stonehouse News Issue 60	60
		£0.00			██████████ - Total	
4835		£201.48	1080/2	22/01/26	Gloucestershire County Council - Jan '26 TH Cleaning	1800866302
		£201.48			Gloucestershire County Council - Total	
4829		£76.50	1040/1	03/02/26	Jireh Solutions Ltd - Jan '26 - Billable Hours	34897
4837		£323.02	1040/1	01/02/26	Jireh Solutions Ltd - Feb '26 Contract	35055
		£399.52			Jireh Solutions Ltd - Total	
4821		£100.00	1100	29/01/26	Magpies Social Club - Refund following overpayment - see attachment	
		£100.00			Magpies Social Club - Total	
4846		£10.00	1150/6	09/02/26	██████████ - Expenses - new key workshop barrier	
		£10.00			██████████ - Total	
4828		£79.45	1040/5	29/01/26	Prolific Solutions (South West) Ltd - Jan '25 - Printer TH	12545
		£79.45			Prolific Solutions (South West) Ltd - Total	
4843		£1,056.00	1060/1	05/02/26	Stonehouse School of Trustees - Grant for pollarding of plane trees. STC B/961	
		£1,056.00			Stonehouse School of Trustees - Total	
4823		£2,952.60	1190/1	29/01/26	T W Hawkins & Sons - Jan '26	14542
		£2,952.60			T W Hawkins & Sons - Total	

Signature

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Date

Stonehouse Town Council

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/25

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BACS Approval List

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
4841		£580.00	1010/1	05/02/26	Tony Shaw - Driving - Trailer Training - [REDACTED]	
		£580.00			Tony Shaw - Driving - Total	
Total		£5,884.25				

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Stonehouse Town Council

Expenditure transactions - approval list

Start of year 01/04/25

Supplier totals will include confidential items

Debit Card Approval List

No	Payment Reference	Gross	Heading	Invoice date	Details	Invoice
4845		£0.50	1040/4	05/02/26	Voipfone - New Card Fee	1014973995
		£0.50			Voipfone - Total	
Total		£0.50				

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Date _____

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Purchase Day Book

Showing only	Account type All	Ledger Date before	Ledger Date after	12/01/26
	Supplier	Paid date before	Paid date after	
Type	All	Payment type	<input type="text" value="Direct Debit"/>	Reference <input type="text"/>

No.	Date	Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Heading	Net	Vat type	Vat	Gross	Due	Payment Reference	Paid
4802	14/01/26	11446426	WaterPlus	Dec '25 - Water - Pod	1180/2	£9.51	Zero Rated	£0.00	£9.51	13/02/26	DD020626YUE NERGY	02/02/26
4808	19/01/26		NEST	January 26	1000/1	£2,640.12	Outside the S	£0.00	£2,640.12	18/02/26	DD230126NES T	23/01/26
4812	20/01/26		Sky Mobile	Jan '26 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site	1220/3	£10.00	Outside the S	£0.00	£10.00	19/02/26	DD200126SKY	20/01/26
4813	20/01/26	474977774	Lloyds Bank	Jan '25 Bank Charges	1090/2	£8.50	Zero Rated	£0.00	£8.50	19/02/26	PAY190126LLO YDS	19/01/26
4822	29/01/26	11534727	WaterPlus	Jan '26 - Water - Pavilion	1140/2	£146.25	Zero Rated	£0.00	£146.25	28/02/26		
4826	30/01/26	005444411	Peninsula	Feb '26 - Monthly Contract	1030	£376.13	20% Standard	£75.23	£451.36	01/03/26	DD300126PENI NSULA	30/01/26
4842	31/01/26	9002838	John Stayte Services Ltd	Jan '26 Fuel - Unleaded	1160/3	£11.32	20% Standard	£2.27	£13.59	02/03/26		
4830	02/02/26	3563826	YU Energy	Jan '26 - Electric - Pavilion	1140/3	£519.22	20% Standard	£103.84	£623.06	04/03/26	DD090226YUE NERGY	09/02/26
4831	02/02/26	3563823	YU Energy	Jan '26 - Electric - TH	1070/3	£171.43	5%	£8.57	£180.00	04/03/26	DD090226YUE NERGY	09/02/26
4832	03/02/26	3563824	YU Energy	Jan '26 - Electric - Library	1070/3	£88.43	5%	£4.42	£92.85	05/03/26	DD090226YUE NERGY	09/02/26
4833	03/02/26	3563825	YU Energy	Jan '26 - Electric - Pod	1180/3	£200.32	5%	£10.02	£210.34	05/03/26	DD090226YUE NERGY	09/02/26
4836	04/02/26	3493985	YU Energy	Jan '25 - Gas - TH	1070/4	£460.93	20% Standard	£92.19	£553.12	06/03/26		
12 Transactions						Total			£4,642.16		£296.54	£4,938.70

Purchase Day Book

Showing only	Account type All	Ledger Date before	Ledger Date after	12/01/26
	Supplier	Paid date before	Paid date after	
	Type All	Payment type	<input type="text" value="Standing Order"/>	Reference <input type="text"/>

No.	Date	Invoice no.	Supplier	Details	Heading	Net	Vat type	Vat	Gross Due	Due	Payment Reference	Paid
4809	19/01/26		Staff Salaries	January 26	1000/1	£10,777.61	Outside the S	£0.00	£10,777.61	18/02/26	SO260126STA FF	26/01/26
4810	19/01/26	25/0592/PP	PATA Payroll	January 26 Payroll with Pension Service	1000/1	£97.75	Outside the S	£0.00	£97.75	18/02/26	SO280126PAT A	28/01/26
2 Transactions						Total			£10,875.36	£0.00	£10,875.36	



Minutes of a Town Business Committee Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 at 7pm at the Stonehouse Town Hall/Library, Queens Road, Stonehouse, GL10 2QA

Present: Councillors John Callinan, Keren Capeling, Carol Kambites, John Parker, Carol Trim and Theresa Watt (Committee Chair).

In Attendance: Town Clerk and a representative of the Stonehouse School Trust

All residents of the Parish are welcome to attend and a period of up to 15 minutes will be set aside at the beginning of the meeting for members of the public to raise questions.

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

There were no questions or comments. The representative of Stonehouse School Trust has attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the Trust's grant application. The Chair suggested that he be asked to speak during the relevant agenda item.

B/959 To receive apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Keith Terry and Val Randell

B/960 To receive Declarations of Interest

There was a declared interest from Cllr John Parker in relation to Agenda item B/966 Re the grant application from Stonehouse School Trust

B/961 To approve the minutes of the Business Committee meeting held on 12th January 2026

Committee **APPROVED** the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting subject to an amendment to agenda item B/955 in relation to the Oldends Lane Working Group update - at the time of the meeting in January, the working group were merely at the point of arranging a meeting with the climate change working group

With agreement of the Committee, the Chair brought forward agenda item B/966. In light of Cllr Parkers declared interest, he left the meeting.

- 1. Stonehouse Schools Trust (SST) - to undertake tree works**
A representative of Stonehouse School Trust was invited to answer Member's questions. It was acknowledged that the London Plane

trees were heavily braced and were located directly outside the Park Infant school - pollarding to reduce weight was necessary - the last time they were pollarded was in 2024. The trees are insured for Public Liability by Stonehouse School Trust. The Trust is currently in the process of proving to Land Registry that they own the trees - if successful, the Trust plans to transfer ownership to a more appropriate body. The tree surveyor thought that felling the trees could be considered at some stage but there is currently an appropriate set of measures that can be put into place to safely manage the trees.

There was concern that one of the limbs encroached the driveway into the school driveway and that it could be hit by high sided vehicles reversing in the school entrance - Committee asked if the tree surveyor could be instructed to check the relevant tree for this problem.

Committee **APPROVED** the grant application in full; £1,056 inc vat

2. **Stonehouse Community Association - to conduct a feasibility survey on the installation of solar panels to the community centre**
Committee **DEFERRED** the item due to an anomaly with the application

B/962 Matters arising

Committee **NOTED** the matters arising as detailed in the supporting papers

B/963 To receive the latest budget position

Cllr John Callinan confirmed that he had spent time with the Clerk earlier in the day in relation to some of the budget lines and as a result had no further queries.

Committee **NOTED** the latest budget position of Total Actual Net Expenditure of £364,654.51; total Actual Net Income of £436,405.49; Total Reserve movement of £38,500.17.

B/964 To approve the following payment lists for

1. **BACS payments**

Committee **APPROVED** the BACS payment lists of £25,101.80 and £500

2. **Debit Card Payments**

Committee **RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVED** the Debit Card payment list totalling £917.94

B/965 To recommend changes to the council's reserves

Committee felt that it was time to review all of the council's earmarked reserves ensuring further clarity. It was established that the council's priorities should be reviewed before making changes to the earmarked reserves. A query was raised as to why the Christmas Lighting Earmarked reserve had not been used; it was explained that this may be due to error or timing - The Clerk is to look into the matter. It was also suggested that the reserves report should show a total of Earmarked Reserves.

Committee **RESOLVED** to **DEFER** the item until the council's priority projects were reviewed

B/966 To approve the following grant applications:

1. **Stonehouse Schools Trust - to undertake tree works**
Agenda item brought forward - see above for details
2. **Stonehouse Community Association - to conduct a feasibility survey on the installation of solar panels to the community centre**
Agenda Item brought forward - see above for details

B/967 To approve the following in relation to the Oldends Lane Working Group:

1. **Cllr John Callinan as the working group's convener**
Committee **APPROVED** Cllr John Callinan as the working group Convener
2. **The Co-option of two members of the public, namely Gary Powell and Neil Gibbs onto the working group**
Committee **APPROVED** the co option of Gary Powell and Neil Gibbs as new members of the Oldends Lane Working Group as they met the criteria. Cllr Keren Capeling was also added to the working group.
3. **Officer time to produce scoping documents to allow the working group to secure preliminary advice from experienced contractors on the development, resurfacing and re-landscaping of Oldends lane car park**
Committee **APPROVED** the use of Officer time to produce scoping documents in support of the Oldends Lane Working Group's next project phase

B/968 For Business Committee to:

- a) **receive an update report from Officers on 'Assertion 10' and, Committee received the update report on progress being made with regards to 'Assertion 10'.**
- b) **recommend to full council a change to its website 'design' and 'host' to bring the website into line with Assertion 10' requirements.**
Committee received the Officer's report identifying some of the key issues being experienced with the current website and hosting in addition to providing costed options.
It had been established that the council's current website did not meet the requirements on which Assertion 10 is based; it was agreed that it did not make sense to persevere in trying to make the current website compliant as well as resolve the complexities of the system.
Committee **RECOMMENDED** that council award the work to 'Aubergine' at a cost of £999 plus vat to Migrate, Host and Support

the website for the first year and £399 plus vat for subsequent years

B/969 To approve a change to the council's waste contractor

Committee **APPROVED** the award of the council's waste contract to 'Smiths of Gloucester' at a monthly cost of £28 plus vat, £55 for the Duty of Care documentation and £15 one off container delivery

B/970 To receive an update from the last HR Sub Committee meeting and to recommend approval by full council of the new 'Staff Sickness' policy

The Chair of HR Sub Committee provided an overview of the HR meeting held on Tuesday 27th January '26. In addition to the recommendation to adopt a Sickness Policy, mention was made of one of the Business Support Officers taking a two month sabbatical leave from the beginning of March until the beginning of May '26. Interim arrangements will be put into place for this period.

It was made clear that 'Peninsula' the town council's HR support provider strongly recommended the adoption of the sickness policy in light of further legislative changes.

Committee **RECOMMENDED** Council approval of the new Sickness Policy

B/971 To receive updates from the following working groups:

1. Climate Change Action Forum

Committee received the latest minutes of the working group

2. Communications

Looking to review comms policy re press releases social media releases - Chair and Deputy to write short piece for newsletter to introduce themselves - it was recommended all agendas be placed on social media - all grant recipients should be encouraged to publicly acknowledge receipt of grants.

3. Oldends Lane Development

Meeting to be arranged to commence feasibility work on the car park resurfacing project; meeting with Climate change working group still to be arranged

4. Support Stonehouse

'Pull out' based on Support Stonehouse work has been designed for the council's next Newsletter

5. Youth

Not met recently

6. Policy

To meet shortly to discuss this year's ICC reports

7. Internal Control Checks

Next checks to be determined

8. Local Government Review

It was suggested that consideration be given to arranging a meeting with the cluster group of parishes to which Stonehouse belongs

B/972 To note the date of the next meeting - Monday 2nd March 2026

Committee **NOTED** the date of the next meeting



Minutes (subject to agreement at the next Committee Meeting) of a meeting of the Town Environment Committee held on Monday 9th February, 7pm at Stonehouse Library, High Street, Stonehouse GL10 2NG

Present:

Councillors: Keren Capeling, Deborah Curtis (Committee Chair), Marcus Dixon, David Drew, Simon Macgregor, John Parker

Also present:

Jacqui Sanders (Deputy Clerk)

County Councillor Dean Botterill

2 members of the public

Attendees are reminded that the Proceedings of this meeting may be filmed, photographed or recorded.

Public Questions

The Chair opened the meeting by offering members of the public the opportunity to raise questions or make comment.

Councillor Botterill asked to raise these questions:

Regarding the planning application S.22/0206/OUT (Item 1021). He asked why he was not informed by Stroud District Council, as he is Gloucestershire County Councillor, of this application and that he was concerned about the amount of traffic that would occur on match days.

Committee responded that this was an amended application that was first submitted in 2022 and that he could respond to the application citing his views as a member of the public or as a County Councillor.

Why was the Council wasting money on the restoration and relocation of the Kingfisher statue, as the Kingfisher trail is no longer and the Kingfisher is in too bad of a state?

Committee responded that Stonehouse in Bloom are offering to restore the Kingfisher at potentially little to no cost to the council.

The Ship Inn Site aims to create a Community Hub through fundraising - not a lot of fundraising can be seen. Where is the fundraising?

Cllr Dixon explained that Spice has only been running for one year. They have completed Phase 1 of raising funds for the boardwalk. There is now a plan of monthly fundraising events.

- Is the Ship Inn Site going to cost the Council more money each year?
Cllr Dixon responded that a five-year business plan was in place, with a shortfall in the next three years, after which, the site will be self-funded.
- Will the Ship Inn Site begin to look better from the roadside?
Committee responded that this is in the plan for the future, however, a huge amount of work has already been undertaken on the site.
- Has the Ship Inn Site looked into alternate builders/contractors for the work required?
The work at the Ship Inn Site is undertaken by volunteers.

One member of the public queried the land at Verney Fields, saying that the community could all pay £1 each to purchase the land, or Stonehouse Town Council could purchase it. Committee stated that the Council had attempted to purchase the land in 2022 and had put in an offer, which was initially accepted. Two weeks later the offer was rejected for a higher one. At this point, Council withdrew from negotiations.

Committee also stated that the current owner has said he would not sell to Stonehouse Town Council in the future, under any circumstances.

The two members of the public left as the meeting began promptly at 7.15pm.

E/1009 To receive apologies.

Apologies were received from Cllr Creighton (Committee Vice-Chair) and Cllr Hunter.

E/1010 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Drew declared an interest in Item E/1021, planning application S.22/0206/OUT.

Cllrs Dixon and Curtis declared an interest in Items E/1014 and E/1015.

Cllr Dixon raised the question as to whether it was necessary for councillors to declare an interest in the Ship Inn Site and would appreciate a response.

Update: There is no need for councillors to declare an interest in the Ship Inn Site.

E/1011 To approve the minutes of the Town Environment Committee meeting held on Monday 5th January.

Committee APPROVED the Minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

E/1012 To receive the latest updated Environment Budget.

Committee NOTED the updated report showing a total 'Actual Net' Income of £3,936.31; 'Actual Net' Expenditure of £63,557.23 and Reserve Expenditure of £7,936.70.

E/1013 To consider and recommend to Full Council, changes to the Council's Earmarked Reserves.

Committee recommended to Full Council the removal of the following reserve headings:

- Replacement Vehicle
- Mowers & Equipment
- Underwrite Rev Budget

Officers requested this reserve heading remain for future use; however, committee thought it unnecessary

- Laburnum Recreation Field Tress and Wildflower seeds Memorial Fund
- GCC Build Back Better Fund
- Welcome Back Funding
- Major Projects Support
- Canal Spring Festival - move remaining reserve to General Fund
- Kings Coronation

Committee RESOLVED not to approve a reserve fund of £5000 to the Ship Inn Site as it was felt there was insufficient information to make the decision.

E/1014 To recommend for Full Council to approve the reserve allocation to allocate £20,000 to the Ship Inn Community Space project to cover the anticipated funding shortfall anticipated over the next three years: Year 1 - £5000, Year 2 - £7,500, Year 3 - £7,500.

Cllr Dixon explained that the reserve allocation begins in April 2026 for year 1. A decision will be made by Stroud District Council's Strategy and Resources Committee on 17th April, as to whether to transfer the Ship Inn Site to Stonehouse Town Council on a long-term lease. If the decision is made to not transfer the land to Stonehouse Town Council, then no funds will be needed. Committee proposed the item, with an amendment, to read: Committee to RECOMMEND to Full Council the proposed phased allocation of reserves only on condition that the Certificate of Lawfulness is issued by Stroud District Council and that the land is transferred to Stonehouse Town Council.

E/1015 To recommend to Full Council that an application is made to Stroud District Council for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the building design/site plans, proposed for the Ship Inn Community Space.

Committee AGREED to recommend to Full Council an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the Ship Inn Community Space.

E/1016 To agree in principle the restoration and potential relocation of the Kingfisher Sculpture.

Stonehouse in Bloom propose doing the restoration work for nothing or minimal cost.

Committee AGREED in principle for Stonehouse in Bloom to undertake the restoration work and relocate the Kingfisher to the Ship Inn Site, subject to any costings being approved.

E/1017 To consider and approve, the application for the siting of a memorial Bench in Stonehouse.

Committee discussed the application at length. They felt more consideration should be given to the type and location of bench. Cllrs Parker and Curtis will arrange to follow this matter up with the Applicant directly, and will defer the matter to the next Environment Meeting on 9th March. Officers explained that the application has followed correct procedures in line with the current Memorials Policy.

Committee RECOMMENDED that the Memorial Policy is reviewed by Policies Working Group for future applications.

E/1018 To seek retrospective approval for a tree survey to be undertaken by Glendale for a total of £813.78, plus VAT.

Committee APPROVED the retrospective payment of £813.78, plus VAT, for a tree survey.

E/1019 To receive an update concerning Harpers Field and consider a response.

Cllr Curtis gave an update on the meeting regarding Harpers Field, in which all Cllrs were invited to attend.

Committee received the update, but felt that the matter needed further discussion before a response was made.

E/1020 To receive and approve the following recommendations from the Community

Arboretum and Open Spaces working group:

- That the cedar outside the Globe be removed and replanted in a more suitable location, and that a swamp cypress be purchased and planted in its place.

Committee AGREED in principle to the cedar tree outside the Globe being removed and replaced by a swamp cypress, subject to a fully costed proposal being approved.

- That Neil Gibbs be invited to join the CAOS Group, as a member of the public.

Committee APPROVED that Neil Gibbs be invited to join the CAOS Working Group, as he had been a very engaged member previously whilst in the group as a councillor, and that he would benefit the group.

E/1021 To comment on recent Planning Applications

S.22/0206/OUT Land at M5 Junction 13 west of Stonehouse

Proposed Eco-Park development comprising a 5,000 capacity football stadium, indoor and outdoor playing pitches, an Academy building, up to 37,700 sq.metres of Class E offices and 18,000 sq. metres of B2/B8 employment floorspace with up to 2,750 sq.metres of ancillary Class E food/retail/creche, a hotel with up to 100 beds, a Care Village including a 70 bed Care Home, as well as associated access, parking, landscaping and other ancillary works.

Comment: Stonehouse Town Council has concerns regarding the amount of extra traffic on match days and the impact this would have on nearby areas. This council would also like to enquire whether a survey has been carried out, or any thought has been given to visitors to the Stadium arriving by train at Stonehouse Station and the impact this would have on Stonehouse, on match days.

This Council would like to note and support the comments made by Stroud District Council's Head of Housing Solutions.

Lastly, has the provision of office space been reviewed post covid?

S.25/2438/PIP Site of Former Reliance Works, Downton Road, Bridgend, Stonehouse

Erection of up to 9 dwellings (Use Class C3)

Comment: Stonehouse Town Council fully support housing on a brownfield site. The Council feels this is an ideal site, next to existing housing. The only concern is that this site is currently being used as a car park, so would like consideration as to where all these cars will move to.

S.26/0102/HHOLD 1 Canal Side, Ebley Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a single storey front extension.

Comment: No objections.

S.26/0110/HHOLD 17 Kings Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a rear dormer extension and loft conversion.

Comment: No objections.

S.25/2455/HHOLD 30 Willow Road, Stonehouse

Rendering of the external elevations.

Comment: No objections.

S.26/0056/HHOLD 8A Gloucester Road, Stonehouse

Erection of outbuilding.

Comment: No objections.

S.26/0003/FUL Far Westrip, Stroud

Erection of roofs over the collecting yard, where cows wait to be milked, joining on to existing milking parlour and silage barn.

Comment: No objections.

S.26/0073/HHOLD 1 Laburnum Walk, Stonehouse

Installation of a dropped kerb.

Comment: No objections but would like to note the piecemeal loss of greenspace and biodiversity, with ad hoc addition of parking spaces.

E/1022 To receive a report on planning decisions received from Stroud District Council.

S.25/2008/TPO 20 Bramble Lane, Stonehouse

Oak tree - fell.

REFUSED

S.25/2060/HHOLD Brierfield, Pearcroft Road, Stonehouse

Erection of a single storey side and rear extension.

PERMITTED

S.25/2307/TCA Ryeford Lodge, Ryeford Road North, Ryeford, Stonehouse.

Pollard T1, T2 and T3 down to 2-3m monoliths.

CONSENT GIVEN

E/1023 To receive Working Groups updates.

- **Communications**
Minutes were attached to supporting papers.
- **Stroudwater (Bristol Road) Station**
Not met.
- **Transport and Highways**
Minutes were attached to supporting papers.
- **Public Rights of Way**
Not met.
- **Recreation.**
Not met.
- **Canal Rejuvenation**
Not met.
- **Court View**
Not met.
- **Community Arboretum and Open Spaces.**
Minutes to be included in next Environment meeting.
- **Events**
Minutes were attached to supporting papers.

E/1024 Date of next Environment Committee meeting: Monday 9th March 2026.
Committee NOTED the date of the next meeting.

Reserve Movements

Start of year 01/04/25

General Fund

	-£47,312.13	Start of year value	
22/05/25	£57,312.13	From Community Facilities, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	-£10,000.00	To Stagholt Brook Repairs, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	-£10,000.00	To GWR Cycle Shelter, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	-£7,000.00	To Christmas Lighting, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£5,000.00	From In Bloom Planting display, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£5,000.00	From Support Stonehouse, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£10,000.00	From Court View, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£1,115.00	From Welcome Back Funding, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£1,250.00	From GCC Build Back Better Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£1,608.34	From Laburnum Recreation Field Trees and Wildflower seeds Memorial Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£17,657.50	From Mowers & Equipment, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
27/05/25	£3,522.00	From Replacement vehicle, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
28/05/25	-£1,276.56	To Community Facilities, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
28/05/25	-£16,876.28	To Oldends Lane Seage Development, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
18/09/25	-£1,500.00	To Elections, To provide adequate funding	
20/01/26	-£3,105.00	To Oldends Lane Seage Development, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554	
20/01/26	-£45,000.00	To General Reserve (Contingency), FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554	
20/01/26	-£5,000.00	To Christmas Lighting, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554	
20/01/26	£106.00	From Elections, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554	
	£671,583.53	Value as at 31/03/26	This value is calculated and not just a sum of reserve movements plus starting balance.

General Reserve (Contingency)

	£56,204.71	Start of year value	
22/05/25	£40,000.00	From Community Facilities, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441	
14/08/25	-£5,912.39	Expenditure transaction 4528, Install toilet facilities, soil pipe, plumbing and washbasin in workshop, Workshop toilet installation	
15/09/25	-£1,137.50	Expenditure transaction 4664, Christmas Lights - led string lights, Christmas Lights - led string lights	
21/10/25	-£5,979.20	Expenditure transaction 4656, Christmas Lights, FTC 11th August 25 TC3480	
30/10/25	-£2,160.00	Expenditure transaction 4658, Pavilion - Works required for Legionella Compliance	

20/01/26	£45,000.00	From General Fund, FTC Decision - 19th FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554
	£126,015.62	Current value
Replacement Recreation Land		
	£53,056.00	Start of year value
	£53,056.00	Current value
Asset Renewal Reserve		
	£19,161.13	Start of year value
10/12/25	-£3,499.17	Expenditure transaction 4725, Hawkins Groundcare - ego zero turn mower, 4 x batteries and charger
	£15,661.96	Current value
Elections		
	£7,791.59	Start of year value
14/08/25	-£9,185.29	Expenditure transaction 4526, Local Election Recharge, Local Election recharges
18/09/25	£1,500.00	From General Fund, To provide adequate funding
20/01/26	-£106.00	To General Fund, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554
	£0.30	Current value
Community Facilities		
	£399,475.00	Start of year value
22/05/25	-£57,312.13	To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
22/05/25	-£40,000.00	To General Reserve (Contingency), FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
28/05/25	£1,276.56	From General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£303,439.43	Current value
Street Furniture		
	£5,000.00	Start of year value
	£5,000.00	Current value
Oldends Lane Seage Development		
	-£16,876.28	Start of year value
23/04/25	-£2,555.00	Expenditure transaction 4316, Supply & install fencing at OEL around new pumping station, Supply & install fencing at OEL
28/05/25	£16,876.28	From General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
27/06/25	-£550.00	Expenditure transaction 4435, 3000 watt Converter for van, 3000 watt Converter for van
20/01/26	£3,105.00	From General Fund, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554
	£0.00	Current value

Replacement vehicle

	£3,522.00	Start of year value
27/05/25	-£3,522.00	To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£0.00	Current value

Mowers & Equipment

	£17,657.50	Start of year value
27/05/25	-£17,657.50	To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£0.00	Current value

Neighbourhood Plan Review

	£13,000.00	Start of year value
	£13,000.00	Current value

Stroud DC Tourism Grants 2019

	£651.27	Start of year value
	£651.27	Current value

Stroud District Council Market Towns Initiative Funding

	£43,325.00	Start of year value
	£43,325.00	Current value

GWR Cycle Shelter

	£0.00	Start of year value
27/05/25	£10,000.00	From General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£10,000.00	Current value

CIL

	£7,532.46	Start of year value
	£7,532.46	Current value

Bus shelter replacement & repairs

	£16,000.00	Start of year value
	£16,000.00	Current value

Meadow Road Play area refurbishment

	£16,000.00	Start of year value
	£16,000.00	Current value

Stagholt Brook Repairs

	£0.00	Start of year value
27/05/25	£10,000.00	From General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£10,000.00	Current value

Underwrite Rev Budget

	£0.00	Start of year value
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£0.00 Current value

Laburnum Recreation Field Trees and Wildflower seeds Memorial Fund

£1,608.34 Start of year value

27/05/25 -£1,608.34 To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441

£0.00 Current value

GCC Build Back Better Fund

£1,250.00 Start of year value

27/05/25 -£1,250.00 To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441

£0.00 Current value

Welcome Back Funding

£1,115.00 Start of year value

27/05/25 -£1,115.00 To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441

£0.00 Current value

Stagholt

£40,787.67 Start of year value

24/06/25 -£100.00 Expenditure transaction 4459, Site Plans & OS Plans - Stagholt

02/02/26 -£500.00 Expenditure transaction 4824, Legal Fees re Stagholt (deed of variation)

£40,187.67 Current value

Court View

£30,000.00 Start of year value

27/05/25 -£10,000.00 To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441

£20,000.00 Current value

Major Projects Support

£0.00 Start of year value

£0.00 Current value

Tourism Market Towns

£1,010.00 Start of year value

£1,010.00 Current value

Stroudwater Railway station

£10,000.00 Start of year value

£10,000.00 Current value

Homestart Grant

£30,000.00 Start of year value

£30,000.00 Current value

Support Stonehouse

£5,000.00 Start of year value

27/05/25	-£5,000.00	To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£0.00	Current value
In Bloom Planting display		
	£7,322.02	Start of year value
27/05/25	-£5,000.00	To General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
	£2,322.02	Current value
Canal Spring Festival		
	£2,000.00	Start of year value
	£2,000.00	Current value
Youth Support		
	£0.00	Start of year value
	£0.00	Current value
Kings Coronation		
	£0.00	Start of year value
	£0.00	Current value
Ship Inn Site		
	£10,944.77	Start of year value
03/04/25	-£178.51	Expenditure transaction 4313, Expenses for Ship Inn Site - bolts, woodstain, brushes, paint
16/04/25	-£39.00	Expenditure transaction 4324, 1 x Dumpy bag - Ship Inn Site shed base material
16/04/25	-£75.00	Expenditure transaction 4323, 2 x Dumpy Bags - Ship Inn Site shed base material
17/04/25	-£163.80	Expenditure transaction 4328, Posts, rails, boards - Ship Inn Site
24/04/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4341, Apr '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site - Journal transfer done to correct Budget Heading
24/04/25	-£39.99	Expenditure transaction 4338, Façade screws x 100 - Ship Inn Site
25/04/25	-£75.00	Expenditure transaction 4344, 2 x Dumpy Bags - Ship Inn Site shed base material
25/04/25	-£24.99	Expenditure transaction 4345, Heavy duty weed control material for Ship Inn Site
07/05/25	-£75.00	Expenditure transaction 4358, 2 x Dumpy Bags - Ship Inn Site shed base material
07/05/25	-£135.54	Expenditure transaction 4361, Ship Inn Site Expenses - 100 x screws, Protection oil, cable ties
07/05/25	-£55.27	Expenditure transaction 4363, Ship Inn Site - Timber for Info Board
09/05/25	-£55.47	Expenditure transaction 4372, Ship Inn Site - Sheets of Ply
14/05/25	-£33.17	Expenditure transaction 4383, Ship Inn Site - Gearbox for Stihl Strimmer

14/05/25	-£37.46	Expenditure transaction 4380, Ship Inn Site - Key Safe
20/05/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4390, May '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
29/05/25	-£368.60	Expenditure transaction 4413, Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site 2/5 - 31/5/25
20/06/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4454, Jun '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
02/07/25	-£89.50	Expenditure transaction 4479, Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site - 1/6 - 27/6/25 minus a refund of £291 for overpayment of Canal Festival toilets. These were paid for by Cotswold Canal Trust
03/07/25	-£76.13	Expenditure transaction 4480, Security Post with top mounted eyelet
04/07/25	-£12.49	Expenditure transaction 4487, Ship Inn Site - Concreting sand x 2 & 1 bag of cement
07/07/25	-£154.73	Expenditure transaction 4489, Ship Inn Expenses - Fuel x 2, Hay bales (canal fest)
07/07/25	-£64.87	Expenditure transaction 4490, Ship Inn Expenses - 2 x 6kg powder fire extinguisher
29/07/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4523, Jul '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
26/08/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4567, Aug '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
28/08/25	-£1,995.00	Expenditure transaction 4570, Ship Inn Site - Construction and installation of footpath on jct. Bristol Rd and Downton Rd, Ship Inn Site - Construction and installation of footpath on jct. Bristol Rd and Downton Rd
29/08/25	-£192.00	Expenditure transaction 4573, Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site
08/10/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4635, Sep '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
16/10/25	-£211.20	Expenditure transaction 4650, Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site
22/10/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4662, Oct '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
30/10/25	-£220.80	Expenditure transaction 4685, Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site
20/11/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4714, Nov '25 Sim Card Ship Inn Site
20/11/25	-£820.00	Expenditure transaction 4718, Ship Inn Site - Planning pre application advice ref PRE/188
02/12/25	-£192.00	Expenditure transaction 4737, Nov '25 - Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site
23/12/25	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4769, Dec '25 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
06/01/26	-£172.80	Expenditure transaction 4783, Dec '25 - Portaloo hire - Ship Inn Site
20/01/26	-£10.00	Expenditure transaction 4812, Jan '26 CCTV Sim Card Ship Inn Site
03/02/26	-£192.00	Expenditure transaction 4827, Jan '26 - Portaloo Hire - Ship Inn Site
	£5,094.45	Current value

Climate change

£4,000.00	Start of year value
£4,000.00	Current value

Christmas Lighting

	£3,000.00	Start of year value
27/05/25	£7,000.00	From General Fund, FTC 19th May 25 - TC3441
03/12/25	-£4,124.15	Expenditure transaction 4702, Remedials for Christmas Lights on High Street
03/12/25	-£3,530.62	Expenditure transaction 4705, Christmas Lighting support works
13/01/26	-£125.68	Expenditure transaction 4744, Christmas Lighting - replace faulty timer in lamp post nearest bridge High St
20/01/26	£5,000.00	From General Fund, FTC Decision - 19th Jan '26 TC3554
	£7,219.55	Current value

Cotswold Canal Trust Grant

	£0.00	Start of year value
	£0.00	Current value

Stonehouse Community Association

	£12,500.00	Start of year value
20/11/25	-£7,500.00	Expenditure transaction 4711, Grant - Approved FTC 28th November 2025 TC3508, Grant - Approved FTC 28th November 2025 TC3508
	£5,000.00	Current value

Verney Fields

	£10,000.00	Start of year value
	£10,000.00	Current value
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	£756,515.73	Current Reserves total excluding the General Fund
	£1,428,099.26	Current Reserves total including the General Fund