



**Minutes of the Oversight Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 15, 2026 at
Credition Library, Belle Parade, Credition, EX17 2AA**

Present: Cllrs Rachel Backhouse, Liz Brookes-Hocking, Guy Cochran, Joyce Harris,
and John Downes

Apologies: Cllrs Huxtable and Frisby

In Attendance: Two members of the public

Minute Taker: Rachel Avery, Town Clerk

MINUTES

48 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Cllr Backhouse opened the meeting and members introduced themselves.

49 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions raised.

50 APOLOGIES

Decision: Apologies from Cllrs Huxtable (holiday) and Frisby (personal) were accepted.
(Proposed by Cllr Backhouse)

51 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUEST FOR DISPENSATIONS

51.1 TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PERSONAL INTEREST AND DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS (DPI'S) IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THIS AGENDA

No personal interests or disclosable pecuniary interests were declared in respect of items
on the agenda.

51.2 TO CONSIDER ANY DISPENSATION REQUESTS (REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE TO THE TOWN CLERK PRIOR TO THE MEETING)

No dispensation requests had been received.

52 CLIMATE EMERGENCY

The committee **noted** that decisions would continue to be taken with the climate
emergency at the forefront of policy and decision-making.

53 ORDER OF BUSINESS

There were no changes to the order of business.

54 CHAIR'S AND CLERK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements were made by either the Chair or the Town Clerk.

55 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Decision: It was **resolved** to **approve** the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28 July 2026. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

56 FINANCE

56.1 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE TRANSACTIONS BETWEEN 01 JULY AND 31 AUGUST 2026

Decision: It was **resolved** to **approve** transactions between 01 July 2026 and 31 August 2026. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

56.2 TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BANK RECONCILIATION TO 31 AUGUST 2026

Decision: It was **resolved** to **approve** the bank reconciliation to 31 August 2026. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

56.3 TO NOTE BANK ACCOUNT BALANCES TO 31 AUGUST 2026

Bank account balances to 31 August 2026 were **noted**.

56.4 TO NOTE YOUTH FINANCES TO 31 AUGUST 2026

Youth finances to 31 August 2026 were **noted**.

56.5 TO NOTE YEAR TO DATE BUDGET TO 31 AUGUST 2026

The year-to-date budget to 31 August 2026 was **noted**.

56.6 TO NOTE EARMARKED RESERVES BALANCES TO 31 AUGUST 2026

This item was not taken by the Chair and would be re-presented at the next meeting of the Oversight Committee.

57 REVIEW AND ADOPTION OF POLICIES

Decision: It was **resolved** that consideration of the policies under this item would be deferred to the next Oversight Committee meeting. (Proposed by Cllr Backhouse)

58 GRANT APPLICATION

Members considered the Administrative Officer's report on a £1500.00 grant application for Welcoming Refugees in Crediton and gave the matter clear support.

Cllr Downes highlighted a broader issue in the grants process, arguing that the allocation policy should distinguish more clearly between partnership organisations, expected applications submitted within the normal timetable, and applications that arrive outside that cycle. Cllr Backhouse noted that the Grants Sub-Committee had recently reviewed the policy.

Decision: It was **resolved** to **approve** the grant application for £1500.00 for Welcoming Refugees in Crediton. (Proposed by Cllr Brookes-Hocking)

59 INVESTMENT AND PENSION FUND COMMITTEE LETTER

The Town Clerk read the email in full to those present, which was **noted** by members:

A quick update. As you may imagine this has been front of mind for us for some time, and the transition to LPPI has made this all the more important in terms of how we represent members' interests.

We will be meeting with LPPI in London in early October and hope to have some real clarity then.

LPPI stands for Local Pensions Partnership Investments Ltd.

60 TOWN SQUARE

Members **received** and **noted** the contents of the Town Clerk's report.

61 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members **noted** that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday 27 October 2026. The meeting's location was **noted** as The White Rooms Creative Space.

62 PART II

Decision: It was **resolved** to exclude the public and press for Part II under section 1 subsection 2 of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings Act 1960. (Proposed by Cllr Backhouse)

63 YOUTH AND COMMUNITY WORKER APPRENTICE

Members **received** and **noted** the contents of the Town Clerk's confidential report.

64 REPORTS PACK

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