Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the **ONCHAN DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS** held in the Boardroom, Hawthorn Villa, 79 Main Road, Onchan, on Monday 24th August 2026 at 7:00 pm.

Present:	Mr A Allen	(Chairman)
	Mr S Wilson	(Vice Chairman and Lead Member for Housing)
	Mr O Lockwood	(Lead Member for Finance and General Purposes)
	Miss G Corkish	
	Mr D Quirk	
	Mr R Turton	
Apologies:	Mr A Gibson	(Lead Member for Environmental and Technical Services)
	Mrs S Johnson	(Chief Finance Officer)
In attendance:	Mr R Phillips	(Chief Executive/Clerk)
	Mr R Forgie	(District Surveyor)
	Miss A Crellin	(Executive Officer/Assistant)

C26/08/02/01
TO CHOOSE A PERSON TO PRESIDE IF THE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN BE ABSENT

Not applicable.

C26/08/02/02
DECLARATION OF INTERESTS OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS (in accordance with Standing Order 18.3)

Mr Allen asked the Board Members and Officers if they wished to declare any pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda items due to be considered this evening.

Mr Allen reminded the Board Members and Officers that declarations of interests can be recorded now or when the agenda item is due to be considered during the meeting.

C26/08/02/03
BUSINESS REQUIRED TO BE DEALT WITH BY STATUTE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

C26/08/02/04
MINUTES

1. **Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026**

   The minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated, were considered.

   Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Lockwood and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ordinary Board Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026 be agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chairman.**

C26/08/02/05
TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ARISING FROM SUCH MINUTES

1. **Board Members Conduct**

   Mr Allen drew the attention of Board Members, officers and members of the public in attendance to the signs displayed within the Boardroom outlining the expected standards of behaviour for those attending Authority Board Meetings. He strongly encouraged everyone to familiarise themselves with the contents of the notices and the expectations regarding conduct during meetings.

C26/08/02/06
TO DISPOSE OF ANY BUSINESS ADJOURNED FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

C26/08/02/07
TO DEAL WITH ANY BUSINESS EXPRESSLY REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE

None.

C26/08/02/08
PLANNING DECISIONS/COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE ISLE OF MAN GOVERNMENT PLANNING COMMITTEE

(i) PA 26/00554/B Mr & Mrs R Rae – Strathallan Cliff House, Strathallan Road

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the widening of an existing pedestrian gate to create vehicular access.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties;
- The return date for the application is the 28th August 2026; and
- Highway Services HDC have made comments including that a Section 109 Highway Agreement will be required to drop the kerb for the vehicular access.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Miss Corkish, and seconded by Mr Wilson, and unanimously **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00554/B – Stathallan Cliff House be recommended for approval subject to the Highway recommendations.**

(ii) PA 26/00565/B Mr G Dudley – 6 Fairfield Avenue

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the demolition of the existing conservatory and erection of a replacement sunroom extension, re-rendering of all external elevations, and alteration to reduce a window aperture.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is the 28th August 2026.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson, and seconded by Miss Corkish and **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00565/B – 6 Fairfield Avenue be recommended for approval.**

(iii) PA 26/00601/B Mr P Purcell – 72 King Edward Road

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for the replacement roof covering and parapet copings.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:

- No comments have been received from neighbouring properties; and
- The return date for the application is the 28th August 2026.

Following a discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and unanimously **RESOLVED that planning application 26/00601/B – 72 King Edward Road be recommended for approval.**

(v) PA 26/00615/B Mr D Bentham – 6 Seaview Road

The Board Members were advised that the planning application is for alterations to include removal of the rear bay window, replacement of the roof and windows, installation of new doors and erection of a balustrade.

In answer to questions, the District Surveyor advised that:

- Comments have been received from a neighbouring property[ODC 07/09/2026]; and
- The return date for the application is the 4th September 2026.

Following a discussion, it was agreed that consideration of planning application 26/00615/B – 6 Seaview Road would be deferred until the Ordinary Board Meeting of 7th September 2026.

2. **Planning Communications**

PA 26/00330/B – 26 Furman Close

The District Surveyor advised that the Board had recommended approval of the above-mentioned planning application; however, the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture [ODC 07/09/2026] subsequently refused the application on the grounds of overlooking.

The Board noted the District Surveyor's comments.

C26/08/02/09
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

1. **Rent Arrears for Garage Tenants – Quarterly Report**

To be considered In Committee.

2. **Rent Arrears for Social Housing Tenants – Quarterly Report**

   To be considered In Committee.

3. **Commercial Rent Arrears**

   To be considered In Committee.

26/07/01/10
CONSIDERATION OF ANY REPORTS FROM THE CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. **Climate Change Report – Year Ended March 2025**

   The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

   - Under the *Climate Change (Public Bodies' Reporting Requirements) Regulations 2022*, made under section 35 of the *Climate Change Act 2021*, the Authority, as a public body, is required to prepare and submit an annual report to the Isle of Man Government's Climate Change Transformation Team ("CCTT").
   - The Authority submitted its report in September 2025 but did not receive confirmation from the CCTT that the report had been approved until August 2026.
   - A copy of the Authority's Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2025 had been circulated to the Board Members.
   - The report is based on data collected during the period from 1st April [ODC 07/09/2026] 2024 to 31st March 2025.
   - The Authority is classified as a Category B public body because it employs between 16 and 150 full-time employees. Category B public bodies are only required to submit information relating to Reporting Period Data and Governance and Behaviour.
   - Compared with the Authority's baseline (first) year of reporting, the Authority's net emissions, less carbon stored, have reduced from 87,526 kilograms of carbon dioxide equivalent (kgCO_2e) to 30,557 kgCO_2e.
   - The significant change is attributable to amendments made by the CCTT to certain pre-set calculations contained within the original reporting template; and
   - Compared with the Authority's previous reporting year, the Authority's net emissions, less carbon stored, have reduced from 41,737 kgCO_2e to 30,557 kgCO_2e.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk invited Members to raise any questions regarding the report.

   Mr Lockwood stated that, if he understood correctly, the Authority measures its consumption of diesel, natural gas, heating oil and electricity, and applies prescribed emissions factors to calculate the resulting emissions. Similarly, in relation to land and habitats, the Authority records the relevant land areas and habitat types, which are then assessed using prescribed carbon exchange factors for each habitat category.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that Mr Lockwood's understanding was correct.

   Mr Wilson asked whether the figures took account of the Authority's contractors.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that the figures did not include the Authority's contractors, as the reporting framework only requires data relating to buildings, fuel consumption and office accommodation used by the Authority's directly employed staff.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk highlighted that the reported figures include fuel consumption attributable to the provision of refuse collection services to Port St Mary Commissioners.

It was suggested that consideration could be given to excluding this allowance from future reporting periods.

Mr Turton stated that he believed the Authority should now investigate the installation of solar panels at Hawthorn Villa and the HUB and undertake a feasibility study in this regard.

Mr Wilson suggested that the Authority's commercial properties should also be included within the scope of any feasibility study.

The District Surveyor advised that a previous Board had considered the installation of solar panels at Hawthorn Villa; however, the matter never progressed.

Mr Wilson asked whether the Authority could explore assistance through the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture's energy efficiency scheme.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised that the scheme does not extend to local authorities, as this matter has been raised before by the previous Board.

Following a further discussion, the District Surveyor was requested to prepare a report on the feasibility of solar panel installations and bring it before the Board for consideration.

The remainder of the report was noted.

2. **Board Member Conduct Independent Investigation – Terms of Reference**

To be considered In Committee.

C26/08/02/11
CONSIDERATION OF ANY CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Civic Reception – Mr Peter Kelly MBE, CP, T.H., R.B.V.**

A copy of the thank you letter received from Mr Peter Kelly in relation to the Civic Reception held by the Authority on the 3rd August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was noted.

On behalf of the Board, Mr Allen thanked the Chief Executive/Clerk and the Executive Officer/Assistant for their efforts in arranging the reception.

2. **Royal Air Forces Association – Battle of Britain Church Service**

A copy of the invitation received from the Secretary of the Royal Air Forces Association inviting the Chairman and Members to attend their annual church service on Sunday 13th September 2026 at 10:30 am at St George's Church, copies of which having previously been circulated was noted.

3. **Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023**

A copy of the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 next steps and working groups plan dated August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he attended the recent Clerks' Forum meeting hosted by the Local Government Team within the Department of Infrastructure and advised that the information provided during the meeting is the same as that which has been circulated to the Board Members.

The Chief Executive/Clerk highlighted that not all local authorities were represented at the meeting, with only approximately fifteen authorities in attendance.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he has agreed to sit on the working groups established to update the Code of Conduct for Members Guidance and the Model Standing Orders.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Wilson suggested that a copy of the Department's implementation plan and policy proposals be requested. He further commented that the Department's current approach could be viewed as an attempt to bypass public consultation, as participation by local authorities in the working groups could be interpreted as implying consent from all local authorities. He noted that this would not be consistent with the usual process for the development of primary legislation.
- Mr Lockwood commented that, if the Department expects the Authority to revise its Standing Orders based upon a new set of Model Standing Orders, this would represent a substantial amount of work, as the Authority's current Standing Orders differ significantly from the existing model. He noted that the current Model Standing Orders contain thirty-nine paragraphs, compared with the fifty contained within the Authority's Standing Orders; and
- Mr Turton supported Mr Wilson's comments and stated that all local authorities should be involved in the process, as Onchan's views and opinions may not necessarily reflect those of other local authorities, which could potentially lead to conflict.

The Chief Executive/Clerk agreed to contact the Local Government Team within the Department of Infrastructure to request further information regarding the Department's implementation plan and policy proposals.

Mr Allen requested that Mr Turton raise the matter at the next Isle of Man Municipal Association meeting.

C26/08/02/12
TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ASKED UNDER STANDING ORDER 25

None.

C26/08/02/13
TO CONSIDER ANY MOTIONS

None.

C26/08/02/14
ENVIRONMENTAL & TECHNICAL SERVICES

None.

C26/08/02/15
HOUSING MATTERS

1. **Amendment to Public Sector Housing (General Needs) Housing Income Thresholds – Tynwald Approval**

   The report of the Housing Manager dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

   The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- In July 2026, Tynwald approved the amendments to the Public Sector Housing (General Needs) (Allocation) Policy 2019, which is to come into effect from the 1st October 2026.
- The key changes are:
  - Revised income thresholds;
  - Automatic annual Consumer Price Index (CPI) uplift of the thresholds based on September's CPI figures;
  - Inclusion of the ten year residency waiver within the policy to provide transparency;
  - Introduction of discretion for three year local residency requirement;
  - Introduction of the direction for requirement to reside on the Island for three months prior to allocation;
  - Removal of points awarded for private sector tenants; and
  - Removal of deductions relating to financial property/assets.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Lockwood commented that, as noted within the report, moving households to a lower rental band following the increase in income thresholds will have a financial impact on the Authority. He stated that this impact should be assessed before any rent increases are considered for the next financial year.
- Mr Turton expressed the view that the income thresholds should have been increased further, particularly in light of the recent increases in private rental costs, which are likely to be having a negative impact on those in need of affordable accommodation; and
- Mr Quirk stated that the Isle of Man Government needs to do more to support local authorities in providing additional social housing. He referred to the Authority's repeated attempts to purchase the Ballacurn Trust properties at Meadow View, Second Avenue, as an example, together with previous attempts to purchase Government-owned land on Second Avenue, both of which had been unsuccessful.

The remainder of the report was noted.

2. Social Housing Strategy 2026-2031

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- Following the Board's resolution recorded at the Ordinary Meeting held on Monday 2nd June 2025 to create and implement a social housing strategy for the District, the Authority's officers were instructed to prepare a document for consideration.
- The purpose is to provide a clear strategic framework to guide the Authority's approach to the provision, management and development of social housing over the next five years.
- The strategy establishes priorities and objectives that will assist the Authority in responding to current and emerging housing needs, maintaining and improving its housing stock, and ensuring that resources are used effectively and efficiently; and
- The strategy will provide a basis for future Board decision making, investment planning and service delivery, while demonstrating the Authority's commitment to meeting the housing needs of those on the Authority's waiting lists.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Wilson highlighted that the Authority's Social Housing Strategy is an overarching document and stated that he supported the option contained within the Chief Executive/Clerk's report dated 24th August 2026, namely that the draft Strategy be adopted in its current form without amendment.

- Mr Lockwood recommended that the section of the document referring to specific sites requires greater clarity regarding the ownership and planning status of each site. He therefore recommended that amendments be made to reflect this information.
- Miss Corkish, Mr Turton and Mr Quirk supported Mr Wilson's proposal to adopt the draft Strategy without amendment; and
- Mr Quirk and Mr Turton expressed their frustration at the lack of assistance from the Isle of Man Government in making Government-owned sites available to local authorities for development opportunities to provide social housing. Examples were given of sites within Douglas and Onchan that are not currently being utilised and have remained vacant for many years.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson, seconded by Miss Corkish, and unanimously **RESOLVED that the Board adopts the Social Housing Strategy 2026 to 2031, subject to the amendments to Section 5 regarding potential development site ownership, and authorises officers to make any necessary drafting amendments prior to its publication.**

For: ***Mr Allen, Mr Wilson, Miss Corkish, Mr Lockwood, and Mr Turton.***
Against: ***Mr Quirk.***

3. **Social Housing Transfer – Appeal**

To be considered In Committee.

C26/08/02/16
CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Dates for the Diary**

Date	Organisation	Event	Time
24th August 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm
29th August 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Party in the Park	12 noon to 6:00 pm
7th September 2026	Onchan District Commissioners	Board Meeting	7:00 pm

C26/08/02/17
ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. **Braddan Parish Commissioners – Social Housing Maintenance Reporting**

Mr Quirk stated that he had listened to a news report regarding Braddan Parish Commissioners' recently introduced system for reporting housing repairs and maintenance. He asked whether officers could obtain further information regarding the system and consider whether it may be something the Authority would wish to introduce.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that he would make enquiries with Braddan Parish Commissioners regarding the matter.

2. **Third Avenue**

Miss Corkish stated that it had been brought to her attention that a property on Third Avenue had remained unoccupied for over twenty years and that neighbouring residents were experiencing issues as a result. She asked whether there were any enforcement powers available to the Authority to address the matter.

The District Surveyor advised that he had prepared a Neighbourhood Impact Assessment and had recently attended the property with officers from the Department of Environment, Food and Agriculture. A report regarding the matter is due to be presented to the Board for consideration as to whether a formal notice should be issued.

A discussion took place regarding the previous attempts made by the Authority to resolve the matter, together with the difficulties encountered when the case had previously proceeded to court. It was also discussed that the Authority has had to continually approach the property owner regarding overgrown foliage and the general condition of the site.

It was agreed that the District Surveyor would report back to the Board regarding the Neighbourhood Impact Assessment and the options available to the Authority in determining how best to proceed with the matter.

There being no further business, the public meeting ended at 7:58 pm.

The District Surveyor and the Executive Officer/Assistant left the meeting at 7:58 pm.

C26/06/02/18
FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Rent Arrears for Garage Tenants – Quarterly Report

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The memorandum of the Finance Department Manager dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board of the following:

- The total garage rent arrears as at 6th July 2026 were £1,236.60; and
- It is noted that £905 had been paid to the Authority at the end of July and that there is a repayment plan in place for the remaining tenant who is in arrears.

The remainder of the report was noted.

2. Rent Arrears for Social Housing Tenants – Quarterly Report

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The memorandum of the Finance Department Manager dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board of the following:

- The total housing rent arrears as at 6th July 2026 were £66,410.42;
- £25,462.59 of the rent arrears is subject to legal action to recover the debt; and
- It is proposed that the Finance Department continues to engage with tenants facing financial difficulties and who may be a risk by proactively managing arrears.

The remainder of the report was noted.

3. Rent Arrears for Commercial Tenants – Quarterly Report

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The memorandum of the Finance Department Manager dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following update:

- The total rent arrears as at the 30th June 2026 was £28,486.00; and
- The majority of the balance is made up of current invoices, of which £25,090.90 has been paid since the report was prepared.

The remainder of the report was noted.

C26/08/02/19
CONSIDERATION OF ANY REPORTS FROM THE CLERK AND OTHER OFFICERS

1. **Board Member Conduct Independent Investigation – Terms of Reference**

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Chief Executive/Clerk dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

The Chief Executive/Clerk provided the Board with the following overview:

- At the Ordinary Board Meeting held on Monday 10th August 2026, the Board resolved the following actions in relation to an alleged incident that is reported to have occurred at the conclusion of the Ordinary Board Meeting held on Monday 27th July 2026:
  - To establish if the Isle of Man Constabulary intends to investigate the matter, and if so, confirm that any such investigation will not prejudice the Authority's independent investigation.
  - To establish a one-off independent investigation process to consider the conduct issues arising from the alleged incident.
  - To appoint an appropriately qualified or experienced independent person to undertake that investigation and provide findings and recommendations to the Board.
  - To ensure that both the complainant and Mr Quirk are afforded full procedural fairness, including the opportunity to provide information and respond to any matters identified during the investigation; and
  - To receive and consider the investigation findings and recommendations before determining whether any further action is required.
- To progress the matter, pending confirmation from the Isle of Man Constabulary regarding any potential investigation, the Board is requested to consider the following:
  - The proposed Terms of Reference for the independent investigation.
  - The proposed independent investigator and the associated hourly rate for the provision of services; and
  - The legal advice obtained from the Authority's legal adviser.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that, at present, he has been unable to obtain confirmation from the Isle of Man Constabulary as to whether the matter is currently under investigation and, if so, whether any such investigation would be prejudiced by the Authority conducting its own investigation concurrently.

The Chief Executive/Clerk therefore advised that, in the interests of avoiding unnecessary delay and ensuring that the matter continues to progress, the Authority should agree the Terms of Reference and appoint an independent investigator in the meantime, subject to confirmation from the Isle of Man Constabulary that doing so would not prejudice any ongoing criminal investigation.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Allen expressed concern regarding the potential costs to ratepayers associated with appointing an independent investigator and any subsequent legal fees. He also noted that, even following an investigation, there is currently no formal mechanism for reprimanding a Board Member if they are found to be at fault, except for a statement of censure not condoning the conduct.
- Mr Wilson and Miss Corkish stated that they shared concerns regarding the potential costs involved. However, they acknowledged that failing to investigate the matter could reflect negatively on the Authority and may give rise to adverse public perception.
- Mr Turton highlighted that there is currently no formal sanction or reprimand available for Board Members and suggested that the Authority should take no further action until the Local Government (Amendment) Bill 2023 makes an independent investigation process mandatory.
- Mr Allen stated that there are important governance considerations and that the Authority should undertake some form of investigation. He commented that there could be adverse public perception and criticism if the Authority were seen to take no action in relation to the matter.
- Mr Turton stated that any police investigation would have no bearing on the current position, as even if an individual were to be charged, there would be no sanction available in respect of their role as a Board Member.
- Mr Turton questioned how smaller local authorities would be able to afford the cost of mandatory investigations once the legal requirement comes into force; and
- Mr Lockwood stated that it was important, in the interests of the Authority's reputation, that any investigation should commence promptly once the Isle of Man Constabulary had confirmed that doing so would not prejudice any criminal proceedings.

The Chief Executive/Clerk advised the Board Members that the current absence of a mandatory governance requirement relating to complaints made against Board Members, and the lack of a formal independent investigation procedure, should not, in itself, be considered sufficient reason for the Authority not to proceed with an independent investigation at this time. He acknowledged the concerns raised by some Board Members regarding the potential cost to ratepayers but advised that these concerns must be balanced against the Authority's responsibilities in respect of good governance, transparency, accountability, and the potential reputational implications of taking no action.

The Chief Executive/Clerk further advised that he had previously sought to establish a formal complaints procedure and an independent process for the investigation of complaints made against Board Members, both with the current Board and its predecessor. However, these proposals had not been adopted, despite legal advice and officer recommendations supporting the introduction of such arrangements.

Mr Allen concluded that the Board Members needed to weigh the potential costs to ratepayers against the possible reputational damage to the Authority.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson and seconded by Miss Corkish and **RESOLVED that, further to the resolution of the Board recorded at the Ordinary Board Meeting held on 10th August 2026 in relation to Board Member conduct, the Authority shall defer consideration of an independent investigation, including the appointment of an independent investigator and the approval of the Terms of Reference for any such investigation, until such time as the Isle of Man Constabulary has confirmed that its investigation has concluded.**

Mr Quirk declared a non-pecuniary interest and did not cast a vote.

C26/08/02/20
HOUSING MATTERS

1. **Social Housing Transfer – Appeal**

The following was considered In Committee and transferred to the public domain.

The report of the Housing Manager dated 24th August 2026, copies of which having previously been circulated was considered.

A discussion in relation to the following took place:

- Mr Turton stated that the information presented demonstrated that the family requesting the transfer is currently adequately housed within one of the Authority's three-bedroom properties. Furthermore, given that the household comprises two adults and two children, a three-bedroom property remains the most appropriate form of accommodation, particularly as the children's housing requirements may change in the future; and
- Mr Wilson stated that there are applicants on the Authority's housing waiting list who are not currently accommodated within Authority housing and who have been assessed as having a greater housing need. Taking this into account, together with the significant demand for two-bedroom properties, he considered that approval of the proposed transfer would not represent the best use of the Authority's housing stock at the present time.

Following further discussion, it was proposed by Mr Wilson, seconded by Mr Lockwood and unanimously **RESOLVED that the appeal submitted by TG 452, as referenced within the Housing Manager's report dated 24 August 2026, be refused.**

C26/08/02/21
ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

1. **Street Lighting**

Mr Turton reported that, further to the Chief Executive/Clerk's advance notice earlier that month regarding a number of street lights throughout the District requiring immediate removal due to safety concerns, it was noted that the darker evenings would soon be upon the community and that the Authority needed to address the reduction in street lighting provision in certain areas.

The Chief Executive/Clerk confirmed that the District Surveyor was currently obtaining costs for replacement street lights, which would be reported to the Board for consideration as soon as possible. Given the number of street lights that had required removal, it was anticipated that the cost of replacement would exceed the provision available within the annual street lighting budget and that Board consideration would therefore be required.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 8:42 pm.