



BLYTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Governance Committee Meeting held on Thursday 9 July 2026 in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House, Blyth, NE24 2AS at 6:30pm.

Councillors: BW Elliott (Chair), M Peart (Vice Chair), RA Baker, D Campbell, D Carr, TE Elliott, D Johnson, D Nicholson, M Nicholson, K Nisbet MBE (substitute), N Rolls and D Swinhoe.

Officers: M Wilkinson (Town Clerk), H Jenner (Principal Officer), E Mullen (Democratic Services Officer)

Members of the Public – 0

Minute No	
1	Apologies for Absence Apologies were noted for Cllr B Erskine and Cllr A Cartie. Cllr K Nisbet MBE was present as a substitute for Cllr A Cartie.
2	Disclosure of Interests and Grant of Dispensations None.
3	Minutes of the previous Governance Committee It was noted that the minutes of the Governance Committee meetings held 23 April 2026 were approved at the Annual Meeting of the Council held 14 May 2026.
4	Governance Committee Budget Monitoring Report & Verbal Update on Investment Account The budget monitoring for Governance Committee 2026/27 was noted by the committee, and Officers responded to Members' queries.

5	Decision Report – Strategic Planning The Committee agreed to recommend to Council to: • approve the commencement of a comprehensive review of the Council's Strategic Plan; • agree that the review will include the development of: ○ a new Strategic Plan; ○ a Medium-Term Financial Strategy; ○ a revised Performance Management Framework; and ○ any consequential amendments to supporting strategies, including the Investment and Reserves Strategy; • approve the proposed programme of Member and community engagement. • authorise the Town Clerk to procure external facilitation, if required, within the approved consultancy budget; and • receive a further report setting out the draft Strategy for approval.
10	Date & Time of Next Meeting The next meeting of the Governance Committee is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 6 October 2026 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Arms Everytne House.

The meeting closed at 7:10pm