



Newark TOWN COUNCIL

EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025

Thursday 31st July 2025

Dear Councillor

You are summonsed to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee at **7.00pm** on Wednesday 6th August 2025. This meeting will be held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Yours sincerely

Matthew Gleadell
Town Clerk

Pre-Group Meetings
(if required)

1	6.00	Independents for Newark	Committee Room
2	6.00	Labour Group	Bar Area
3	6.00	Conservative Group	Old Robing Room
4	6.00	Independent Councillors	Mayors Parlour

Committee Membership

Cllr I Brown
 Cllr D Campbell
 Cllr T Collier
Cllr B Corrigan (Vice-Chairman)
 Cllr E Cropper
Cllr S Crosby (Chairman)
 Cllr S Dickinson
 Cllr L Geary
 Cllr L Goff
 Cllr J Kellas
 Cllr D Ledger
 Cllr D Moore
 Cllr G Rix
 Cllr N Ross
 Cllr L Roulstone
 Cllr M Skinner
 Cllr M Spoors
 Cllr P Taylor

EXTRAORDINARY FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MEETING

A G E N D A

WEDNESDAY 6TH AUGUST 2025

1	Apologies for Absence		
2	Declarations of Interest from Members <i>Relevant Legislation: Localism Act 2011 s31</i>	Verbal	
3	Newark Festival	Report Attached	Page 5

SUBJECT:	Newark Festival
REPORT BY:	Matthew Gleadell

1. Recommendations

- 1.1 That members determine if they are willing to support a request from the Events, Arts, Culture and Twinning ('EACT') Sub Committee for the allocation of an additional £2650.00 to the Newark Festival budget in order to facilitate a laser show finale for the event.

2. Background

- 2.1 The EACT Sub Committee is seeking some additional budget for the Newark Festival event to deliver a laser show finale.
- 2.2 In 2024 the event was supported by an external grant from Newark Creates, however, despite efforts it has not been possible to secure the funding this year either from Newark Creates or other sources.
- 2.3 In 2024 the total budget for the Festival including the Brass Explosion was £35,000 with grant support from Newark Creates in the sum of £3050.00.
- 2.4 The 2025 budget has been reduced to £31,500 to reflect an underspend in 2024 which resulted in event costs (excluding grant funded elements) of £28,085.00. With the grant funded elements the total cost was £31,135.00.
- 2.5 The total costs for 2025 with the laser finale will be £34,785.00. An analysis of expenditure figures provided by the event working group shows that the principal area of increased costs arises from the cost of the performers and technical support for the multi venue Hustle element of the weekend which is an additional £2770.00 compared to the previous year. This element includes 63 bands and 2 additional venues compared to 2024.

3. Financial, Legal, Equality, Environmental & Risk Issues

Financial – Additional requested budget if approved could be met from an underspend in the Sunday Band concerts budget which due to the unavailability of the Castle Grounds this year will see an underspend of around £3,000.

Background Papers:	Working papers
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