



## Finance and General Purposes 02/01/2025

### Agenda Item 24/046 Clerk's Report

#### 1. Memorial Headstone A09

Further to the annual headstone inspection, the memorial on plot A09 which was found to be in need of remedial works has been repaired.

#### 2. Councillor Vacancies

The two vacancies have been readvertised with a closing date of 31 December.

#### 3. Consultation: Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England

The government is seeking views on proposals to introduce measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime for local authorities in England. The consultation closes at 11:59pm on 26 February 2025 and details may be found at [Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England - GOV.UK](#)

#### 4. Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) 2.2AA

Since September 2020, all parish, town & borough councils must have a website that complies with Website Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG). In October 2024 the relevant rating level changed from WCAG2.1 AA to WCAG2.2AA.

The Assistant Clerk attended a 'Keeping on Top of Website Accessibility Compliance' webinar on 11 December, and it showed that the SMPC website is mainly compliant. The website provider, 28across, confirmed some work had already been undertaken to ensure WCAG2.2AA compliancy and the other minor issues are being addressed. The Accessibility Statement will need reviewing in light of WCAG2.2AA.