



WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE AGENDA

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Wellington Town Council Policy and Resources Committee to be held at the United Reform Church Hall on **Wednesday 11 August 2021 at 2.30pm.**

Councillor Membership; Mark Lithgow, Janet Lloyd, Vivienne Stock Williams, John Thorne, Andrew Govier, and James Hunt.

Members of the public are cordially invited to join this meeting. However given the current situation with COVID rates in the town we are looking to minimise the number of face to face contacts so ask that members of the public only attend if there are pressing reasons to do so. Minutes are available online following the meeting.

Councillors, members of the public and members of the press are reminded that they must not attend the meeting if they have been advised to self-isolate through Test and Trace or by Public Health or if they or are any of their immediate household have COVID symptoms and/or have had a positive COVID test.

Those who are attending the meeting are reminded that social distancing of 2m is required before, during and after the meeting and that face coverings must be worn when entering the hall or moving around in the hall or school building. They can only be removed when seated.

All those attending will be required to provide their names and contact details for test and trace purposes. These will be held securely by the Town Council for a period of 30 days.

Members of the public who wish to have the opportunity to address the Council will need to advise the Town Clerk in writing by no later than 12 noon on Monday 9 August 2021.

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5 August 2021

1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given

2. To receive any Declarations of Interest

3. Minutes

To approve and sign the minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 5 May 2021

4. Questions and Comments from Members of the Public

Public Attendance: If the public wish to make a comment or ask the Council a question, these must be sent to the Town Clerk by 12.00 on Monday 9 August 2021. For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three-minute time limit applies to each speaker.

N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119

5. Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset

Following the resolution of the Town Council on the 2 August 2021 it is proposed that the Committee task the Town Clerk with establishing meetings for the Committee with the One Somerset Team, to discuss arrangements for developing Local Community Networks, and with representatives of Somerset County Council and Somerset West and Taunton Council to discuss the possible devolution of services and assets to the Town Council. The Committee is also asked to consider the basis on which decisions should be made in relation to which services and assets should be devolved for recommendation to the Town Council.

6. Councillors' Attendance.

To consider the attached protocol with a view to making a recommendation for adoption to the September Council meeting.

7. Council Work Plan

To consider the attached draft Work Plan for use as a way of reporting on progress of projects/work activities.

8. Longforth Road Toilets Remodelling

The Town Clerk will provide a verbal update.

9. The Queens Platinum Jubilee Celebrations 2 June 2022

To consider recommending to the full Council that the Town Council commit to joining the Queens Jubilee Beacon celebrations on the 2 June 2022. This will be a national event. A letter outlining the proposed events is attached to the agenda and the detailed Beacon Guide is available from the Clerk on request. If agreed, it is proposed that The Town Centre Committee take responsibility for delivering the event. There will be a cost involved in delivering the event and it is proposed that the Town Centre Committee is asked to develop a project plan and budget to be considered in next year's budget setting process.

10. Proposal to Adopt a Climate Emergency Priority

Given the current evidence in relation to the worldwide climate emergency and the UK Government's target to become carbon neutral by 2050, the Committee is asked to consider recommending to the Town Council that it adopts a specific priority/policy that the Council and the town should take rapid steps to reduce carbon emissions going forward, so that

becoming carbon neutral by 2050 in line with local, national and international government commitments, will be achievable.

The priority/policy will require a strategy to be developed that sets out how this will be achieved both in relation to the Council's own activities and also across the town as a whole given the Council's role in place leadership.

The responsibility for the development and delivery of the strategy should sit with the Environment and Open Spaces Committee.

A paper from the Chair of the Environment and Open Spaces Committee is attached for consideration.

11. Venue for September Council Meeting

We have been advised that Court Fields School Hall is not available for the 6 September as the school must use it as a COVID Testing Station for returning pupils and staff. We are looking into alternative venues and provide an update at the meeting

**Dave Farrow
Town Clerk**

5 August 2021

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