



**WELLINGTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
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**Members of the Public and the Press are invited to attend all Council Meetings  
(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)**

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting	<b>Council Meeting</b>
Time	7.00pm
Date	5 December 2022
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

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Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online after the meeting.

Councillors and members of the public are reminded that they shouldn't attend the meeting if they or someone they live with has tested positive for COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow  
Town Clerk  
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29 November 2022

## **1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

## **2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN**

If you cannot attend, please send your apology and reason to the Town Clerk.

Councillors are reminded that failure to attend any Council meeting for 6 months, full council or committee/s, will result in them automatically ceasing to be a councillor irrespective of whether apologies are given.

## **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

Standing declarations made by Councillors are set out at the end of the agenda.

## **4. MINUTES**

To approve and sign the minutes of the Town Council and Planning meetings held on 7 November 2022 (copies attached).

## **5. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Public Attendance: For those members of the public who wish to ask a question or make a statement 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

## **6. TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK ON THE RECENT LOCAL PLAN PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT EXERCISE.**

Sarah Povall, Principal Planning Policy Officer with Somerset West and Taunton Council will give a presentation setting out the findings of the public engagement exercise.

## **7. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

Sergeant Dan Bishop has been temporarily promoted and is no longer working in Wellington. At the time of preparing the agenda it is not known whether a report will be submitted by the local policing team. It is **RECOMMENDED** that the Council records its thanks to Sergeant Bishop for his work in leading the Community Team and for his commitment to community policing in the town.

## **8. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

## **9. SOMERSET COUNTY AND UNITARY COUNCIL PROGRESS UPDATE**

Unitary councillors to provide an update on any issues of interest to the Town Council and to consider any progress reports on Local Government Reorganisation.

## **10. TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S REPORT ON RECENT COUNCIL ACTIVITIES**

A report from the Town Clerk is attached.

## **11. OFFICER'S MOBILE PHONES**

The mobile phones supplied to Officer's require replacing/upgrading. A report is attached with costings and recommendations.

## **12. ENVIRONMENT AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 15 November are attached for information. Councillor M McGuffie (Chair) will give an update. The Committee recommends that:

- (a) A grant of £4,500 from the Green Corridor budget line be given to Transition Town Wellington to contribute to the purchase of a storage container with all details of design and location to be agreed at a future committee meeting before installation.
- (b) Three new notice boards be purchased and installed at a total cost of £8,799.93. Funding to be drawn from the Green Corridor and Community Services & Priorities budget lines as detailed in the report.
- (c) That the Tree Planting Strategy be adopted by the Town Council.

### **13. TOWN CENTRE COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 15 November are attached for information. Councillor J Lloyd (Chair) will give an update.

### **14. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held 15 November are attached for information. The Committee has made recommendations on the following

- a) Service Level Agreement – Reminiscence Learning – it is recommended that:
  - i) The current Service Level Agreement be terminated by giving three months' notice in writing.
  - ii) A new three-year agreement be drawn up to come into effect on 1st April 2023 with funding of £12,000 per year to include the Carers Support Group. (Updated agreement attached)
  - iii) Funding of £3,125 be paid to support the Carers Group for the five months to the end of the financial year.
- b) 2023 – 2024 Budget - it is recommended that the draft budget is accepted as attached having made the agreed changes (details contained within the minutes).

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **Members of Somerset County Council:**

Councillor Andrew Govier  
Councillor Marcus Barr  
Councillor Ross Henley

#### **Members of Somerset West and Taunton Council:**

Councillor Janet Lloyd  
Councillor Andrew Govier  
Councillor Mark Lithgow  
Councillor Ross Henley  
Councillor Marcus Barr  
Councillor Chris Booth  
Councillor Keith Wheatley