



**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	9 January 2023
Place	United Reformed Church Hall, Fore Street TA21 8AG

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed on the attached Agenda and minutes will be available online and on the Council Notice Board 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 or have COVID symptoms.

Yours faithfully

David Farrow  
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3 January 2023

**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 5 December 2022 and the Extra Town Council Meeting held on the 19 December 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 AN UPDATE FROM THE LOCAL POLICING TEAM**

A report from Sergeant Kat Forrest will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

**7. TO CONSIDER THE DELEGATED PLANNING AGREEMENT FOR 2023/24**

A paper is attached for consideration. The Town Council is asked to consider whether it would be prepared to continue with the delegated Planning Agreement for 2023/24 on a full cost recovery basis as set out in the paper.

**8. TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE LOCAL PLAN**

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 carried out in October, the work that has been done as a result and the forthcoming consultation process.

**9. TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

**10. 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. Bill Revans, Leader of Somerset County Council will also be attending the meeting for this item.

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

A report from the Town Clerk will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

## **12. FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2022 and relevant supporting papers relating to the recommendation below are attached for information and consideration. Councillor Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting.

The Committee resolved to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that the Precept be set at £466,332 equating to a Band D average of £84.65 and being a 10% increase on the 2022 – 2023 Band D average.

## **13. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Minutes of the meetings held on 12 and 19 December and the background papers relating to the recommendations below are attached for information and consideration. Councillor M Lithgow will provide an update at the meeting. The Committee **RECOMMENDS**

- (a) That the revised version of the Town Council Health and Safety Policy be approved.
- (b) That the revised Town Council Safeguarding Policy be approved.
- (c) That the proposal to instigate a Town Council Awards Scheme be approved.
- (d) That the proposal to appoint a Community Warden be approved on the basis set out in the proposal, that a budget line of £50,000 to be drawn from reserves to fund the set up costs for the function and that authority for authorising spend against the budget is delegated to the Town Clerk for items up to £3,000 and that items over £3,000 be approved by the Town Clerk, Mayor and two other councillors who are members of the Policy and Resources Committee.

## **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