

# **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	Policy and Resources Committee
Time	4.00pm
Date	12 December 2023
Place	United Reform Church Hall Fore Street,
	Wellington 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.

Yours faithfully

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6 December 2023

Committee members: Councillors M Barr, K Canham, A Govier, C Govier, M Lithgow, J Lloyd, M McGuffie, J Thorne and K Wheatley

#### 1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES AND APPROVE THE REASONS GIVEN

#### 2. 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).

#### 3. MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the Extra Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2023.

# 4. QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Members of the pubic attending the meeting are invited to speak to the Committee for no longer than three minutes.

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. DEVOLUTION CONTINGENCY BUDGET

To consider recommending to the Town Council what level of Devolution Contingency Budget it should set for 2024/25. A paper will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

# 6. PURCHASE OF GREEN CORRIDOR LAND

To consider a request from Councillor McGuffie that further due diligence work is undertaken before the purchase of the land around The Basins is completed.

## 7. TO CONSIDER THE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted under agenda items 8 and 9 there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

## 8. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

To approve and sign the confidential minutes of the Extra Policy and Resources Committee Meeting held on 27 November 2023.

#### 9. COMMISSIONING OF SPECIALIST HR SUPPORT FOR THE TOWN COUNCIL

To consider recommending to the Town Council that it commissions specialist HR support. A paper is attached for consideration. A paper will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

# 10. PURCHASE OF 28-30 FORE STREET

To consider the confidential response from Somerset Council attached to the agenda.

Dave Farrow Town Clerk 6 December 2023