



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	Additional Council Meeting
Time	7.00pm
Date	Wednesday 31 January 2024
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 after the meeting.

Yours faithfully

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25 January 2024

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

2. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO APPROVE 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 8 January 2024 (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 are 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. SERVICE LEVEL AGREEMENT – CITIZENS ADVICE

To consider a request from Citizens Advice to enter in to a new three year Service Level Agreement at a cost of £5,600pa. A draft proposal and supporting documents have been circulated previously.

7. BUDGET 2024/5

(i) Costs of services and assets previously delivered by Somerset Council

To consider whether to set budgets to pay for services and assets that Somerset Council has indicated it will cease to provide or charge for in 2024/5 and 2025/6. A paper is attached for information.

(ii) Councillor Allowances

To consider the recommendation of the Somerset Council Parish Town and City and Independent Remuneration Panel. A copy of the report is attached.

(iii) General Budget

To review the general budget in light of the decisions made under the previous agenda items. A short paper and a copy of the draft budget is attached.

8. PRECEPT 2024/5

Based on the decisions to be made above, the Precept figure for 2024/25 must be set so the demand to Somerset Council can be submitted before the deadline of 2 February 2024. Preliminary figures are included in the paper for item 7iii but it is very important to note that figures are subject to change as budget decisions are developed.