



TOWN COUNCIL

8th February 2023

Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Meeting of the Full Town Council at which your attendance is summoned, will be held at the **Bitton House, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DF** on **Tuesday, 14th February, 2023** at **6.00 pm** to transact the business specified in the following Agenda as set out.

Iain Wedlake
Town Clerk

Distribution: The Mayor and Members of Teignmouth Town Council as follows:

Councillors I Palmer (Chair), J Atkins (Vice-Chair), R Ash, B Cox, D Cox, A Henderson, J Orme, R Phipps, S Russell and C Williams



For information – to be taken as read:

- 1** ***Declarations of Interest*** – Members are reminded that they should declare any interests at agenda item 3 in respect of the items to be considered and are also advised that the timescale to alter their stated interests with the District Council’s Monitoring Officer is 28 days.
- 2** ***Items requiring urgent attention*** – to consider those items which, in the opinion of the Committee Chair, should be considered by the meeting as matter of urgency (if any). To be taken at the end of the meeting. Any items not listed on the agenda and decisions made may be open to legal challenge.
- 3** ***The Freedom of Information Act 2000*** deems that all information held by this Council should be freely available to the public unless it falls under one of 23 exemptions.
- 4** ***The Data Protection Act 2018*** precludes this Authority from publishing the names, addresses or other private information of individuals unless written permission is given by the individual for such details to be made public. Therefore, where necessary, personal details have been removed from the papers attached to ensure that information held is available, but individuals are protected.
- 5** ***Mobile telephones*** Councillors and members of the public are requested to ensure that mobile phones are switched to ‘silent’ during the meeting to avoid disruption.
- 6** ***Recording*** this meeting will be recorded.
- 7** ***Public Participation:***
Members of the public who have registered to do so will be given an opportunity to address Councillors present at this meeting regarding agenda items, at the discretion of the Chairman. The comments of members of the **AGENDA**



Council not in Formal Session

Moment of reflection

For Councillors and Members of the Public

Prior to the commencement of the Full Council meeting, for those who wish to do so, there will be a short period of reflection or prayer given by the appointed Mayoral Chaplain to which all are invited

Please note;

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulation 2014, this meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media, or members of the public.

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Public participation is not part of the formal business of the Town Council however, a note will be made of matters raised and recorded within the minutes of the meeting.

Members of the public wishing to speak are to submit questions or statements in writing to the Town Clerk no less than 3 days before the date of the meeting.

Questions and Statements Public Time

In accordance with Standing Order No. 3j, the Mayor will invite members of the public registered to ask questions. or make statements.

Registered to speak C Whetton, V Rudge

Police Report

To receive a report from our local Policing team

County Councillor Reports (if any)

To receive reports from Devon County Councillors representing Teignmouth

District Councillor Reports (if any)

To receive reports from Teignbridge District Councillors representing Teignmouth *public and electors of the parish who speak before the start of the meeting will not form part of the Minutes of the meeting.*

Town Councillor Reports (if any)

To receive reports from Town Councillors

Reports from Outside Bodies (if any)

To hear reports from any outside bodies including those of which the member is the



Town Council nominated representative.



AGENDA

PART I

(Open to the Public)

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the Town Council to be held on 13th February 2023 at 6.00pm in the Council Chambers, Bitton House to transact the business as specified in the agenda below.

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I Wedlake Clerk

1. Use of Mobile Phones

In accordance with Minute 30, mobile phones be limited to personal use only (in case of emergencies) and in which case the Councillor is to leave the room to respond. Councillors must switch their mobile phones to silent during the meeting to avoid disruption.

Council in Formal Session - Part 1

2. Apologies for Absence

To receive, note and where requested, approve the reasons for apologies for absence.



3. **Declarations of Interest**

To declare any disclosable interests relating to the forthcoming items of business (if any).

4. **Dispensations**

To receive and consider requests for dispensation (if any).

5. **Demonstration of the new TTC web site APP**

To receive a visual presentation on the recently completed APP and its facilities, by the Projects & Facilities manager.

6. **Minutes** (Pages 11 - 14)

To approve, sign and adopt the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10th January 2023.

7. **Teignmouth Hospital Stakeholder Panel**

Dear Teignmouth Town Council,

The Torbay and South Devon NHS Foundation Trust (TSDFT) is currently in the process of setting up a new Teignmouth Hospital Stakeholder Panel that will begin meeting early in 2023. As important local stakeholders, we wondered if one of the Town Councillors might be able to consider joining this Panel.

We will work on some draft terms of reference for consideration at the first meeting, but a summary of the aims of the Panel would be to:

- Provide a forum to understand the challenges and opportunities in relation to any potential future plans or use for the Teignmouth Hospital site
- Listen and respond to the concerns of the communities in Teignmouth and surrounding areas
- Share updates from the perspective of ourselves (TSDFT) and other stakeholders

We are recruiting members from a number of organisations and community groups to ensure we have representation across the range of voices of our communities. The Panel will meet every two months, so this is a regular commitment for involvement in terms of reading any papers and attending meetings. However, it is envisaged that most of any work that needs to be undertaken in between meetings will be supported by us (TSDFT).

8. **Joint Fireworks with Shaldon 2023**



Following a joint meeting between Shaldon PC's Fireworks committee and our fireworks committee. They have made the following offer for this years event.

Fireworks

SPC will organise the Fireworks will bill TTC for half the cost up to a maximum of £2,500 as this is the budget TTC has set. However, you did mention should it come to more than £2,500 to come back to you to see if there is any room to increase this. However, if this is not possible SPC have agreed to meet any additional cost over and above £2,500 as it is keen to have a more spectacular ending to the display than was had last year. Once we have a figure I will be in touch. Please note SPC will only be ordering conventional fireworks.

To resolve to accept the above offer from SPC

9. Go Fund Me

So as to recover our monies give to go fund me we need to resolve that;
All monies received will go to support either the Mayors charities or the event itself.

10. Membership of Council committees

To appoint additional councillor(s) to committees which are currently below full composition. This is to reduce the risk of being non quorate at such meetings.

11. Updated Standing orders (Pages 15 - 44)

To receive and approve reviewed and updated standing orders.

12. Finance meeting minutes (Pages 45 - 48)

To receive and approve minutes and actions from the Finance committee 19th January 2023.

13. Assets meeting minutes (Pages 49 - 50)

To receive and approve the actions of the Assets & Facilities meeting 23/01/2023

14. Extraordinary Assets Committee meeting (Pages 51 - 52)

To receive and approve minutes and actions from the Assets & Facilities committee 6th February 2023



15. **Teignbridge local plan**

To recommend a response from the town council to the local plan <http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/lpconsultation> consultation, for the chair of planning to submit said response via the link below following the deferred planning meeting on 22nd February 2023..

<http://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/lpconsultation>

OPCC Advocate Report – meeting with Acting Ch. Insp. Steven Philp (Policing & Partnership) 31.1.23

Acting Ch Insp Philp will be returning to his local role, in March but still happy to be contacted direct re local issues or they can be referred to Insp. Dave Hammond at Newton Abbot.

He reported that there is a new Records Management System which has been in operation since November which precludes the usual reports he would like to present being prepared, but this will be back on stream, hopefully, March – this had been in view for some time and the previous system was now no longer supported. Some upskilling/training required so not fully up to speed yet but should be a great improvement – this was not a response to the Inspection report, it was already in process.

There has been a lot of activity on the Police Facebook pages following some intensification exercises they have run e.g drink driving, street level drug use, low level dealing, and it is well worth a look to see where our officers and PCSOs have been involved. Youth ASB has been firmly addressed. Another campaign, yet to be revealed, is due at the end of February.

A review of anti-social behaviour has taken place which indicates that it is actually low level but the force still want to look closely at this because it can be low level but high impact.

Confirmed that there is still a knife bin at the Police Station where knives, etc, can be handed in (on appointment).

I can report that:

the initial local meeting with the school, TCoC members and Gary Wilson from TDC Community Safety Partnership re young persons and antisocial behaviour revealed some clear gaps in communication re reporting, particularly to TDC ASB and we need to follow up on this.

I have noted from the D&C website that a new one is under construction and coming online soon – it's called Single Online Home and there is a link available to have a look at it on the D&C site.

Ch. Insp. Philp has invited OPCCs and KINS(whatever they are – will find out) to go out with him on foot patrol in requested areas in the near future - if I can make it I will. Any suggestions for areas that might be useful for him to see, back to me please.

<https://www.devon-cornwall.police.uk/news/newsarticle/cff63a48-e5a2-ed11-9d52-6045bdd24049>

The Chief Constable's response to the Inspection Report is on the link above and the OPCC's below

<https://www.devonandcornwall-pcc.gov.uk/news-and-blog/multimedia-hub/police-and-crime-commissioner-responds-to-hmicfrs-peel-inspection-2021/22/>

This will almost certainly be discussed by the Police and Crime Panel now the report is available in full (no link provided on either side) on which DCC has membership and will, of course, pass on comments on whether/where they can be seen.

Network Rail response re disabled access

As I have already informed councillors, when I engaged with Network Rail about getting the presentation re the latest works being carried out to stabilise the cliffs on the Parson's Tunnel through to Teignmouth part of the line, I also enquired about the chances of getting proper/convenient disabled access at our station, and have not long ago received the reply below from a Community Resilience Officer:

"I have spoken to the relevant teams and the station is being considered, but it is a matter of funding and the decision rests with the DfT, ultimately, as they have the overview of the funding availability and what needs are elsewhere compared with our route.

it is entirely a decision of the Government whether Teignmouth is funded for Access for All / further accessibility. However, in our control period 6 (2019-2024) we only had one additional station included for Western for enhanced accessibility.

You may want to approach the DfT for further information.

I hope the above is helpful.”

Since the Disability Discrimination Act came into force in 1995 – nearly 30 years ago – it seems farcical that our station has not been at the front of the queue when we have a long flat seafront and Promenade with car parks at either end, more or less and direct access straight into town from the Station, yet upline passengers (disabled or families with pushchairs/beach paraphernalia, etc) currently have to either negotiate the footbridge (which for many will be impossible) or go out the back entrance across the uneven ground through the industrial units and then up a fairly steep hill at the end of Lower Brimley and down again into the station car park via a ramp which looks quite steep to me). If they want more people to take the train then they need to make it easier for more people to use it. Maybe we missed a trick in not lobbying strongly when the footbridge was replaced, only a year or two ago, to have a lift engineered into the scheme? With the huge numbers of new houses being built elsewhere in the area and more people wanting to come to Teignmouth perhaps we should think about an approach to the Department of Transport?

RATS

The rats in St James are as visible/audible as ever (currently in the drains under my house) as well as popping past you in the street and jumping into street drains in broad daylight. I have again contacted Teignbridge and South West Water to see if there is some strategy that can be developed to regularly address the prevalence of these rodents and will again talk to the Waste Collection at TDC since rat droppings are clearly visible around the large bins which have become communal and are used for food, dog poo bags, etc, and often overflowing (and the target of fly-tippers) at the bottom of Daimonds Lane and probably across the road in Bitton Park Road. This is not an isolated issue just in the town centre which Cllr Cox has publicised, it obtains in all the areas where there is high density population in houses and inadequate means of storing the associated rubbish.

NHPlan

The final amendments are being made to the last 2 documents for submission – the Basic Conditions and Consultation Reports.

Jla/8.2.23

Teignmouth Town Council

Minutes of a Meeting of
Teignmouth Town Council
Held at Bitton House, Teignmouth on
Tuesday, 10th January, 2023 at 6.00 pm

Present:

Councillors I Palmer (Chair), J Atkins (Vice-Chair), R Ash, D Cox, J Orme, R Phipps, S Russell and C Williams

Absent:

Councillors B Cox, A Henderson and D Matthews

In attendance:

Iain Wedlake
Debbie Shaw

Public Participation:

There was no public participation

The following minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Town Council and may be subject to change until that time.

Part I

68 USE OF MOBILE PHONES

Taken as read

69 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Andrew Henderson.

Resolved that the apology be noted.

70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

71 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

72 MINUTES

Teignmouth Town Council

Members considered the minutes of the Council meeting held on 13/12/2022.

Proposed: Cllr I Palmer, Seconded Cllr J Atkins, All in favour - unanimous

73 PAYMENTS 01/12/2022 THROUGH 31/12/2022

The Payments 01/12/2022 through to 31/12/2022 were received and approved.

Proposed: Cllr R Phipps, Seconded Cllr J Atkins, All in favour - unanimous

74 CLERKS REPORT (VERBAL)

Verbal report was given and then a unanimous vote of thanks was given to Peter Williams for his service.

75 CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

The Town Council is recommended to adopt and sign the Civility and Respect Pledge, as endorsed by the National Association of Local Councils, the Society of Local Council Clerks, and One Voice Wales.

The recommendation was debated and resolved to adopt.

Proposed: Cllr J Atkins, Seconded Cllr C Williams, 4 x votes in favour, 3 x abstained

76 REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES

It was resolved to appoint Cllr R Phipps, Cllr R Ash as the Town Council's representatives
Proposed: Cllr R Phipps, Seconded Cllr S Russell, 4 x in favour, 1 x against, 1 x abstained – carried.

The representatives to be Cllr R Phipps and Cllr R Ash, 6 x in favour, 1 x abstained – carried.
A vote of thanks to the retiring chair of TTCMP Mr Edward Chorlton was proposed by Cllr D Cox, Seconded by Cllr R Phipps - unanimous

77 TO ESTABLISH A TASK AND FINISH GROUP FOR THE KINGS CORONATION CELEBRATIONS

Resolved to form a task and finish group comprising Cllr C Williams, Cllr I Palmer

Proposed: Cllr D Cox, Seconded Cllr R Phipps – all in favour - unanimous

78 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Clerk updated Full Council on the current status of CCTV replacement

Proposed: Cllr R Phipps, Seconded Cllr D Cox that the Clerk carry on with the replacement programme as outlined - unanimous

79 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

14 February 2023

Teignmouth Town Council

The meeting was closed by the Mayor at 7.40 pm

.....
Cllr Iain Palmer
MAYOR OF TEIGNMOUTH

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TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS

Reviewed date: February 2023
Agreed and adopted:
Review date: May 2024

INTRODUCTION

These standing orders are the written rules of the Town Council. They are used to confirm our internal organisational, administrative and procedural matters for our meetings. The Standing Orders as being presented are as revised by NALC 2019.

Any reference to the male gender is to read as including the female gender unless otherwise indicated.

Throughout these Orders, certain terms are used throughout. These terms and their definitions for the purposes of these Standing Orders are set out below.

The term Council shall mean TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL unless otherwise indicated.

“Chairman” and “Vice Chairman” refer to the offices of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Teignmouth Town Council unless otherwise indicated.

“Councillor” refers, except where the content suggests otherwise, a person elected (whether his election is contested or not) and co-opted onto the council, or a person who is not a Councillor but who is a member of a committee or a sub-committee or is a member of, and represents the council on any joint committee or joint sub-committee of the council who in law is entitled to vote on any question which falls to be decided at a council, committee or sub-committee meeting. It is recognised that local Councillors can be male or female and, therefore, a reference to the masculine gender in these Standing Orders should also be construed as a reference to the feminine gender except where the context suggests otherwise.

“Resolution” is the legal term for a decision lawfully made by the majority of those present and voting at a council, committee or sub-committee meeting.

“Financial Regulations” are the standing orders to regulate and control the financial affairs and accounting procedures of a local council. The financial regulations, as opposed to the standing orders of a council, include most of the requirements relevant to the Responsible Financial Officer.

Some of the Standing Orders are mandatory because they reflect requirements of Acts of Parliament and subsequent regulations. For ease of reference, the orders or parts of orders concerned are printed in **bold type**. The Standing Orders in **bold type** may not be amended unless the legislation out of which they are born changes.

Standing Orders are reviewed annually and amended as and when required.

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Note – items below in bold are statutory requirements and cannot be changed.

1. **RULES OF DEBATE AT MEETINGS**

- a Motions on the agenda shall be considered in the order that they appear unless the order is changed at the discretion of the Chair of the meeting.
- b A motion (including an amendment) shall not be progressed unless it has been moved and seconded.
- c A motion on the agenda that is not moved by its proposer may be treated by the Chair of the meeting as withdrawn.
- d If a motion (including an amendment) has been seconded, it may be withdrawn by the proposer only with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- e An amendment is a proposal to remove or add words to a motion. It shall not negate the motion.
- f If an amendment to the original motion is carried, the original motion (as amended) becomes the substantive motion upon which further amendment(s) may be moved.
- g An amendment shall not be considered unless early verbal notice of it is given at the meeting and, if requested by the Chair of the meeting, is expressed in writing to the Chair.
- h A councillor may move an amendment to their own motion if agreed by the meeting. If a motion has already been seconded, the amendment shall be with the consent of the seconder and the meeting.
- i If there is more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion, the amendments shall be moved in the order directed by the Chair of the meeting.
- j Subject to standing order 1(k), only one amendment shall be moved and debated at a time, the order of which shall be directed by the Chair of the meeting.
- k One or more amendments may be discussed together if the Chair of the meeting considers this expedient but each amendment shall be voted upon separately.

- l A councillor may not move more than one amendment to an original or substantive motion.
- m The mover of an amendment has no right of reply at the end of debate on it.
- n Where a series of amendments to an original motion are carried, the mover of the original motion shall have a right of reply either at the end of debate on the first amendment or at the very end of debate on the final substantive motion immediately before it is put to the vote.
- o Unless permitted by the Chair of the meeting, a councillor may speak once in the debate on a motion except:
 - i. to speak on an amendment moved by another councillor;
 - ii. to move or speak on another amendment if the motion has been amended since he last spoke;
 - iii. to make a point of order;
 - iv. to give a personal explanation; or
 - v. to exercise a right of reply.
- p During the debate on a motion, a councillor may interrupt only on a point of order or a personal explanation and the councillor who was interrupted shall stop speaking. A councillor raising a point of order shall identify the standing order which they consider has been breached or specify the other irregularity in the proceedings of the meeting he is concerned by.
- q A point of order shall be decided by the Chair of the meeting and their decision shall be final.
- r When a motion is under debate, no other motion shall be moved except:
 - i. to amend the motion;
 - ii. to proceed to the next business;
 - iii. to adjourn the debate;
 - iv. to put the motion to a vote;
 - v. to ask a person to be no longer heard or to leave the meeting;
 - vi. to refer a motion to a committee or sub-committee for consideration;
 - vii. to exclude the public and press;

- viii. to adjourn the meeting; or
 - ix. to suspend particular standing order(s) excepting those which reflect mandatory statutory or legal requirements.
- s Before an original or substantive motion is put to the vote, the Chair of the meeting shall be satisfied that the motion has been sufficiently debated and that the mover of the motion under debate has exercised or waived their right of reply.
- t Excluding motions moved under standing order 1(r), the contributions or speeches by a councillor shall relate only to the motion under discussion and shall not exceed 5 minutes without the consent of the Chair of the meeting.

2. **DISORDERLY CONDUCT AT MEETINGS**

- a No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly. If this standing order is ignored, the Chair of the meeting shall request such person(s) to moderate or improve their conduct.
- b If person(s) disregard the request of the Chair of the meeting to moderate or improve their conduct, any councillor or the Chair of the meeting may move that the person be no longer heard or be excluded from the meeting. The motion, if seconded, shall be put to the vote without discussion.
- c If a resolution made under standing order 2(b) is ignored, the Chair of the meeting may take further reasonable steps to restore order or to progress the meeting. This may include temporarily suspending or closing the meeting.

3. **MEETINGS GENERALLY**

- Full Council meetings ●
- Committee meetings ●
- Sub-committee meetings ●

- a **Meetings shall not take place in premises which at the time of the meeting are used for the supply of alcohol, unless no other premises are available free of charge or at a reasonable cost.**
- b **The minimum three clear days for notice of a meeting does not**

include the day on which notice was issued, the day of the meeting, a Sunday, a day of the Christmas break, a day of the Easter break or of a bank holiday or a day appointed for public thanksgiving or mourning.

- c Meetings shall be open to the public unless their presence is prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons. The public’s exclusion from part or all of a meeting shall be by a resolution which shall give reasons for the public’s exclusion.**
- d Subject to standing order 1(c), Members of the public may make representations, answer questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda.
- e The period of time designated for public participation at a meeting in accordance with standing order 1(d) shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting.
- f At the Chair’s discretion and with the agreement of the meeting, a member of the public may be invited to answer questions on matters of fact relating to the item under consideration by the Council at that point on the agenda where the matter is being discussed.
- g In accordance with standing order 3(e), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The Chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given.
- h A person shall raise their hand when requesting to speak, and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The Chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking.
- i A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct their comments to the Chair of the meeting.
- j Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wishes to speak, the Chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.
- k Subject to standing order 3(m), a person who attends a meeting is permitted to report on the meeting whilst the meeting is open to the public. To “report” means to film, photograph, make an audio recording of meeting proceedings, use any other means for enabling persons not present to see or hear the meeting as it**

takes place or later or to report or to provide oral or written commentary about the meeting so that the report or commentary is available as the meeting takes place or later to persons not present.

- l A person present at a meeting may not provide an oral report or oral commentary about a meeting as it takes place without permission.
- m The press shall be provided with reasonable facilities for the taking of their report of all or part of a meeting at which they are entitled to be present.
- n Subject to standing orders which indicate otherwise, anything authorised or required to be done by, to or before the Chair of the Council may in their absence be done by, to or before the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one).
- o The Chair of the Council, if present, shall preside at a meeting. If the Chair is absent from a meeting, the Vice-Chair of the Council (if there is one) if present, shall preside. If both the Chair and the Vice-Chair are absent from a meeting, a councillor as chosen by the councillors present at the meeting shall preside at the meeting.
- p Subject to a meeting being quorate, all questions at a meeting shall be decided by a majority of the councillors and non-councillors with voting rights present and voting.
- q The Chair of a meeting may give an original vote on any matter put to the vote, and in the case of an equality of votes may exercise their casting vote whether or not he gave an original vote.

See standing orders 5(h) and (i) for the different rules that apply in the election of the Chair of the Council at the annual meeting of the Council.

- r Unless standing orders provide otherwise, voting on a question shall be by a show of hands. At the request of a councillor, the voting on any question shall be recorded so as to show whether each councillor present and voting gave their vote for or against that question. Such a request shall be made before moving to the vote, or at the point at which the vote is taken.
- s The minutes of a meeting shall include an accurate record of the following:

- i. the time and place of the meeting;
 - ii. the names of councillors who are present, those who had submitted apologies and the names of councillors who were absent;
 - iii. interests that have been declared by councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
 - iv. the grant of dispensations (if any) to councillors and non-councillors with voting rights;
 - v. whether a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights left the meeting when matters that they held interests in were being considered;
 - vi. if there was a public participation session; and
 - vii. the resolutions made.
- t **A councillor or a non-councillor with voting rights who has a disclosable pecuniary interest or another interest as set out in the Council's code of conduct in a matter being considered at a meeting is subject to statutory limitations or restrictions under the code on their right to participate and vote on that matter.**
 - u **No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least one-third (four) of the whole number of members of the Council are present and in no case shall the quorum of a meeting be less than three.**

See standing order 4d(viii) for the quorum of a committee or sub-committee meeting.

- v **If a meeting is or becomes inquorate no business shall be transacted** and the meeting shall be closed. The business on the agenda for the meeting shall be adjourned to another meeting.
- w A meeting shall not exceed a period of 2.5 hours.
- x Town, District and County Councillors wishing to submit reports must do so in writing to the Proper Officer at least three clear days before the meeting to enable the report to be included with the agenda publication, providing sufficient time for Members of the council to consider the reports' content and ask questions of the Councillor at the meeting regards the content, if applicable. Those councillors submitting reports be permitted to report on matters arising between the agenda publication date, and the day of the meeting only.

4. **COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

- a **Unless the Council determines otherwise, a committee may appoint a sub-committee whose terms of reference and members shall be determined by the committee.**
- b **The members of a committee may include non-councillors unless it is a committee which regulates and controls the finances of the Council.**
- c **Unless the Council determines otherwise, all the members of an advisory committee and a sub-committee of the advisory committee may be non-councillors.**
- d The Council may appoint standing committees or other committees as may be necessary, and:
 - i. shall determine their terms of reference;
 - ii. shall determine the number and time of the ordinary meetings of a standing committee up until the date of the next annual meeting of the Council;
 - iii. shall permit a committee, other than in respect of the ordinary meetings of a committee, to determine the number and time of its meetings;
 - iv. shall, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of members of such a committee;
 - v. may, subject to standing orders 4(b) and (c), appoint and determine the terms of office of the substitute members to a committee whose

role is to replace the ordinary members at a meeting of a committee if the ordinary members of the committee confirm to the Proper Officer 3 days before the meeting that they are unable to attend shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own Chair at the first meeting of the committee;

- vi. shall, after it has appointed the members of a standing committee, appoint the chairman of the standing committee;
- vii shall permit a committee other than a standing committee, to appoint its own chairman at the first meeting of the committee;
- viii shall determine the place, notice requirements and quorum for a meeting of a committee and a sub-committee which, in both cases, shall be no less than three;
- ix shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a committee;
- x shall determine if the public and press are permitted to attend the meetings of a sub-committee and also the advance public notice requirements, if any, required for the meetings of a sub-committee;
- xi shall determine if the public may participate at a meeting of a subcommittee that they are permitted to attend; and
- xii may dissolve a committee or a sub-committee.

5. **ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

- a **In an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on or within 14 days following the day on which the councillors elected take office.**
- b **In a year which is not an election year, the annual meeting of the Council shall be held on such day in May as the Council decides.**
- c **If no other time is fixed, the annual meeting of the Council shall take place at 6pm.**
- d **In addition to the annual meeting of the Council, at least three other ordinary meetings shall be held in each year on such dates and times as the Council decides.**

- e **The first business conducted at the annual meeting of the Council shall be the election of the Chair and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council.**
- f **The Chair of the Council, unless he has resigned or becomes disqualified, shall continue in office and preside at the annual meeting until their successor is elected at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- g **The Vice-Chair of the Council, if there is one, unless he resigns or becomes disqualified, shall hold office until immediately after the election of the Chair of the Council at the next annual meeting of the Council.**
- h **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has not been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a successor Chair of the Council has been elected. The current Chair of the Council shall not have an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council but shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- i **In an election year, if the current Chair of the Council has been re-elected as a member of the Council, he shall preside at the annual meeting until a new Chair of the Council has been elected. He may exercise an original vote in respect of the election of the new Chair of the Council and shall give a casting vote in the case of an equality of votes.**
- j Following the election of the Chair of the Council and Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Council at the annual meeting, the business may include:
 - i. **In an election year, delivery by the Chair of the Council and councillors of their acceptance of office forms unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date. In a year which is not an election year, delivery by the Town Mayor of their acceptance of office form unless the Council resolves for this to be done at a later date;**
 - ii. Confirmation of the accuracy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Council;
 - iii. Receipt of the minutes of the last meeting of a committee;
 - iv. Consideration of the recommendations made by a committee;
 - v. Review of delegation arrangements to committees, sub-committees, staff and other local authorities;

- vi. Review of the terms of reference for committees;
- vii. Appointment of members to existing committees;
- viii. Appointment of any new committees in accordance with standing order 4;
- ix. Review and adoption of appropriate standing orders and financial regulations;
- x. Review of arrangements (including legal agreements) with other local authorities, not-for-profit bodies and businesses.
- xi. Review of representation on or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back;
- xii. In an election year, to make arrangements with a view to the Council becoming eligible to exercise the general power of competence in the future;
- xiii. Review of inventory of land and other assets including buildings and office equipment;
- xiv. Confirmation of arrangements for insurance cover in respect of all insurable risks;
- xv. Review of the Council's and/or staff subscriptions to other bodies;
- xvi. Review of the Council's complaints procedure;
- xvii. Review of the Council's policies, procedures and practices in respect of its obligations under freedom of information and data protection legislation (*see also standing orders 11, 20 and 21*);
- xviii. Review of the Council's policy for dealing with the press/media;
- xix. Review of the Council's employment policies and procedures;
- xx. Review of the Council's expenditure incurred under s.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the general power of competence.
- xxi. Determining the time and place of ordinary meetings of the Council up to and including the next annual meeting of the Council.

6. **EXTRAORDINARY MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL, COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES**

- a **The Chair of the Council may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council at any time.**

- b **If the Chair of the Council does not call an extraordinary meeting of the Council within seven days of having been requested in writing to do so by two councillors, any two councillors may convene an extraordinary meeting of the Council. The public notice giving the time, place and agenda for such a meeting shall be signed by the two councillors.**
- c The Chair of a committee or a sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee or the sub-committee at any time. *See Standing Order 3.*
- d If the Chair of a committee or a sub-committee does not or refuses to call an extraordinary meeting within 7 days of having been requested to do so by 2 members of the committee or the sub-committee, any 2 members of the committee or the sub-committee may convene an extraordinary meeting of the committee or a sub-committee. *See Standing Order 3.*

7. **PREVIOUS RESOLUTIONS**

- a A resolution (whether affirmative or negative) shall not be reversed within six months except by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least 7 councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9.
- b When a motion moved pursuant to standing order 7(a) has been disposed of, no similar motion may be moved for a further six months.

8. **VOTING ON APPOINTMENTS**

- a Where more than two persons have been nominated for a position to be filled by the Council and none of those persons has received an absolute majority of votes in their favour, the name of the person having the least number of votes shall be struck off the list and a fresh vote taken. This process shall continue until a majority of votes is given in favour of one person. A tie in votes may be settled by the casting vote exercisable by the Chair of the meeting.

9. **MOTIONS FOR A MEETING THAT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE TO BE GIVEN TO THE PROPER OFFICER**

- a A motion shall relate to the responsibilities of the meeting for which it is tabled and in any event shall relate to the performance of the Council's

statutory functions, powers and obligations or an issue which specifically affects the Council's area or its residents. It shall not relate to any matter which may be considered under the Council's Code of Conduct, Complaints Procedure or employment policies.

- b No motion may be moved at a meeting unless it is on the agenda and the mover has given written notice of its wording to the Proper Officer at least 8 clear days before the meeting. Clear days do not include the day of the notice or the day of the meeting.
- c The Proper Officer may, before including a motion on the agenda received in accordance with standing order 9(b), correct obvious grammatical or typographical errors in the wording of the motion.
- d If the Proper Officer considers the wording of a motion received in accordance with standing order 9(b) is not clear in meaning, the motion shall be rejected until the mover of the motion resubmits it, so that it can be understood, in writing, to the Proper Officer at least 5 clear days before the meeting.
- e If the wording or subject of a proposed motion is considered improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the Chair of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the councillors who have convened the meeting, to consider whether the motion shall be included in the agenda or rejected.
- f The decision of the Proper Officer as to whether or not to include the motion on the agenda shall be final.
- g Motions received shall be recorded and numbered in the order that they are received.
- h Motions rejected shall be recorded with an explanation by the Proper Officer of the reason for rejection.

10. **MOTIONS AT A MEETING THAT DO NOT REQUIRE WRITTEN NOTICE**

- a The following motions may be moved at a meeting without written notice to the Proper Officer:
 - i. to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes of a meeting;
 - ii. to move to a vote;
 - iii. to defer consideration of a motion;

- iv. to refer a motion to a particular committee or sub-committee;
- v. to appoint a person to preside at a meeting;
- vi. to change the order of business on the agenda;
- vii. to proceed to the next business on the agenda;
- viii. to require a written report;
- ix. to appoint a committee or sub-committee and their members;
- x. to extend the time limits for speaking;
- xi. to exclude the press and public from a meeting in respect of confidential or other information which is prejudicial to the public interest;
- xii. to not hear further from a councillor or a member of the public;
- xiii. to exclude a councillor or member of the public for disorderly conduct;
- xiv. to temporarily suspend the meeting;
- xv. to suspend a particular standing order (unless it reflects mandatory statutory or legal requirements);
- xvi. to adjourn the meeting; or
- xvii. to close the meeting.

11. **MANAGEMENT OF INFORMATION**

See also standing order 20.

- a **The Council shall have in place and keep under review, technical and organisational measures to keep secure information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. Such arrangements shall include deciding who has access to personal data and encryption of personal data.**
- b **The Council shall have in place, and keep under review, policies for the retention and safe destruction of all information (including personal data) which it holds in paper and electronic form. The Council's retention policy shall confirm the period for which information (including personal data) shall be retained or if this is not possible the criteria used to determine that period (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980).**
- c **The agenda, papers that support the agenda and the minutes of a**

meeting shall not disclose or otherwise undermine confidential information or personal data without legal justification.

- d **Councillors, staff, the Council’s contractors and agents shall not disclose confidential information or personal data without legal justification.**

12. **DRAFT MINUTES**

- Full Council meetings ●
- Committee meetings ●
- Sub-committee meetings ●

- a If the draft minutes of a preceding meeting have been served on councillors with the agenda to attend the meeting at which they are due to be approved for accuracy, they shall be taken as read.
- b There shall be no discussion about the draft minutes of a preceding meeting except in relation to their accuracy. A motion to correct an inaccuracy in the draft minutes shall be moved in accordance with standing order 10(a)(i).
- c The accuracy of draft minutes, including any amendment(s) made to them, shall be confirmed by resolution and shall be signed by the Chair of the meeting and stand as an accurate record of the meeting to which the minutes relate.
- d If the Chair of the meeting does not consider the minutes to be an accurate record of the meeting to which they relate, he shall sign the minutes and include a paragraph in the following terms or to the same effect:

“The Chair of this meeting does not believe that the minutes of the meeting of the (council/committee) held on [date] in respect of (meeting type) were a correct record but their view was not upheld by the meeting and the minutes are confirmed as an accurate record of the proceedings.”

- e **If the Council’s gross annual income or expenditure (whichever is higher) does not exceed £25,000, it shall publish draft minutes on a website which is publicly accessible and free of charge not later than one month after the meeting has taken place.**
- f Subject to the publication of draft minutes in accordance with standing order 12(e) and standing order 20(a) and following a resolution which

confirms the accuracy of the minutes of a meeting, the draft minutes or recordings of the meeting for which approved minutes exist shall be destroyed.

- g The Council will strive to publish the minutes of a meeting within 7 working days after the meeting to which the minutes relate.

13. **CODE OF CONDUCT AND DISPENSATIONS**

See also standing order 3(t).

- a All councillors and non-councillors with voting rights shall observe the code of conduct adopted by the Council.
- b Unless he has been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has a disclosable pecuniary interest. He may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which he had the interest.
- c Unless he has been granted a dispensation, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has another interest if so required by the Council's code of conduct. He may return to the meeting after it has considered the matter in which he had the interest.
- d **Dispensation requests shall be in writing and submitted to the Proper Officer** as soon as possible before the meeting.
- e A decision as to whether to grant a dispensation shall be made by a meeting of the Council, or committee or sub-committee for which the dispensation is required and that decision is final.
- f A dispensation request shall confirm:
 - i. the description and the nature of the disclosable pecuniary interest or other interest to which the request for the dispensation relates;
 - ii. whether the dispensation is required to participate at a meeting in a discussion only or a discussion and a vote;
 - iii. the date of the meeting or the period (not exceeding four years) for which the dispensation is sought; and
 - iv. an explanation as to why the dispensation is sought.
- g Subject to standing orders 13(d) and (f), a dispensation request shall be considered by the Proper Officer before the meeting or, if this is not possible, at the start of the meeting for which the dispensation is

required.

- h A dispensation may be granted in accordance with standing order 13(e) if having regard to all relevant circumstances any of the following apply:**
 - i. without the dispensation the number of persons prohibited from participating in the particular business would be so great a proportion of the meeting transacting the business as to impede the transaction of the business;**
 - ii. granting the dispensation is in the interests of persons living in the Council's area; or**
 - iii. it is otherwise appropriate to grant a dispensation.**
- i. A copy of the Councillors' request and the decision of the meeting where the request is heard shall be kept with the Councillors' Register of Interests.**

14. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS

- a Notification of any complaint by the District or Unitary Council that is dealing with a complaint shall remain confidential to the Proper Officer of the Council until such time as the matter has been concluded, when the outcome of the complaint shall be reported to a public meeting of the full Town Council.**
- b Where the notification in standing order 14(a) relates to a complaint made by the Proper Officer, the Proper Officer shall notify the Chair or Vice Chair of the Council of this fact, **Reviewed date: June 2018****
- c **Agreed and adopted: June 2018****
- d**
- e **Reviewed date: May 2019****
- f **Agreed and adopted****
- g shall nominate another staff member to assume the duties of the Proper Officer in relation to the complaint until it has been determined, and the Council has agreed what action, if any, to take in accordance with standing order 14(f).**
- h Where a notification relates to a complaint made by an employee (not being the Proper Officer) the Proper Officer shall ensure that the**

employee in question does not deal with any aspect of the complaint.

- i The Council may:
 - i. provide information or evidence where such disclosure is necessary to investigate the complaint or is a legal requirement;
 - ii. seek information relevant to the complaint from the person or body with statutory responsibility for investigation of the matter;
- j References to a notification shall be taken to refer to a communication of any kind which relates to a breach or an alleged breach of the code of conduct by a councillor.
- k Upon notification by the District or Unitary Council that a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights has breached the Council's code of conduct, the Council shall consider Reviewed date: June 2018**
 - l **Agreed and adopted: June 2018**
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 - n **Reviewed date: May 2019**
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- p and what, if any, action to take against them. Such action excludes disqualification or suspension from office and shall be limited to those sanctions recommended by the Monitoring Officer as detailed in the Decision Notice or other such communication made to the Town Council.**

15. **PROPER OFFICER**

- a The Proper Officer shall be either (i) the Clerk or (ii) other staff member(s) nominated by the Council to undertake the work of the Proper Officer when the Proper Officer is absent.
- b The Proper Officer shall:
 - i. **at least three clear days before a meeting of the council, a committee or a sub-committee,**
 - **serve on councillors by delivery or post at their residences or by email authenticated in such manner as the Proper Officer thinks fit, a signed summons confirming the time, place and the agenda, and**

- **Provide, in a conspicuous place, public notice of the time, place and agenda (provided that the public notice with agenda of an extraordinary meeting of the Council convened by councillors is signed by them).**

See standing order 3(b) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a full council and standing order 3(c) for the meaning of clear days for a meeting of a committee;

- ii. subject to standing order 9, include on the agenda all motions in the order received unless a councillor has given written notice at least 7 days before the meeting confirming their withdrawal of it;
- iii. **convene a meeting of the Council for the election of a new Chair of the Council, occasioned by a casual vacancy in their office;**
- iv. **facilitate inspection of the minute book by local government electors;**
- v. **receive and retain copies of byelaws made by other local authorities;**
- vi. hold acceptance of office forms from councillors;
- vii. hold a copy of every councillor's register of interests;
- viii. assist with responding to requests made under freedom of information legislation and rights exercisable under data protection legislation, in accordance with the Council's relevant policies and procedures;
- ix. liaise, as appropriate, with the Council's Data Protection Officer (if there is one);
- x. receive and send general correspondence and notices on behalf of the Council except where there is a resolution to the contrary;
- xi. assist in the organisation of, storage of, access to, security of and destruction of information held by the Council in paper and electronic form subject to the requirements of data protection and freedom of information legislation and other legitimate requirements (e.g. the Limitation Act 1980);
- xii. arrange for legal deeds to be executed;
(*see also standing order 23*);
- xiii. arrange or manage the prompt authorisation, approval, and instruction regarding any payments to be made by the Council in

accordance with its financial regulations;

- xiv. record every planning application notified to the Council and the Council's response to the local planning authority in a book for such purpose;
- xv. Refer a planning application received by the Council to the Chair or in his absence the Vice-Chair (if there is one) of the Planning Committee within two working days of receipt to facilitate an extraordinary meeting if the nature of a planning application requires consideration before the next ordinary meeting of the Planning Committee.
- xvi. manage access to information about the Council via the publication scheme; and
- xvii. retain custody of the seal of the Council (if there is one) which shall not be used without a resolution to that effect.
(see also standing order 24).

16. **RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER**

- a The Council shall appoint a member of staff to undertake the work of the Responsible Financial Officer when the Responsible Financial Officer is absent.

17. **ACCOUNTS AND ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS**

- a "Proper practices" in standing orders refer to the most recent version of "Governance and Accountability for Local Councils – a Practitioners' Guide".
- b All payments by the Council shall be authorised, approved and paid in accordance with the law, proper practices and the Council's financial regulations.
- c The Responsible Financial Officer shall supply to each councillor as soon as practicable after 30 June, 30 September and 31 December in each year a statement to summarise:
 - ii. the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for each quarter;
 - iii. the Council's aggregate receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the year to date;

- iv. the balances held at the end of the quarter being reported and which includes a comparison with the budget for the financial year and highlights any actual or potential overspends.
- d As soon as possible after the financial year end at 31 March, the Responsible Financial Officer shall provide:
 - i. each councillor with a statement summarising the Council's receipts and payments (or income and expenditure) for the last quarter and the year to date for information; and
 - ii. to the Council the accounting statements for the year in the form of Section 2 of the annual governance and accountability return, as required by proper practices, for consideration and approval.
- e The year-end accounting statements shall be prepared in accordance with proper practices and apply the form of accounts determined by the Council (receipts and payments, or income and expenditure) for the year to 31 March. A completed draft annual governance and accountability return shall be presented to all councillors at least 14 days prior to anticipated approval by the Council. The annual governance and accountability return of the Council, which is subject to external audit, including the annual governance statement, shall be presented to the Council for consideration and formal approval before 30 June.

18. **FINANCIAL CONTROLS AND PROCUREMENT**

- a. The Council shall consider and approve financial regulations drawn up by the Responsible Financial Officer, which shall include detailed arrangements in respect of the following:
 - i. the keeping of accounting records and systems of internal controls;
 - ii. the assessment and management of financial risks faced by the Council;
 - iii. the work of the independent internal auditor in accordance with proper practices and the receipt of regular reports from the internal auditor, which shall be required at least annually;
 - iv. the inspection and copying by councillors and local electors of the Council's accounts and/or orders of payments; and
 - v. whether contracts with an estimated value below **£25,000** due to special circumstances are exempt from a tendering process or procurement exercise.

- b. Financial regulations shall be reviewed regularly and at least annually for fitness of purpose.
- c. **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £25,000 but less than the relevant thresholds in standing order 19(f) is subject to Regulations 109-114 of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include a requirement on the Council to advertise the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website regardless of what other means it uses to advertise the opportunity unless it proposes to use an existing list of approved suppliers (framework agreement).**
- d. Subject to additional requirements in the financial regulations of the Council, the tender process for contracts for the supply of goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall include, as a minimum, the following steps:
 - i. a specification for the goods, materials, services or the execution of works shall be drawn up;
 - ii. an invitation to tender shall be drawn up to confirm (i) the Council's specification (ii) the time, date and address for the submission of tenders (iii) the date of the Council's written response to the tender and (iv) the prohibition on prospective contractors contacting councillors or staff to encourage or support their tender outside the prescribed process;
 - iii. the invitation to tender shall be advertised in a local newspaper and in any other manner that is appropriate;
 - iv. tenders are to be submitted in writing in a sealed marked envelope addressed to the Proper Officer;
 - v. tenders shall be opened by the Proper Officer in the presence of at least one councillor after the deadline for submission of tenders has passed;
 - vi. tenders are to be reported to and considered by the appropriate meeting of the Council or a committee or sub-committee with delegated responsibility.
- e. Neither the Council, nor a committee or a sub-committee with delegated responsibility for considering tenders, is bound to accept the lowest value tender.
- f. **A public contract regulated by the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 with an estimated value in excess of £181,302 for a public service or supply contract or in excess of £4,551,413 for a public**

works contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU)) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 which include advertising the contract opportunity on the Contracts Finder website and in OJEU.

- g. **A public contract in connection with the supply of gas, heat, electricity, drinking water, transport services, or postal services to the public; or the provision of a port or airport; or the exploration for or extraction of gas, oil or solid fuel with an estimated value in excess of £363,424 for a supply, services or design contract; or in excess of £4,551,413 for a works contract; or £820,370 for a social and other specific services contract (or other thresholds determined by the European Commission every two years and published in OJEU) shall comply with the relevant procurement procedures and other requirements in the Utilities Contracts Regulations 2016.**

19. **HANDLING STAFF MATTERS**

- a A matter personal to a member of staff that is being considered by a meeting of the HR Committees subject to standing order 11.
- b Subject to the Council's policy regarding absences from work, the Council's most senior member of staff shall notify the Chair of the HR Committee or, if he is not available, the vice-chairman of absence occasioned by illness or other reason and that person shall report such absence to HR Committee at its next meeting.
- c The Chair of the HR Committee or in his absence, the Vice Chair shall upon a resolution conduct a review of the performance and annual appraisal of the work of the Proper Officer. The reviews and appraisal shall be reported in writing and are subject to approval by resolution of the HR Committee.
- d Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, the Council's most senior member of staff (or other members of staff) shall contact the Chair of the HR Committee or in his absence, the Vice Chair of the HR Committee in respect of an informal or formal grievance matter, and this matter shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of the HR Committee.
- e Subject to the Council's policy regarding the handling of grievance matters, if an informal or formal grievance matter raised by the Town

Clerk relates to the Chair or Vice-Chair of the HR Committee this shall be communicated to another member of the HR Committee which shall be reported back and progressed by resolution of the HR Committee.

- f Any persons responsible for all or part of the management of staff shall treat as confidential the written records of all meetings relating to their performance, capabilities, grievance or disciplinary matters.
- g In accordance with standing order 11(a), persons with line management responsibilities shall have access to staff records referred to in standing order 19(f).

20. **RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE INFORMATION**

See also standing order 21.

- a **In accordance with freedom of information legislation, the Council shall publish information in accordance with its publication scheme and respond to requests for information held by the Council.**
- b. **The Council, shall publish information in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government (Transparency Requirements) (England) Regulations 2015.**

21. **RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER DATA PROTECTION LEGISLATION**

(Below is not an exhaustive list)

See also standing order 11.

- a **The Council may appoint a Data Protection Officer.**
- b **The Council shall have policies and procedures in place to respond to an individual exercising statutory rights concerning their personal data.**
- c **The Council shall have a written policy in place for responding to and managing a personal data breach.**
- d **The Council shall keep a record of all personal data breaches comprising the facts relating to the personal data breach, its effects and the remedial action taken.**
- e **The Council shall ensure that information communicated in its privacy notice(s) is in an easily accessible and available form and kept up to date.**
- f **The Council shall maintain a written record of its processing activities.**

22. **RELATIONS WITH THE PRESS/MEDIA**

- a Requests from the press or other media for an oral or written comment or statement from the Council, its councillors or staff shall be handled in accordance with the Council's policy in respect of dealing with the press and/or other media.

23. **EXECUTION AND SEALING OF LEGAL DEEDS**

See also standing orders 15(b)(xi) and (xvi).

- a A legal deed shall not be executed on behalf of the Council unless authorised by a resolution.
- b **Subject to standing order 23(a), the Council's common seal shall alone be used for sealing a deed required by law. It shall be applied by the Proper Officer in the presence of two councillors who shall sign the deed as witnesses.**

24. **COMMUNICATING WITH DISTRICT AND COUNTY OR UNITARY COUNCILLORS**

- a An invitation to attend a meeting of the Council shall be sent, together with the agenda, to the ward councillor(s) of the District and County Council representing the area of the Council.
- b Unless the Council determines otherwise, a copy of each letter sent to the District and County Council shall be sent to the ward councillor(s) representing the area of the Council.

25. **GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE**

- a Before exercising the general power of competence, a meeting of the full council shall have passed a resolution to confirm it has satisfied the prescribed statutory criteria required to qualify as an eligible parish council.
- b The council's period of eligibility begins on the date that the resolution understanding order 25(a) above was made and expires on the day before the annual meeting of the council that takes place in a year of ordinary elections.
- c **After the expiry of its preceding period of eligibility, the council**

continues to be an eligible council solely for the purpose of completing any activity undertaken in the exercise of the general power of competence which was not completed before the expiry of the council's preceding period of eligibility referred to in standing order 25

26. **RESTRICTIONS ON COUNCILLOR ACTIVITIES**

Unless duly authorised no councillor shall:

- i. inspect any land and/or premises which the Council has a right or duty to inspect; or
- ii. issue orders, instructions or directions.
- iii. Incur any expenditure on behalf of the council or issue an instruction to incur any expenditure.

27. **STANDING ORDERS GENERALLY**

- a All or part of a standing order, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements (in **bold**), may be suspended by resolution in relation to the consideration of an item on the agenda for a meeting.
- b A motion to add to or vary or revoke one or more of the Council's standing orders, except one that incorporates mandatory statutory or legal requirements, shall be proposed by a special motion, the written notice by at least **7** councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 9. It will be carried if two-thirds of the councillors at a meeting of the council vote in favour.
- c The Proper Officer shall provide a copy of the Council's standing orders to a councillor as soon as possible.
- d A Councillor's failure to observe standing orders more than three times in one meeting may result in them being excluded from the remainder of that meeting in accordance with standing orders.
- e The decision of the Chair of a meeting as to the application of standing orders at the meeting shall be final.

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TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Finance Committee

held at **Teignmouth Town Council, Bitton House, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth, TQ149DF** on
Thursday, 19th January, 2023 at 3.00 pm

Present:

Councillors J Atkins (Chair) and R Ash, I Palmer, C Williams.

Absent:

J Orme

Officers In attendance:

Iain Wedlake

39 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Orme

Resolved that the apology be noted.

40 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

41 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

42 MINUTES

Members considered the minutes of the Finance meeting held on 25th November 2023.

Resolved that the minutes of the Finance meetings held on 25th November be approved and signed as a correct and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr C Williams Unanimous

43 REVISE 3 COUNCILLOR SIGNATURES FOR CCLA ACCOUNT

It was resolved to add Cllr Atkins and Cllr C Williams to replace the 2 signatures required.

Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr Ash Unanimous

44 CHANGE OF BANKS

It was resolved to authorise the Clerk and Locum RFO in consultation with the chair of finance to move our bank accounts and debit cards to a more satisfactory provider preferably before the financial year end.

Proposed Cllr Atkins Seconded Cllr Williams Unanimous

45 REVIEW OF FEES AND CHARGES FOR 01/04 IMPLEMENTATION

Given the green shoots of recovery it was agreed to leave all fees and charges unaltered, Parking charges will be covered in the parking report due on 6th February at Assets & Facilities committee.

Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr C Williams Unanimous

46 GRANTS, STANDING LONGER TERM GRANTS

A representation was received from Helen Mouat regarding CAB

Officers would check with TDC as to the future of the shop mobility premises in Quay Road should there be any possibility of housing CAB and report back.

Proposed Cllr Atkins Seconded Cllr Ash Unanimous

47 SUMMER ENTERTAINMENT

A Presentations were received from Mr Lidington re summer entertainment

It was resolved that officers look for summer entertainment options split across the seafront and the town within the budget set and report back so a decision could be made.

Proposed Cllr Atkins Seconded Cllr Ash Unanimous

48 REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND GRANTS

It was resolved that all limits in the financial regulations be lifted in line with inflation by 10% (rounded).

It was also resolved that the new grants policy as presented should be adopted.

Proposed Cllr Palmer Seconded Cllr C Williams Unanimous

Date of Next meeting 20th April 2023

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 17:15

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Cllr Atkins, Chair

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Minutes of a Meeting of the
Assets and Facilities Sub-Committee
held at **Council Chamber 1, Bitton House, Bitton Park Road, Teignmouth, TQ14 9DF** on
Monday, 6th February, 2023 at 3.30 pm

Present:

Councillors J Atkins (Chair), A Henderson, I Palmer and R Phipps

Absent:

R Ash and J Orme

Officers In attendance:

Town Clerk

Projects & Facilities Manager

49 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ash & Orme

Resolved that the apologies be noted.

50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received

51 DISPENSATIONS

There were no dispensations.

52 PRESENTATION OF PARKING REPORT

As the Chair was unfortunately absent it was necessary to elect a temporary Chair.

Cllr Atkins was proposed by Cllr Phipps, seconded by Cllr Palmer and was duly elected.

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Cllr Cox arrived at 16:05 and the Chair permitted him to speak briefly.

The parking report was delivered by the Town Clerk. Any points that needed explanation and any questions raised by Cllrs were duly answered.

The committee resolved to accept the report and take to Full Council for ratification.

CLlr Palmer proposed the resolution, CLlr Phipps seconded and was carried by 3 in favour with 1 abstention.

The meeting was closed by the Chairman at 4.25 pm

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