



NOTICE OF COUNCIL MEETING

TOWN COUNCIL

**Monday 8th April 2023 immediately following the
Planning & Payments Committee Meeting
Council Chamber, Memorial Hall, Hawley Green GU17 9BW**

Councillors are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting.
Please inform the Clerk if you are unable to attend.

This is a meeting in public. If you would like to join and have any special requirements eg. access or a copy of the agenda in another format, eg. large print, please contact us.

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J Shaw

Town Clerk

3rd April 2024

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive any apologies for absence from the meeting
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest for any item on the agenda
- 3. COUNCILLORS QUESTIONS**
To receive questions from Town Councillors (prior notification preferred).
- 4. DEMOCRATIC FIFTEEN MINUTES**
To allow members of the public to speak or ask questions, with priority given to items on the agenda. To receive comments submitted to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting (not exceeding 15 minutes).
- 5. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**
 - 5.1 To Approve the Minutes of the Last Meeting**
To consider the minutes of the meetings held on 18th March 2023 and to authorise their signing as a true and correct record. **Appendix A**
 - 5.2 Matters Arising**
To discuss any matters arising from the meetings of 18th March 2023 not discussed elsewhere on this Agenda.
- 6. REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE COUNCIL**
- 7. REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE AND OTHER BODIES**
To receive reports from representatives on outside and other bodies.
- 8. DISTRICT & COUNTY REPORTS**

9. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER REPORTS COMMITTEE MINUTES & RECOMMENDATIONS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

- Planning & Payments Committee Meeting held on 4th March 2024

10. FINANCE

10.1 Hampshire Trust Bank (HTB)

Councillors to note information previously circulated by the Town Clerk on a 95 Day Business Notice Account (variable interest rate currently 4.5%) and consider depositing Council funds.

10.2 Council Insurance 2023/24

Councillors to note that, following review, the Council's Insurance Policy will be renewed as follows:

Clear Councils – Local Councils Insurance

15th April 2024 – 14th April 2025 at a cost of £9,429.21

10.3 Internal Audit

Councillors to note that the end of year Internal Audit will be carried out on 22nd April 2024 by Mulberry & Co.

10.4 Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS)

Councillors to note that the Annual LGPS Return is due by 30th April 2024.

10.5 Turf Grooming Combination Tool SCH 4GCS

Following research and receipt of quotations for turf grooming equipment, with a view to moving more pitch maintenance in-house, Councillors to consider the purchase of the above equipment at a cost of £2,490.00 +VAT.

11. HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - FUTURE SERVICES CONSULTATION

Further to minute C5371, Councillors to note the Town Council response to Hampshire County Council's 'Future Services Consultation' requesting views on proposals to change and reduce some local services to address an anticipated budget shortfall of £132 million by April 2025.

Blackwater & Hawley Town Council's response is detailed in **Appendix C**

12. POLICIES

Co-option Policy - Draft

Councillors to consider the Draft Co-option Policy attached to this agenda and adopt if appropriate. **Appendix D1, Appendix D2, Appendix D3**

13. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 13.1 Estates Report 2023/24 – Town Clerk to provide a verbal report
- 13.2 Broken Bench - south side of A30 adjacent the bus stop – Councillors to agree repair or removal.

14. OTHER BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION

15. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC & PRESS

To RESOLVE that, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable that the public and press are temporarily excluded and are asked to withdraw for remaining items on the Agenda.

16. CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES

To consider the confidential minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 18th March 2024 and, if appropriate, to authorise their signing as a true and correct record.

17. MATTERS ARISING

To discuss any matters arising from the confidential minutes of 19th March 2024 not discussed elsewhere on this Agenda.

18. BLACKWATER CENTRE

The Town Clerk will provide a verbal update on the leasing of the Blackwater Centre.

19. OTHER CONFIDENTIAL BUSINESS – NOT FOR DECISION