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**AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 9th MARCH 2020, 7PM, AT THE GUILDHALL TOTNES**

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council Matters Committee, which is to be held in the Guildhall, Totnes on **Monday 9th March 2020** for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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| **No** | **Subject** | **Comments** | **Time**  |
| 1 | To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council. |  | 2 minutes |
| *The Committee will adjourn for the following item:* |
| Public Question Time: A period of 15 minutes will be allowed for members of the public to ask questions or make comment regarding the work of the Committee or other items that affect Totnes. | 15 minutes |
| *The Committee will convene to consider the following items:* |
| 2 | To discuss any matters arising from the minutes of:Council Matters 10th February 2020 - (already agreed through Full Council) | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 3 | To consider the current year’s budget allocations, budget monitor, balances and forecast. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 4 | To consider recruitment timelines for the following positions:a) Town Maintenance Officer - extensionb) Green Travel Coordinator | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 5 | To consider Community Traffic Management Training and Chapter 8. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 6 | To note any update of items or proposed expenditure from the Venues Working Group.  | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 7 | To note any update or proposed items of expenditure from the Arts Working Group. | Tabled at the meeting | 5 minutes |
| 8 | To note any update or proposed items of expenditure from the Public Realm Working Group:1. Bank Lane update
2. Town Mill signage update
 | Verbal update Town Clerk | 5 minutes |
| 9 | To note the draft Christmas Events debrief document and budget. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 10 | To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Plan (standing item). | Cllr Luker | 2minutes |
| 11 | To consider writing to support the Littlehempston Cycle Path. | Cllr Hodgson | 5 minutes |
| 12 | To review the Payments to Councillors Policy. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 13 | To consider a request from Cllr Luker for an audit to be completed of the Guildhall contents. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 14 | To note the proposed timeline for the Market Square project. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 15 | To consider a plan for how to operate the Town Council offices in the case of the Coronavirus outbreak significantly worsening. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 16 | To consider an end date for the Castle Meadow lease. | Verbal update Town Clerk | 2 minutes |
| 17 | To note the new Guildhall Booking form for Councillor use. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 18 | To consider the proposed breakdown for the 2020/21 Totnes Gardens budget allocation. | Enclosure | 2 minutes |
| 19 | To consider a timeline and process for reviewing the Town Council’s priorities and Standing Orders. | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| *The Committee will be asked to* ***RESOLVE*** *to exclude the press and public “by reason of the confidential nature of the business” to be discussed and in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.* |
| 20 | To consider and agree the bank and petty cash reconciliations. *(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 21 | To consider and sign (Clerk and Chair) the 2019/20 staffing budget. (updated) *(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 22 | To receive a general staff update.*(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Verbal update Town Clerk | 5 minutes |
| 23 | To consider the uses and layout of the Civic Hall spaces. *(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Enclosures | 10 minutes |
| 24 | To consider a request from Transition Town Totnes for an interim payment on the agreed contribution towards core costs. This was agreed at 2nd March 2020 Full Council.*(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Tabled at the meeting | 10 minutes |
| 25 | To note the new employment contract format which will be issued to all staff members.*(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| 26 | To note an issue regarding standing order payments.*(CONFIDENTIAL by virtue of relating to legal and/or commercial matters, staffing and/or the financial or business affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)* | Enclosure | 5 minutes |
| **27** | **Date of the next meeting – Monday 20th April 2020 at 7pm** |

**Future meetings agenda items:**

* To consider terms of reference for the IT contractor – April 2020
* To review the Communications and Social Media Policy – April 2020
* To review Earmarked Reserves – April 2020
* To consider the lease terms for Eastgate Clock storage – April 2020
* To review the Financial Risk Assessment – April 2020
* Update Statement of Internal Control – April 2020
* To review the Standing Orders – May 2020
* To review the Pensions Discretions Policy – May 2020
* To review the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy
* Investment options for general reserve
* To review various staffing policies
* To review the Staff handbook
* To note sick leave and overtime balances
* To consider asset remedial works
* To review the Grievance and Complaints policies
* Annual salary review for following financial year – December 2020

Members – quorum is 3 members

* Cllr E Price(Chair)
* Cllr M Adams (Deputy)
* Cllr C Allford
* Cllr J Hodgson
* Cllr P Paine
* VACANCY
* Cllr B Piper
* Cllr C Luker

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