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# AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE

# MONDAY 11TH MARCH 2024 AT 6.30PM IN THE GUILDHALL

There are stairs to the Council Chamber but if any member of the public has mobility issues the Council can relocate to the lower Guildhall.

You are hereby SUMMONED to attend the **Council Matters Committee** on **Monday 11th March 2024**

**at 6.30pm** in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors B Piper (Chair), C Beavis, T Bennett, J Chinnock, J Hannam, J Hodgson, D Peters and E Price.

# 1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Chair will read out the following statement:

Welcome to everyone attending and observing the meeting.

A reminder that open proceedings of this meeting will be video recorded. If members of the public make presentations, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber attendees are also consenting to being recorded.

This meeting is limited to 90 minutes and therefore members are asked to raise their points succinctly and not repeat the same view expressed by colleagues if it does not add to the debate.

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council.

*The Committee will adjourn for the following items:*

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.

*The Committee will convene to consider the following items:*

# 2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve the minutes of 12th February 2024 and update on any matters arising. Document attached.

**3. BUDGET MONITOR**

To consider the 2023/24 Budget Monitor. Document attached.

**4. CIVIC BUDGET AND MAYORAL ALLOWANCE POLICY**

# To review the Civic Budget and Mayoral Allowance Policy. Document attached.

**5. DEVON-TORBAY DEVOLUTION DEAL CONSULTATION**

Under delegated authority from Full Council, to consider a Council response to the Devon and Torbay Devolution Deal consultation (deadline for responses 24th March 2024). Document attached and to view the Deon and Torbay Combined County Authority draft proposal see <https://www.devontorbaydeal.org.uk/document/devon-and-torbay-combined-county-authority-draft-proposal/>

**6. COMMUNITY GRANTS REPORT**

To note a report of community organisation’s assessment of their projects which received Community Grant funding in June 2023. Document attached.

**7.** **COUNCIL ASSETS AND PUBLIC REALM WORKING GROUP**

To note the minutes of the Council Assets and Public Realm Working Group held on 21st February and consider the recommendations (items 2, 5, 7 and 8). Document attached.

# 8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Council Matters Committee – Monday 15th April 2024 at 6.30pm in the Guildhall. No document.

*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. (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)*

# 9. BANK STATEMENTS AND RECONCILIATIONS (Standing Item)

To consider the bank statements and reconciliations for February (financial). Documents attached.

# 10. GREEN ENERGY CLUB

To consider how to proceed in the 2024/25 financial year given the ending of the indemnity and the price increases (commercial). Document attached.

# 11. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS BUDGET

# To consider the allocation of the Christmas Lights budget for the following:

1. Installation (commercial);
2. Cross Street light refurbishment (commercial);
3. Electrical upgrades on The Plains (commercial);
4. Contingency for replacement and repair of lights (financial); and
5. Delayed removal of Shady Garden icicle lights (financial).

# 12. CEMETERY MAINTENANCE CONTRACT

To consider a one-year extension to the current cemetery maintenance contract (commercial). Document attached.

# 13. STAFFING UPDATE

For any general or urgent updates that required confidential sharing with Councillors (staffing). Verbal update.

Catherine Marlton

Town Clerk

6th March 2024

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