



AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2025 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 10th February 2025 at 6.30pm** in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

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

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 13th January 2025 and update on any matters arising. Document attached.

3. BUDGET MONITOR

To consider the Budget Monitor including (documents to follow):

- a. The reserves projection.
- b. Proposed earmarked reserves and budget expenditure.
- c. The Community/Economy /Environment and PR and Strategic Priorities budgets.

4. STRATEGY DELIVERY WORKING GROUPS

To consider:

- a. the format and frequency of the Working Group and Strategy Delivery Group meetings; and any budgetary recommendations from the following (document attached):
- b. Community Working Group, 6th January 2025.
- c. Economy Working Group, 15th January 2025.
- d. Environment and Public Realm Working Group, 29th January 2025.

5. COUNCIL RISK ASSESSMENTS

To consider a summary of the Council's Risk Assessments. Document attached.

6. ASSET TRANSFER POLICY

To consider a draft Asset Transfer Policy for the Council. Document attached.

7. COUNCIL GRANTS POLICY

To review the Council Grants Policy and proposed timeline and budget for 2025/26. Document attached.

8. CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION POLICY

To review the Closed-Circuit Television Policy. Document attached.

9. PENSIONS DISCRETION POLICY

To review the Pensions Discretion Policy. Document attached.

10. BULLYING AND HARASSMENT POLICY

To review the Bullying and Harassment Policy. Document attached.

11. FIXED ASSET REGISTER

To note the Council's Fixed Asset Register. Document attached.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting of the Council Matters Committee – Monday 10th March 2025 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)*

13. BANK STATEMENTS AND RECONCILIATIONS (Standing Item)

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

14. GUILDHALL COTTAGE GARAGE

To note an enquiry about the ownership of the Guildhall Cottage Garage (legal). Verbal update.

15. STAFFING UPDATE

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

Catherine Marlton
Town Clerk
5th February 2025

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