



AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY 5TH OCTOBER 2026 IN THE GUILDHALL

Please note that public question time will be held prior to Full Council from 6.30pm.

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

You are hereby **SUMMONED** to attend a meeting of the Town Council, on **Monday 5th October 2026 at 7.00pm** for a maximum of 120 minutes the purpose of transacting the following business:

1. WELCOME TO ALL ATTENDING AND OBSERVING

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 120 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.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive apologies and to confirm that any absence has the approval of the Council. The Mayor will request confirmation that all Members have completed or made any necessary amendments to their Declaration of Interests.

The Committee will adjourn for the following items:

Reports from County and District Councillors:

- a. County Cllr Hodgson – no document.
- b. District Cllr Allen – no document.
- c. District Cllr Birch – document attached (page 4)
- d. District Cllr Presswell – document attached (page 10)

The Council will convene to consider the following items:

3. CLERK'S QUARTERLY REPORT

To note the Clerk's Quarterly Report for July - September 2026 (general updates and correspondence).
Document attached (page 15).

4. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To approve and sign the minutes of the following meeting:

(Please note confidential minutes can be agreed but any discussion must be held in the Confidential session)

- a. Full Council 7th September 2026 – document attached (page 29)

To note the following minutes:

- b. Council Matters Committee 14th September 2026 – document attached (page 34)
- c. Planning Committee 21st September 2026 – document attached (page 37)
- d. Town Matters Committee 28th September 2026 – document attached (page 40)

5. CONSIDERATION OF ANY MATTERS ARISING REQUIRING A DECISION

To consider any matters arising from the Minutes and to approve any recommendations from Committees (document enclosed):

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6. LIST OF MEETING DATES, COMMUNICATIONS POINTS AND LINK COUNCILLOR UPDATES

To note a list of upcoming meeting dates and annual meetings calendar, Council communications points and link Councillor/Councillor representatives on outside bodies updates - document attached (page 44)

7. CONSULTATION ON PLYMOUTH BECOMING A MEMBER OF THE DEVON AND TORBAY COMBINED COUNTY AUTHORITY AND CONVERSION TO A MAYORAL STRATEGIC AUTHORITY

To consider whether the DTCCA should progress to become a Mayoral Strategic Authority, and the potential benefits and concerns associated with that change – document attached (page 45)

8. NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting date of Monday 2nd November 2026, 6.30pm public session, 7.00pm formal meeting in the Guildhall.

The Council 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.

9. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE (Standing Item)

To consider any recommendations or matters arising that are considered confidential in nature.

10. COMMUNITY ASSETS

To consider the Community Asset opportunity at Laura House (financial). Hard copy report provided to members.

Agenda produced by:

Catherine Marlton

Town Clerk

30th September 2026

USE OF SOUND RECORDINGS AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

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Televised, vision and sound recordings or live broadcastings by members of the press or public at Council or Committee debates are permitted and anyone wishing to do so is asked to inform the Chairman of the respective Committee of their intention to record proceedings.