



AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 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 January 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
- b. District Cllr Allen
- c. District Cllr Birch
- d. District Cllr Presswell

The Council will convene to consider the following items:

3. 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 1st December 2025 – document attached.

To note the following minutes:

- b. Council Matters Committee 8th December 2025 – document attached.
- c. Planning Committee 15th December – document attached.

4. 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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- a. Full Council 1st December 2025.
- b. Council Matters Committee 8th December 2025.
- c. Planning Committee 15th December 2025.

5. STRATEGY DELIVERY WORKING GROUP UPDATES

To receive an update from the Chairs of the Strategy Delivery Working Group Chairs. Verbal update.

6. COMMUNITY AUDIT

To consider a revised cost for the Community Audit exercise. Verbal update.

7. TAX BASE FOR 2026/27

To note the tax base for financial year 2026/27. Document attached.

8. BUDGET SETTING FOR 2026/27

To consider the Council Matters Committee recommendations for the budget for financial year 2026/27. Document attached.

9. PRECEPT SETTING

To consider the Council Matters Committee recommendation for the precept for financial year 2026/27. Document attached.

10. TOTNES LANTERN PARADE – TOWN COUNCIL LANTERN

To consider whether to retire the Town Council's current lantern, Pegasus, after three years of it featuring in the Lantern Procession in December. Verbal update.

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

To note a list of upcoming meeting dates, Council communications points and link Councillor/Councillor representatives on outside bodies updates. Document attached.

12. NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting date of Monday 2nd February 2026 for Full Council, 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.

13. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE (Standing Item)

To consider any recommendations or matters arising that are considered confidential in nature. No document.

14. GUILDHALL COTTAGE SURVEY

To consider a building survey of the Guildhall Cottage (commercial). Document attached.

Agenda produced by:

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Town Clerk

18th December 2025

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