



## AGENDA FOR THE TOWN MATTERS COMMITTEE

### MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2026 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 **Town Matters Committee** on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2026** at **6.30pm** for a maximum of 90 minutes in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors N Roberts (Chair), L Auletta, C Beavis, J Chinnock, S Collinson, J Cummings, D Peters, A Presswell, 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 24<sup>th</sup> November 2025 and update on any matters arising.  
Document attached.

#### 3. STRATEGY DELIVERY WORKING GROUPS

To consider any recommendations and note the minutes from the following:

- a. Economy Working Group, 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2025 (document attached).

- b. Environment and Public Realm Working Group, 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 (document to follow).

**4. DEVON LIBRARIES CONSULTATION**

To consider the Devon County Council consultation on 'Shaping the Future of Devon's Library Service' and make a recommendation to Full Council on signing a joint letter with other towns or making a separate response (deadlines 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026). Documents attached and see [Have Your Say Today - Shaping Devon's Library Service - Commonplace](#).

**5. SHDC CLIMATE NATIONAL EMERGENCY BRIEFING MOTION**

To consider the South Hams District Council Climate National Emergency Briefing motion and make any recommendation to Full Council. Document attached.

**6. EMERGENCY PLAN UPDATE**

To consider an update on the timing for review of the Totnes Emergency Plan. Document attached.

**7. COMMUNITY AWARDS TIMELINE**

To note the timeline for the 2025 Community Awards. Document attached.

**8. OPEN SPACES, SPORTS, RECREATION AND WELLBEING PLAN UPDATE**

To update on any general matters linked to the Open Spaces, Sport Recreation and Wellbeing Plan including an update on the greenways map (standing item). Document attached.

**9. LINK COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

To consider link councillor reports from Committee members. Verbal update.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note the date of the next meeting of the Town Matters Committee – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 6.30pm.

Sara Halliday

Governance and Projects Manager

21<sup>st</sup> January 2026

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