



## AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL

MONDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> MAY 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 the Annual Meeting of the Town Council, on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 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. ELECTION OF MAYOR

- a) To elect the Mayor and the Chair of the Council for the Council Year 2026-2027.
- b) To note the Mayor's appointment of the Deputy Mayor/Chair.

### 3. 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.

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*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.
- d. District Cllr Presswell – document attached.

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

### 4. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

To elect: members to committees; committee chairs; Strategy Delivery Working Groups; outside representatives; and link councillor roles. Document attached.

### 5. 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 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – document attached.

To note the following minutes:

- b. Council Matters 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – document attached.
- c. Planning Committee 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – document attached.

#### 6. 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):

*(Please note confidential minutes can be agreed but any discussion must be held in Part 2)*

- a. Full Council 13<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- b. Council Matters 20<sup>th</sup> April 2026.
- c. Planning Committee 27<sup>th</sup> April 2026.

#### 7. STRATEGY DELIVERY WORKING GROUP UPDATES

To receive an update from the Chairs of the Strategy Delivery Working Groups. No document.

#### 8. STANDING ORDERS

To consider the revised Standing Orders (see document for a summary of changes). Document attached.

#### 9. RISK REGISTER

To review the Town Council's Risk Register. Document attached.

#### 10. 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.

#### 11. NEXT MEETING

To note the next meeting date of Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026, 6.30pm public session, 7.00pm formal meeting in the Guildhall.

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*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.*

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#### 12. CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FROM COMMITTEE (Standing Item)

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

#### 13. TOTNES MUSEUM LEASE

To consider a request to extend the lease on 70 Fore Street/Totnes Museum (financial and legal). Document attached.

#### 14. BANKRUPTCY DECLARATION REQUIREMENTS

To confirm declarations from officers and Councillors of bankruptcy in line with insurance requirements (personal). Verbal update.

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Town Clerk

6<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### USE OF SOUND RECORDINGS AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

**The open proceedings of this Meeting will be audio and video recorded. If members of the public make a representation, they will be deemed to have consented to being recorded. By entering the Council Chamber or Zoom meeting, attendees are also consenting to being recorded.**

**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.**