# AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF COUNCIL MATTERS COMMITTEE

# MONDAY 12TH OCTOBER 2026 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 12th October 2026 at 6.30pm** in the Guildhall for the purpose of transacting the following business:

**Committee Members:** Councillors L Auletta, C Beavis, T Bennett, J Chinnock, J Hannam, D Peters, E Price and M Trant.

**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 14th September 2026 and update on any matters arising. Document attached.

**3. STRATEGY DELIVERY WORKING GROUPS**
To consider any budgetary recommendations from the following (document attached):

a. Any grant funding recommendations from the Working Groups.

**4. BUDGET MONITOR**
To consider the Budget Monitor. Document to follow.

**5. MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS AND BUDGET**
To consider the Mayor's engagements since July 2026 and the current budget. Document attached.

**6. ABSENCE MANAGEMENT POLICY**
To review the Absence Management Policy. Document attached.

**7. PENSIONS DISCRETION POLICY**
To consider a Pensions Discretion Policy. Document attached.

**8. PRIVACY POLICY**
To review the Privacy Policy. Document attached.

**9. EXTERNAL AUDIT CERTIFICATE**
To note the external audit certificate. Document attached.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
To note the date of the next meeting of the Council Matters Committee – Monday 9th November 2026 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)*

**11. BANK STATEMENTS AND RECONCILIATIONS (Standing Item)**
To consider the bank statements and reconciliations for September (financial). Documents attached.

**12. BIRDWOOD HOUSE REPORT**
To consider a report on works required at Birdwood House (financial). Document to follow.

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

Catherine Marlton
Town Clerk
7th October 2026

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