



## Notice of the next Council Meeting

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Meeting of...	<b>Bridgwater Town Council</b>
Time...	<b>7.00pm</b>
Date...	<b>Thursday 5 December 2019</b>
Place...	<b>Charter Hall, Town Hall, High Street, Bridgwater</b>

Councillors will be discussing all the items listed overleaf on the Agenda.

*David Mears*

David Mears PSLCC  
**Town Clerk**  
28 November 2019

### **7.00pm (Prior to the start of the meeting)**

#### **Questions and comments from members of the public**

This provides an opportunity for members of the public (who are not usually permitted to speak during the meeting except by special invitation of the Chairman) to participate before the start of the meeting by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Bridgwater. No decision can be taken during this session<sup>1</sup>, but the Chairman may decide to refer any matters raised for further consideration.

<sup>1</sup>N.B Councils cannot lawfully decide items of business that is not specified in the summons/agenda (LGA1972 Sch 12, paras 10(2)(b) and Longfield Parish Council v Wright (1918) 88 LJ Ch 119).

#### **Policing in Bridgwater**

A representative from Bridgwater's Police Team (if present) are invited to provide updates and discuss issues in Bridgwater.

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting. Recording must be clearly visible to anyone at the meeting.

## A G E N D A

**TC2019/112 To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

**TC2019/113 Declarations of interests** - Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any prior requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e) (NB this does not preclude any later declarations)

**TC2019/114 To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Thursday 24 October 2019** (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

**TC2019/115 Mayor Announcements**

**TC2019/116 Town Council Leader**— Cllr Smedley to update members on matters of interest and forward plan (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

**TC2019/117 Portfolio Holders – to receive written reports (if any) from Portfolio Holders** (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

**TC2019/118 Town Clerk's Oral Report** –update on progress since the last meeting and items of information (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

**TC2019/119 Twinning** – to receive updates on matters relating to Twinning in Bridgwater (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

**TC2019/120 Forums** – to receive minutes of recent forum(s) meetings and to discuss issues raised (*N.B no decisions can be taken<sup>1</sup>*)

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**TC2019/121**      **Notice of Motion received from Cllr M Lerry on 18 November 2019** "that this Council resolves to request that the Economic Portfolio Holder and Town Clerk:

- to work with Sedgemoor District Council to identify Bridgwater's key anchor institutions and begin discussions with them on the possibility of a local approach to using procurement to spend locally wherever possible; and
- to identify the amount of money that is removed from the local area through public sector spending on goods and services, in order to inform a wider strategic approach to community wealth building in Bridgwater.

**TC2019/122**      **Finance** – to adopt the revised Financial Regulations. N.B NALC issued a revised set in July.

**TC2019/123**      **Finance** – to note the Year to Date Budget as of 29 November 2019.

**TC2019/124**      **Finance** –Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure and income for October 2019

**TC2019/125**      **To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item TC2019/126, 127, 128 and 129 be dealt with after the public (including the press) have been excluded as publicity would prejudice the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960**

**TC2019/126**      Cemeteries update

**TC2019/127**      To receive and discuss draft budget

**TC2019/128**      To note and approve the decision of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee on the new staff structure.

**TC2019/129**      Bridgwater Cup – to consider the process for the Bridgwater Cup Competition