



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)

Public Attendance: If members of the public wish to join this meeting they should contact the Town Clerk (by email townclerk@bridgwater-tc.gov.uk), to receive instructions on how to access the meeting. If the public wish to make a comment or ask the council a question, these must be emailed to the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance.

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend the following meeting:

Virtual Meeting of...	The Full Council
Time...	19:00hrs
Date...	Thursday 18 June 2020
Platform...	Virtual Meeting using Zoom Meeting Software

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

David Mears

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Town Clerk

11 June 2020

19:00hrs (Prior to the start of the meeting)

Presentation from Bridgwater Area Cycling Campaign

Councillors to receive a 10-minute presentation with a question and answer session.

Questions and comments from members of the public

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to participate by asking questions, raising concerns or making comments on matters affecting Bridgwater. Questions/comments must be emailed to the Town Clerk (townclerk@bridgwater-tc.gov.uk), at least 24 hours before the meeting and these will be read by the Town Clerk at the Meeting with a reply.

Policing in Bridgwater

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

A G E N D A

TC2020/39 **To receive Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given** (LGA 1972 s85 (1))

TC2020/40 **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)

TC2020/41 **Standing Orders** – to reinstate Standing Orders with recommended amendments for virtual meetings

TC2020/42 **Mayor Announcements**

TC2020/43 **Town Council Leader** – Cllr Smedley to update members on matters of interest and forward plan (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/44 **Town Clerk's Oral Report** –update on progress since the last meeting and items of information (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/45 **Portfolio Holders – to receive written reports (if any) from Portfolio Holders** (*N.B no decisions can be taken¹*)

TC2020/45i **Sustainable Transport Policy for Bridgwater** - to adopt the attached proposed Sustainable Transport Policy For Bridgwater from the Transport Forum

TC2020/46 **Financial Regulations** – to reinstate Financial Regulations with no amendments

TC2020/47 **Virtual Meeting Policy** – to adopt the attached Virtual Meeting Policy

TC2020/48 **Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset –**

- I. to receive the attached report, commissioned by the Somerset Branch of SLCC and SALC and to agree the recommendations contained therein; and
- II. to agree a response to the One Somerset survey

TC2020/49 **Delegated Authority Arrangements** – that this council reverts to the previous scheme of delegation, with the following exceptions:

- I. That the Town Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Lerry continues to have full delegated authority over the cemeteries subject to financial regulations and standing orders governing the regulation of contracts (for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic); and
- II. Until face to face meetings can be resumed, all responses to planning applications be dealt with by the Town Clerk in conjunction with Cllr Lerry, with a period of consultation with town ward councillors.

TC2020/50 **Finance** – to note the Year to Date Budget as of 11 June 2020

¹N. 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).

TC2020/51 Finance –Accounts for Payment and Income - to note items of expenditure as approved under delegated authority and income for March, April and May 2020

TC2020/52 To resolve to exclude members of the press and public - To agree that agenda item TC2020/53 and 54 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

TC2020/53 Staffing in confidence

TC2020/54 Bridgwater Allotments and lease

.....End of Agenda.....