



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... Finance & Policy
Place... Bridgwater Room
Date... Monday, April 29, 2024
Time... 09:30

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

Yours faithfully

David Mears

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Town Clerk

24 April 2024

(Prior to the start of the meeting)

Questions and comments from members of the public

To ask a question or speak at a meeting, you will need to submit your request to a member of the Democratic Services Team in advance of the meeting. You can request to speak at a council meeting by emailing your full name, the agenda item and your question to the Democratic Services Team emailing enquiries@bridgwater-tc.gov.uk Any requests need to be received by 5pm on the day that provides 2 clear working days before the meeting (excluding the day of the meeting itself). For example, if the meeting is due to take place on a Thursday, requests need to be received by 5pm on the Monday prior to the meeting. The Chair will invite you to speak at the beginning of the meeting under the agenda item Public Question Time, but speaking is limited to 3 minutes. You can only speak to the Council or Committee once. If there are a group of people attending to speak about a particular item, then a representative should be chosen to speak on behalf of the group.

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).

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

FEC2024/20 - To receive Apologies for Absence

FEC2024/21 - 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).

FEC2024/22 - Minutes

To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Finance and Policy Executive Committee Meeting held on Monday 5 February 2024

FEC2024/23 - To receive the report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Services regarding staff parking and to consider staff parking arrangements

FEC2024/24 - To review and adopt The Fixed Asset and Capitalisation Policy

FEC2024/25 - To review the Petition in regard to Members Allowance

FEC2024/26 - To review the insurance renewal for 2024-25

and recommend to Full Council noting that the Clerk has used 4.5 of the Financial regulations to authorise this renewal.

FEC2024/27 - Consultation on new Public Spaces Protection Order for Bridgwater

FEC2024/28 - Finance - Accounts for Payment and Income

To note items of expenditure as approved under delegated authority or under previous Council/Committee decisions and income received up to 31 March 2024

FEC2024/29 - Finance - to note the Year to Date Budget as of 31 March 2024

FEC2024/30 - To note the year end Balance Sheet figures

FEC2024/31 - To resolve to exclude members of the public and press

and to agree that agenda item FEC2024/26 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.

FEC2024/32 - Staffing update

To receive an oral general staff update and an update of staff annual leave balances from the Clerk.

End of Agenda

CIRCULATION

Councillors, Hubble, Lerry, Mander, Marsh, Pearce, Redman, Smedley, and Solomon