

Meeting of the Council

Monday, 27 September 2021

Council Chamber

Mendip District Council
Cannards Grave Road
Shepton Mallet, BA4 5BT

At 6.30 pm

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Membership

All Mendip District Councillors

Notes

1. **Length of meeting** - Normally the meeting will end when all the business on the agenda has been completed. As soon as this meeting has lasted for three hours the Chair will ask members to vote on whether to end the meeting. There will be a short briefing from officers on implications but no debate on whether the meeting should end. If the vote is in favour of ending the meeting it will end immediately or at such point as the meeting agrees.
2. **Reports** – some agenda items refer to reports that have been produced. The full reports are only sent to relevant Members. If you wish to see a non-confidential report you can access these via the Mendip District Council web-site at www.mendip.gov.uk. If you wish to have a hard copy of the report then Please contact the Committee Officer (details on page 1 of the agenda). For members of the public requesting hard copies sent by post a charge may be raised.
3. **Declarations of Interest** – If a member of the Board/Committee has a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item during this meeting they should now declare its existence and nature publicly.
4. **Public Speaking** – At the Chair’s discretion, members of the public can participate at meetings of a Council body by making representations on any matter. The maximum time for each speaker is three minutes, with a maximum time of 20 minutes for all speakers in total. Anyone who wishes to speak must either;
 - a) notify the Committee Officer (details on page 1) at least three hours before the start of the meeting, or
 - b) complete the form which will be in, or immediately outside, the room where the meeting is going to take place and hand this to the Committee Officer before the start of the meeting.
5. **Items on the agenda** – The public may either speak during the Public Participation agenda item or before the agenda item of interest.
6. **Items not on the agenda** - Any matters raised cannot be debated at the meeting but may be referred to a future meeting.
7. **Motions to Council** – to discuss any motions that have been submitted to Council. A Notice of Motion allows Full Council to discuss any matters for which the Council has a responsibility or which affect the District.
8. **Questions from the Public** – Anyone may ask a formal question of any member of the Council. Questions will be answered at the first meeting of the Full Council after they have been submitted.
9. **Questions by Members** – A member of the Council may ask a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the area.
10. **Suggestions for Future Business** – Suggestions for future business will only be adopted if agreed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the meeting and if they are within the functions and delegated authority of the Council Body.
11. **Urgent Business** – To consider any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.
12. **Recordings** – In accordance with the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 recording is allowed at all formal meetings of the authority to enable those not present to see or hear the proceedings either as they take place (or later) and to enable the reporting of those proceedings. Those wishing to record proceedings should, as a courtesy, inform the chair (or Democratic Services Officer) of the committee of their intentions prior to the meeting.

In compliance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 a list of the background papers and the background papers themselves are available on request to the Committee Officer.

Agenda

1 CHAIR'S OPENING COMMENTS AND THOUGHT OF THE DAY

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST See Note 3

If a member of the Council has a personal or prejudicial interest in any agenda item during this meeting they should now declare its existence and nature publicly.

In addition to this, members will be asked to review their declarations of interest.

4 RECENT CHAIR'S ENGAGEMENTS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair will give an update of events attended.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION See Note 4

- a) Items on the agenda See Note 5
- b) Items not on the agenda See Note 6

6 PREVIOUS MINUTES

Full Council is asked to consider the minutes from the meetings held on 15 April, 26 April and 30 April 2021, and to approve them as accurate records of those proceedings.

7 INTRODUCTION TO THE GROUP COMMANDER OF THE DEVON AND SOMERSET FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

Martin Carnell has been invited to address Council as the recently appointed Group Commander of the Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Service.

8 LEADER'S UPDATE

A verbal update will be given.

9 TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21

The Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003, to produce an annual treasury management review of activities and the actual prudential and treasury indicators for 2020/21.

10 UPDATE ON PROGRESS TO ADDRESS THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY

This report provides an update on progress made to deliver on the Council's Climate and Ecological Commitment and associated priorities.

11 STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2021-26

Approval is sought asked to the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy.

12 APPLICATION TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR A PEDESTRIANISATION ORDER IN RESPECT OF BERKLEY LANE AND DARK LANE, BERKLEY MARSH, FROME

Council is asked to support the application to the Secretary of State, having regard to the advice in the report regarding associated risks.

13 MENTAL HEALTH CHAMPIONS REPORT

This report seeks approval to continued promotion and facilitation of events and activities, wherever possible in line with the latest Government guidance.

14 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL'S CONSTITUTION

The report seeks Council's approval to a number of changes to the Constitution.

15 REPORT OF THE JOINT INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

This report sets out the conclusions and recommendations of a "light-touch" review of Mendip's Members' Allowances Scheme.

16 ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS – AUTHORITY TO EXEMPT

This report seeks approval to a request from Councillor Helen Sprawson-White for an extension beyond the six-month period of non-attendance, on the grounds of personal reasons.

17 MOTIONS TO COUNCIL

To discuss any motions that have been submitted to Council.

18 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

To discuss any questions submitted by the public in accordance with the Constitution.

19 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

To discuss any questions submitted by Members in accordance with the Constitution.

20 URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any other business which the Chair decides is urgent.