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Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that a Meeting of the **BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE** will be held on **TUESDAY 12th JANUARY, 2021** at **5.00pm**.*

The Meeting will be held at/accessed (for Councillors – Committee or Ward Members who wish to attend) at/via**

<https://zoom.us/j/95761185572>

For the Public who wish to attend it will be accessed at/via <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lBypTqpnl344vwMiKM6IA>. Once there, (on or after the scheduled meeting start time) click on 'videos' and if you do not see the livestream already in progress you will need to click on 'refresh' to start the livestreaming.

* please note change of start time,

**A 'virtual' Meeting as permitted by the Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 No.392.

***Should Members have any detailed questions concerning any financial matters, or the draft budget, they should be passed to the General Office sufficiently in advance of the Meeting in order that enquiries may be undertaken and an informed response prepared.

Yours sincerely

Carl Hearn
TOWN CLERK

MEMBERSHIP OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor A Hutton (Chairman) (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor Mrs G Parker (Vice-Chairman)

Immediate Past Mayor (temporarily vacant)

Councillors Ms L Crawford, J Ellis, Mrs M Ewings, Mrs A Johnson (Mayor)
Mrs U Mann, H Smith, P Williamson.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting of the Budget & Policy Committee held on 1st December, 2020 (previously circulated).

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

4. BUDGET PREPARATION & PRECEPT SETTING 2021/22

To consider the Report of the Town Clerk in connection with the above prepared pursuant to the last Meeting of the Committee and Council (enclosed***)

5. COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE:CONSULTATION – STANDARDS MATTER

To consider the Report of the Town Clerk in connection with the above (enclosed).

6. SLOW WAYS INITIATIVE

To consider the report of Councillor Mrs U Mann in connection with the above (enclosed).

7. 2021/22 LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE SETTLEMENT TECHNICAL CONSULTATION

To consider whether to respond to the question set out in annexe B, question 2 of the above document regarding referendum principles ([https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/945484/Provisional Settlement 2021-22 Consultation Document.pdf](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/945484/Provisional_Settlement_2021-22_Consultation_Document.pdf) refers) for Town/Parish councils (para 3.5 also refers). If so whether to indicate the Council supports the proposed approach contingent on Government recognising that, for some local councils, the dramatic loss of commercial income occasioned by coronavirus will necessarily have a short term impact on precept levels if community services are to be maintained. Not least given the unavailability of access to Government income support schemes for principal councils to those in the local council sector.

NOTE any response will be indicative as the consultation deadline falls prior to rarification by Council.

ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

8. CORONAVIRUS - LOCKDOWN

To receive an oral update on the current position

9. PANNIER MARKET UPDATE

To receive and note the report of the Market Reeve setting out an overview of the current position regarding the operation of the Pannier Market (enclosed).

URGENT ITEMS

10. URGENT BUSINESS BROUGHT FORWARD AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIRMAN

Matters which the Chairman decides are urgent and the reasons relating thereto. Councillors are reminded that if a matter has not been specified on the Agenda no formally binding decision can be taken on it.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

11. PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and having regard to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, to consider that the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item(s) of business.

Following a brief adjournment attendance by Councillors and authorised Officers at the Confidential reconvened part of the Meeting shall be via <https://zoom.us/j/97390208614>

DECLARATION on entering the Confidential section - each Councillor present shall declare to the Chairman that there are no other persons present, nor will be present, who are not entitled to be (hearing or seeing), and/or recording the Meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

12. TENANCY MATTER

(**CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to contractual, financial and/or legal matters or the confidential affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)

To consider the report of the Town Clerk in connection with the above (enclosed)

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM CIRCULATED FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. CAPITAL WORKS PROGRESS REPORT

(**CONFIDENTIAL** by virtue of relating to contractual, financial and/or legal matters or the confidential affairs of a person or persons other than the Council)

To receive and note an oral report from the General Manager regarding progress in connection with the above.

VIRTUAL COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Public Access to Meetings

Virtual Council Meetings may be attended by the Public by visiting <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9lBypTqpnI344vwMiKM6IA> where the public session of Meetings of the Council, the Budget and Policy Committee and Development Management and Licensing Committee are livestreamed at the scheduled Meeting commencement time. Please see the front page of this agenda for more detailed guidance on viewing. If for any reason you have difficulty accessing the streaming of the Meeting please contact the Council on 01822 613529.

Councillor Access to Meetings

At the start of the Meeting the Chairman will

- i) confirm that all those present are able to hear the proceedings.
- ii) take a roll call of members present at the meeting and entitled to vote
- iii) confirm the quorum for the meeting based on those members attending remotely.

The Chairman can then outline how he will run the meeting including the protocols for wishing to speak, voting, etc.

As regards virtual Meeting operating arrangements Members are reminded that:

1. Please ensure you note the meeting id and password which you will be provided with.
2. The format works best if you can join via a computer or laptop with a camera, as it will enable you to make use of all features easily. You can also participate using your smartphone or tablet by downloading the Zoom app if a computer is not possible.
3. You will be asked to provide a name when you join, please can you provide your name
4. Please attempt to join 10 minutes before the meeting is due to start, you will be held in an online 'waiting area' until it starts. This enables arrangements for live streaming to be put in place.
5. You should be prompted to test your audio when entering the meeting. Please do this to ensure you can hear and be heard.
6. Initially you should yourself muted when you enter the meeting. Please stay muted until you are invited to speak. This is to avoid background noise with the number of participants taking part.
8. If you don't have a smartphone you can join the meeting with no video on an ordinary touch tone phone using a UK number listed on your invitation.
9. To indicate you wish to speak please use the raise a hand facility on the system or, if this is problematic, for those using video raise your hand physically.
10. All Councillors are entitled to attend Committee Meetings and, with the consent of the Chairman, participate. In such cases on each item of business the Chairman will in the first instance seek the views of the Committee Members prior to taking those of Ward Members.
11. Standing Orders apply in the normal way.

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