



# Tavistock Town Council

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10<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Dear Councillor

I hereby give you notice that a Meeting of the **BUDGET & POLICY COMMITTEE** will be held on **MONDAY 16<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2026** at **6.30pm** in the **COUNCIL CHAMBER, DRAKE ROAD, TAVISTOCK.**

**NOTE:**

- a) The change of day/date for this Meeting;
- b) The Meeting will be preceded at **6.10pm** by a short presentation from representatives of the Steering Group leading on the Expression of Interest for the Town of Culture Initiative (Agenda Item No 4 refers).

Should Members of the Committee have any detailed questions concerning any financial matters, or the accompanying reports, 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 Mrs A Johnson	<b>Chairman &amp; Deputy Mayor – ex officio</b>
Councillor J Moody	<b>Vice Chairman</b>
Councillor S Hipsey	<b>Mayor – ex officio</b>

Councillor P Ward	<b>Immediate Past Mayor – ex officio</b>
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Councillors Ms M Ewings, R Poppe, B Smith.

**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 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 (previously circulated).

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

To receive any Declarations of Interest.

**ITEMS CIRCULATED FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**4. UK TOWN OF CULTURE**

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

**5. DEVOLUTION & LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION WORKING GROUP**

To consider the Notes of the Meeting of the Devolution/Local Government Reorganisation Working Group held on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026 (to follow), and make any recommendations as to next steps.

**6. COUNCIL FINANCIAL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

To consider the Report of the Office and Finance Manager in connection with the above (enclosed).

**7. 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**

**8. 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 associated item(s) of business.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL**

**9. STAFFING**

(**CONFIDENTIAL** - by virtue of relating to matters of a legal, financial, staffing or contractual nature and/or affecting persons other than the Council)

To consider the report of the Town Clerk in connection with corporate staffing/office resources following recent recruitment exercises (enclosed).

- CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**
- 10. TENANCY, CONTRACT OR STAFFING MATTER(S)**  
(**CONFIDENTIAL** - by virtue of relating to matters of a legal, financial, staffing or contractual nature and/or affecting persons other than the Council)  
To receive any oral update as may be available on tenancy, insurance, contract, compliance, staffing or similar, and consider any next steps as/if necessary.

**USE OF TELEVISED & SOUND RECORDINGS  
AT COUNCIL & COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Televised, vision and sound recordings or live broadcastings by Members of the Press or Public at Council or Committee debates they are entitled to attend are permitted and anyone wishing to do so is asked to inform the Chairman of the respective Meeting of their intention to record proceedings.