



**ABINGDON-ON-THAMES  
TOWN COUNCIL**

**Council Summons  
& Agenda**

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020  
At 7.00 pm in the Roysse Room, the Guildhall, Bridge Street  
Abingdon-on-Thames.

(Members will not be required to robe on this occasion)

16<sup>th</sup> March 2020

All Members of the Council

Dear Sir/Madam

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special meeting of the Council of the Town of Abingdon-on-Thames to be held in the Guildhall, Bridge Street Abingdon-on-Thames, OX14 3JD, on **Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 7pm** for the transaction of the business stated below. The quorum required for the meeting is one-third of the Council i.e. seven Members.

Yours faithfully

*Nigel Warner*

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Town Clerk/ signed electronically

### **Abingdon Town Council - Our Vision**

To develop an inclusive community so that Abingdon is the place where everyone wants to live and where the wellbeing of residents is prioritised. In developing this community the town will be one which is environmentally sustainable, vibrant, resilient and safe.

#### **Our key objectives**

- 1 To respond effectively and speedily to the climate emergency.
- 2 To develop a resilient, sustainable town which will provide a home for residents now and in the future.
- 3 To manage the Council's assets efficiently and effectively to meet for the needs of the community now and in the future.
- 4 To work with community partners to support those who are vulnerable and in need and to create opportunities to increase social inclusivity.

### SECTION I (Open to the Public Including the Press)

#### A G E N D A

1 Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

2 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations interest from Members in relation to any items to be considered at the meeting in accordance with the Local Code of Conduct

3 Coronavirus (COVID19)

To consider the report of the Town Clerk and the arrangements to be made by the Council during the outbreak of the Coronavirus. Items to include those detailed in the report and decision required:

- (i) Arrangements for decision-making during this period of the outbreak.
- (ii) Section 85 (1) of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a member of a Local Authority to attend at least one meeting of that Authority within a six month consecutive period, in order to avoid being disqualified as a Councillor. This requirement can be waived and the time limit extended if any failure to attend was due to a reason

approved by the Authority, in advance of the six month period expiring.

(iii) To consider arrangements in relation to the position of Mayor of Abingdon and Deputy should the Annual Meeting of the Council need to be postponed.

(iv) To consider all other matters.

4 Finance and General Purposes Committee

The above meeting was due to take place on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Due to the Coronavirus outbreak this meeting was cancelled.

The Town Council is requested to consider the items which are detailed on the agenda for that meeting.

5 Exclusion of the Public, Including the Press

The Mayor will move:

*“That in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public, including the press, be excluded from the meeting because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted as summarised below.”*

6 Coronavirus (COVID19)

To consider to consider those matters in relation to the above which are most appropriately considered in confidential session.

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*The law allows members of the public and press to record meetings of the Council and its committees. Should you wish to record at any meeting which is open to the public it is requested that you inform the Town Clerk of your intention to film or record before the day of the meeting, by emailing [enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@abingdon.gov.uk) or telephoning 01235 522642.*