



# ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

## Council Summons & Agenda

Thursday 29 September 2022

Old Magistrates Court, 7pm

23 September 2022

To All Members of the Council

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend a **special meeting** of the Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council, to be held on **Thursday 29 September 2022 at 7pm** for the transaction of the business stated below.

The Council must by law to meet in person. However in line with Council policy if you are unable to attend in person, you will be able participate online through Microsoft Teams; a link will be sent separately. Online participation does not count as attending the meeting in relation to the relevant provisions Local Government Act 1972. Only those Members who attend in person are permitted to chair meetings, propose or second actions and vote.

Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

*Andy Foulsham*

Cllr Andy Foulsham  
Mayor of Abingdon-on-Thames

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.

## **AGENDA**

### 1. **Public Participation**

It is Council policy that the Council sets aside a total of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of full Council Meetings for residents of Abingdon-on-Thames or owners/managers of businesses in Abingdon-on-Thames to ask questions of the Mayor or Chairs of the Standing Committees or to express views by way of making a statement.

In order to ask questions or make a statement written notice of questions or statements, served by way of letter or e-mail ([democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk)), must be given to the Town Clerk by 1700hrs on Tuesday 27 September 2022.

### 2. **Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence.

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

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

### 4. **Abingdon – proposed 20mph and 30mph speed limits**

The Town Council has since September 2019 had a policy that 20mph zones should be introduced in Abingdon. The adoption of a [new policy](#) in October 2021 by Oxfordshire County Council as highway authority provides a mechanism for this, backed by funding. In November 2021 the Town Infrastructure Committee established a working group to consider the introduction of 20mph zones in Abingdon.

Following the report of the working group and its consideration by the Town Infrastructure Committee, the matter was considered by the full Council at its meeting of 26 January 2022. It was resolved Oxfordshire County Council should be requested to introduce “a blanket 20mph limit across Abingdon and a 30mph limit on the peripheral roads – Audlett Drive, Twelve Acre Drive, Dunmore Road, Copenhagen Drive and Colwell Drive.”

The County Council are now consulting on their proposals and Members will previously have received a [link](#) to the consultation, which ends on Friday 30 September 2022.

Members are requested to consider the Council’s response to the consultation.

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.”*

Subject to the approval of the above motion the meeting will then move into confidential session.

**SECTION II (Confidential Agenda)**

6. **Appointment of the Town Clerk/ Chief Executive**

To receive and consider the recommendation from the Personnel Sub-committee. The report of the Personnel Sub-Committee of 28 September 2022 will be issued after that meeting. The CONFIDENTIAL documents will be published in the confidential section of SharePoint