



Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

Council Summons & Agenda

Wednesday 17 January 2024

Date of agenda: 12 January 2024

To All Members of the Council

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council to be held on **Wednesday 17 January 2024 at 7pm** in the **Old Magistrates Court** for the transaction of the business stated below.

At each open agenda item there are links to the relevant documents which open the document from the town council website. Should you require a separate pdf version of individual documents please e-mail democratic@abingdon.gov.uk.

Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to democratic@abingdon.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Ron Spurs

Locum Town Clerk (interim, 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. Prayers

Prayers will be led by Deacon Selina Nisbett.

2. Public participation

It is council policy that the council sets aside a total of 15 minutes prior to the commencement of business in council meetings for residents of Abingdon-on-Thames or owners/managers of businesses in Abingdon-on-Thames to ask questions of the council or to express views by way of making a statement with regards to agenda items in this meeting. 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), must be given to the Town Clerk by **5pm on Tuesday 16 January 2024**.

[Presentation](#) from Abigail Brown, Arts Development Officer at the Vale of White Horse District Council on public art in Abingdon.

3. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

Apologies were received in advance from Cllr Colin Sanderson

4. **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 Code of Conduct.

5. **Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the draft minutes of the meetings held on [15 November 2023](#) and [28 November 2023](#).

6. **Mayor's announcements**

To note the list of the Mayor's Engagements, which can be found [here](#).

7. **Oxfordshire County Council**

To receive a [report](#) from County Councillor Nathan Ley.

8. **Vale of White Horse District Council**

To receive a report from District Councillor Helen Pighills.

9. **Community Committee**

To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on [17 October 2023](#) and [28 November 2023](#).

10. **Environment and Amenities Committee**

To receive and consider the minutes of the meeting held on [5 December 2023](#).

11. **Town Infrastructure Committee**

To receive and note the minutes of the meeting held on [7 December 2023](#).

12. **Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee**

To receive and consider the draft minutes of the meeting held on [7 November 2023](#) and [9 January 2024](#).

Recommendations from the Finance, Governance and Asset Management Committee

- 12.1 To approve and adopt the [fees and charges](#) as recommended;
- 12.2 To approve and adopt the [2024-25 budget](#) as recommended;
- 12.3 To set the precept for 2024-25 fiscal year as recommended.

The town council is asked to vote on each of these recommendations individually. A [report](#) is provided.

13. **Committee membership**

To consider changes to the membership of standing committees.

14. **Radley Lakes Trust**

To consider a request from Radley Lakes Trust (RLT) to nominate a representative from the town council, following an invitation from the Chair of RLT received on 30 November 2023.

15. **Future Agenda Items**

- Governance document review & policies
- Terms of reference for planning committee, if agreed

16. **Dates of future meetings**

20 March 2024
15 May 2024