



## Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council

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# ABINGDON-ON-THAMES TOWN COUNCIL

## Council Summons & Agenda

### Wednesday 18 March 2026

Date of agenda: 11 March 2026

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 18 March 2026 at 7pm** in the Royse Room 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 different or printed version of individual documents please e-mail [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk). Any queries on the agenda should also be directed to [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

*Cherie Carruthers*

Town Clerk/Chief Executive (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**

### **Act of Reflection**

The opening reflection will be led by The Rev'd Georgina Bondzi-Simpson.

### **1. 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 accordance with the council's code of practice in relation to public participation. If you would like to participate you must contact the Town Clerk **no later than 5pm on Tuesday 17 March 2026**. If you would like to ask a question, you must submit the question 48 hours (or two working days) before the meeting. This may either be by letter to the address above or by e-mail to [democratic@abingdon.gov.uk](mailto:democratic@abingdon.gov.uk).

### **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 Code of Conduct.

4. **Minutes**

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on [14 January 2026](#).

5. **Mayor's engagements**

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

6. **Oxfordshire County Council**

To receive a report from the County Council.

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

To receive an update from District Councillors.

8. **Community committee**

To receive and note the draft minutes of the meeting held on [18 February 2026](#).

9. **Environment, Amenities and Infrastructure committee**

To receive and note the draft minutes of the meeting held on [9 February 2026](#).

10. **Finance, Governance and Asset Management committee**

To receive and note the draft minutes of the meeting held on [2 March 2026](#).

11. **Planning committee**

- i) To receive and note the minutes of the meetings held on [12 January 2026](#) and [2 February 2026](#) and [23 February 2026](#).

ii) **Recommendations**

The government is running a consultation giving residents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to have a say in the changes to local councils.

- Please follow this [link](#) to the consultation.
- The consultation ends on 26 March 2026.

It is **RECOMMENDED** that this consultation goes to Full Council, and the council responds to the consultation.

12. **Civility and Respect**

To receive a [report](#) for Abingdon-on-Thames Town Council to sign up to the NALC Civility and Respect pledge with the following appendices:

- [Appendix A](#) – Dignity at Work Policy
- [Appendix B](#) – Member / Officer Protocol

13. **Election of Mayor**

To receive nominations from Members for the election of Mayor for the 2026-27 civic year.

14. **Election of Deputy Mayor**

To receive nominations from Members for the election of Deputy Mayor for the 2026-27 civic year.

15. **Draft meeting calendar**

To consider a draft [calendar](#) of meetings for 2026-27.

16. **Election of Councillor for Abbey Ward at by-election**

To assign membership of Council Committees and Sub Committees.

17. **Future agenda items**

Governance document review & policies annual review

18. **Dates of future meetings**

Monday 18 May 2026 – (Annual Town Council meeting)  
24 June 2026

19. **Exclusion of the public, including the Press**

The Chair may 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.

20. **Chairs and Tables Licencing**

To receive a [report](#) on the chairs and tables licencing on the marketplace

21. **Motions under Standing Order 8**

To consider a confidential [motion](#) on a Mayors matter proposed by Mayor/Cllr Rawda Jehanli.

22. **Asset Matters**

To receive a verbal update on a confidential asset matter from the Chair of Planning