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In accordance with the statutory requirements of the Local Government Act 1972 Schedule 12 Paragraph 26 (2) [A] (Admissions to meetings) Section 1 (4)

Notice is given that an ordinary meeting of Lewes Town Council will be held in the Council Chamber of Lewes Town Hall on Thursday 30 January 2025 at 19:00

Members of the public have the right to attend unless a specific decision has been taken to exclude them

Public session

For 15 minutes prior to the commencement of the meeting, members of the public are invited to question the council on local issues etc. Questions will be answered by the Chair or Town Clerk. These persons will reserve the right to postpone making an answer until the following meeting in order to take advice or undertake research. During this time, outstanding answers from previous meetings will be delivered.

To the Chair and Councillors of Lewes Town Council
You are hereby summoned to attend the ordinary meeting of
Lewes Town Council on Thursday 30 January 2025
at 19:00 at Lewes Town Hall in the Council Chamber

Meeting called by: Veronique Poutrel - Town Clerk/RFO

Signed: *V Poutrel*

Date: 22 January 2025

Agenda

1. Welcome from the Mayor

2. Apologies for absence

- a) To note any apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any Declarations of Interest, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) regarding items on the agenda, under Lewes Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464.

4. Confirmation of minutes

- a) To receive and approve minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Lewes Town Council held on 12 December 2024.

5. Minutes of Standing Committees

- a) To note minutes from Standing Committees:

Finance

Meeting held on 26 November 2024.

Buildings and Amenities

Meeting held on 28 November 2024.

Planning

Meeting held on 3 December 2024.

Communication and Engagement

Meeting held on 4 December 2024.

6. Chair's report

- a) To receive a report from the Chair.

7. Outside Bodies

- a) To receive reports from representatives of Outside Bodies.
- b) To receive a short presentation on the work of Lewes Area Access group and agree a representative, should Full Council agree to having LAAG as an Outside Body.

8. Tasks and Finish Groups

- a) To receive written updates from Tasks and Finish Groups.

9. Update from East Sussex County Council/Lewes District Council and James McCleary MP

- a) To receive written updates from representatives from East Sussex County Council, Lewes District Council and James McCleary MP.

10. Election to Standing Committees

- a) To elect members to vacant seats of Standing Committees:
 - 3 on Planning Committee
 - 1 on Personnel

11. Strengthening the standards and conduct framework for local authorities in England

- a) To note the scope of this [consultation](#) and where possible to respond as individuals by 26 February 2025.

12. English Devolution White Paper

- a) To receive an update on the [English Devolution White Paper](#) key points and a briefing note from SLCC.

13. VAT

- a) To approve VAT registration as recommended by the Finance Committee.

14. Lewes Bus station

- a) To receive an update from the Planning Committee and agree related actions.

15. South Downs Local Plan Review Consultation

- a) To receive an update from the [South Downs Local Plan Review Consultation](#) Task and Finish Group, approve the recommended methodology and associated costs (up to a maximum) and delegate authority to the Deputy Town Clerk to carry out required actions.

16. 25th Anniversary of the Lewes Flood

- a) To delegate authority to the Clerk/Deputy Clerk to appoint an event organiser for a maximum of £5,000 as approved by the Communication and Engagement Committee.

17. Deputy Town Clerk's report

- a) To receive a verbal report on the operational activities of the council.

18. Exclusion of press and public

That pursuant to the provision of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business by reason of the confidential nature of business to be transacted.

19. To close the meeting