

The Town Hall  
Market Street  
Saffron Walden  
CB10 1HR



**To: The Mayor and Members of Saffron Walden Town Council**

## **Summons & Agenda**

You are summoned to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING** of the TOWN COUNCIL of SAFFRON WALDEN to be held at **The Town Hall, Saffron Walden** on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023** commencing at **7.00pm** to transact the business as set out in the agenda below.

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**Lisa Courtney, Town Clerk**

**10<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

1	<b>Election of Town Mayor</b> To elect the Town Mayor to serve a term of one year.
2	<b>Declaration of Acceptance of Office – the Mayor</b> For the newly elected Town Mayor to sign their Declaration of Office.
3	<b>Apologies for absence</b> To receive apologies and consider requests for approved absence
4	<b>To receive any Declarations of Interest</b> Members and officers are invited to make any declarations of interests that they may have in relation to items on the agenda and are reminded to make any declarations at any stage during the meeting if it then becomes apparent that this may be required when a particular item or issue is considered.
5	<b>Mayor to address the Council</b> For the newly elected Mayor to address the Council.

6	<p><b>To receive thanks for the retiring Mayor</b></p> <p>To receive thanks for the retiring Mayor.</p>
7	<p><b>Retiring Mayor to reply</b></p> <p>For the retiring Mayor, Cllr de Vries to respond</p>
8	<p><b>Acceptance of Office Forms</b></p> <p>To receive and accept acceptance of office forms from all councillors. Where these are not available at the meeting, council to agree a deadline by which they are to be returned.</p>
9	<p><b>Election of Deputy Town Mayor</b></p> <p>To elect the Deputy Town Mayor to serve a term of 1 year.</p>
10	<p><b>Declaration of Acceptance of Office – Deputy Mayor</b></p> <p>For the newly-elected Deputy Town Mayor to sign their Declaration of Office</p>
11	<p><b>Election of Leader</b></p> <p>To elect a Leader of the Council, in accordance with the policy as attached, for a 2-year period.</p>
12	<p><b>Public Speaking Time</b></p> <p>For the public or press to ask questions of the Council on matters relating to the agenda</p>
13	<p><b>Adoption of General Power of Competence (GPC)</b></p> <p>The General Power of Competence is a statutory power given to Town and Parish Councils under the Localism Act 2011. Eligibility requirements are that at least 2/3 of its members must be duly elected (having stood contested or not) at the ordinary election and that the Clerk must hold the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) including Module No 7, covering the General Power of Competence.</p> <p>The Clerk completed the CiLCA course in 2011, further completing the GPC element in 2017. Saffron Walden Town Council is therefore eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence and must do so at the first meeting of Council following elections.</p> <p>Council is requested to adopt the General Power of Competence with immediate effect.</p>

14	<p><b>Committee Terms of Reference</b></p> <p>To consider re-adoption of the Committee Terms of Reference, copies of each attached with no changes proposed.</p> <p>Assets &amp; Services (A &amp; S) Finance &amp; Establishment (F &amp; E) Planning &amp; Transport (P &amp; T) Neighbourhood Plan (NP)</p>
15	<p><b>Appointment of Members to Committees</b></p> <p>To consider appointment to the A &amp; S, F &amp; E and P &amp; T Committees, a report detailing the current membership is attached. It is recommended that each Committee has 8-9 members.</p> <p>The Mayor and Deputy Mayor are both ex-officio members of each Committee, (as per Standing Order 4d, xvii). The Leader is not an ex-officio Committee member.</p>
16	<p><b>Calendar of future meetings</b></p> <p>To consider the schedule / sequence of proposed meetings. Proposed details as attached.</p>
17	<p><b>To consider representation or work with external bodies and arrangements for reporting back</b></p> <p>Details of 2022/23 representations is attached for reference.</p>
18	<p><b>Annual review of policies and practices.</b></p> <p>In accordance with Standing Orders and best practice, it is noted that a number of policies and procedures are recommended for annual review. The Annual Meeting is requested to note this requirement and that the policies / procedures etc will come forward to the appropriate Committee meetings and/or Full Council meetings in due course.</p>
19	<p><b>Year-end accounts</b></p> <p>To note that the year-end accounts, including a review of the inventory of land and other assets will be submitted to the June Full Council as part of the year end procedures.</p>
20	<p><b>Insurance cover</b></p> <p>To note that arrangements for insurance cover will be reviewed in June when the policies become due for renewal.</p>
21	<p><b>Date and time of Next Meeting(s)</b></p> <p>Further meetings to be determined, subject to the resolution of agenda item 13 above</p>