

25 October 2016

To: All Members of Newbury Town Council

Dear Councillor,

You are required to attend a meeting of **Newbury Town Council** to be held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Place, Newbury, on **Monday 31 October 2016 at 7.30 pm**. The meeting is open to the press and public.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Peacocke
Chief Executive Officer

AGENDA

- 1. Charitable donation to the West Berkshire Volunteer Centre**
Cllr David Fish
- 2. Apologies for absence**
Chief Executive Officer
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
Town Mayor/ Chief Executive Officer
To receive any declarations of interest relating to business to be conducted in this meeting and confirmation of any relevant dispensations.
- 4. Minutes (Appendix 1)**
Town Mayor
To Approve the minutes of a meeting of Newbury Town Council held on 27 June 2016 (previously circulated).
- 5. Questions and Petitions from Members of the Public**
Town Mayor/ Chief Executive Officer

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6. Members' Questions and Petitions

Town Mayor/ Chief Executive Officer

7. Citizens' Advice Bureau

Town Mayor

To receive a presentation from Jan Rothwell, Chief Executive of West Berkshire Citizens Advice Bureau, on the work of the Bureau in Newbury and in particular the use of the Town Council's ongoing funding.

8. Town Mayor's Report

Town Mayor

To receive a report from the Town Mayor, Councillor Julian Swift-Hook.

9. Leader's Report

Leader of the Council

To receive a report from the Leader of the Council, Councillor Dave Goff.

10. Chief Executive Officer's Report (Appendix 2)

Chief Executive Officer

To receive a report from the Chief Executive Officer, Hugh Peacocke. (Appendix 4)

11. Committees

Town Mayor / Committee Chairpersons

To receive the minutes of meetings of the Town Council's Committees:

Grants Subcommittee	06 July 2016	(already circulated)
Policy & Resources	18 July 2016	(already circulated)
Planning & Highways	01 Aug 2016	(already circulated)
Planning & Highways	22 Aug 2016	(already circulated)
Civic Pride, Arts & Leisure	01 Sept 2016	(already circulated)
Planning & Highways	12 Sept 2016	(already circulated)
Community Services	26 Sept 2016	(already circulated)
Planning & Highways	03 Oct 2016	(already circulated)
Policy & Resources (Draft)	17 Oct 2016	(already circulated)

12. The Renewal of Newbury Business Improvement District (Appendix 3)

Town Mayor

To support the renewal of the Newbury Business District, from 2017 to 2022

13. The Town Council Strategy (Appendix 4)

Town Mayor

To receive an update on progress on achieving the objectives of the Town Council Strategy, at 30 September 2016 (Appendix 4.1)

To approve the Review of the Town Council Strategy 2017-2020 (Appendix 4.2)

14. Local Democracy Working Group

Chairman of the Local Democracy Week Working Group

To receive a verbal update on Local Democracy Week 2016

15. Budget for 2017/18

Town Mayor

Councillors are invited to make the Leader of the Council and the Responsible Financial Officer aware of any particular projects that may need to be undertaken in 2017/18, so that they may be considered for inclusion in the draft budget and / or service plans and / or project list. Such suggestions should be submitted with as much detail as possible by Friday 11 November 2017.

16. To adopt the General Power of Competence (Appendix 5)

Town Mayor

To resolve that from 31 October 2016, until the next relevant Annual Meeting of the Council, that having met the conditions of eligibility as defined in the Localism Act 2011 and The Parish Councils (General Power of Competence)(Prescribed Conditions) Order 2012, to adopt the General Power of Competence.

17. Update on the Repairs and Improvements to Victoria Park

The Chair of the Victoria Park Working Group

To receive an update on the ongoing programme of works at Victoria Park.

18. Exclusion of The Press and Public

Town Mayor

To move: That under Section 1, Paragraph 2 of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business because publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

19. Loan for Proposed Café at Victoria Park (Appendix 6)

Town Mayor

To approve the application for a Public Works Loan of £250,000 to help finance the construction of the new café.