

To all Members of Honiton Town Council, Strategy Committee

A meeting of **Honiton Town Council, Strategy Committee** to which you are summoned, will be held at The Beehive, Dowell Street, Honiton on **Wednesday 12th March 2025 commencing 6.00pm** to transact the following business.

This meeting will be a physical face to face meeting, which may also be viewed via Zoom. Please see details below to download Zoom, however this is not guaranteed.

Join Zoom Meeting:

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Meeting ID: 864 4054 2894

Passcode: 016995

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Town Clerk

Date: 7th March 2025

AGENDA

If members of the public make a representation to the meeting or simply attend, they will be deemed to have consented to being audio recorded. Voting will also take place by a show of hands and the Clerk will indicate that the votes have been counted.

1. Apologies for absence

To **RECEIVE** apologies and **APPROVE** any reasons for absence.

2. Declarations of Interests

To **RECEIVE** any declarations of interest.

Members are reminded that if they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) (on their register of interest or otherwise) relating to any item on the agenda they are prevented from participating in any discussion or voting on that matter at the meeting as to do so would amount to a criminal offence. Similarly, if you are or become aware of a DPI in a matter under consideration at this meeting which is not on your register of interests or is in the process of being added to your register you must disclose such interest at this meeting, leave and not Vote on the item and register the DPI within 28 days. Similarly, other Personal Interests should be declared at this meeting.

3. Dispensations

To **NOTE** the grant of dispensations made by the Town Clerk in relation to the business of this meeting.

4. Public Question Time for items on the agenda

Questions relating to items on the agenda may be asked at the meeting, at the discretion of the mayor or meeting chairman. No more than 3 minutes will be allowed for any person speaking and normally up to a total of 15 minutes will be permitted. The council may respond verbally at the meeting or subsequently in writing. Members of the public will be allowed to speak at the beginning of the meeting in the usual way. To ensure the smooth running of the meeting, members of the public should provide their questions in writing prior to midday on the day of the meeting. Questions received after midday will not be tabled at the meeting.

5. Strategy Committee held on 12th February 2025

Committee is asked to **RESOLVE** to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on 12th February 2025 as published and circulated with this agenda.

6. Youth Council

Committee is asked to **NOTE** progress from the Working Group.

7. Council Surgeries

Following Full Council 10th March 2025, Committee is asked to **NOTE** progress towards Council Surgeries on Thursday 10 April and Saturday 9 August 2025.

8. Annual Awards

Committee is asked to **NOTE** nominations to date for Annual Awards 2025.

9. Honiton Festival

Following the meeting on 29th January 2025, Committee is asked to **NOTE** Cllr. R Sexton's paper ([Honiton Festival](#)) and **RESOLVE** any Decisions for a Festival in 2026 e.g. to create a Honiton Festival Working Group.

10. Communications Strategy

Committee is asked to **NOTE** Cllr. R Sexton's paper ([Communications Strategy](#)) and **RESOLVE** to make any Recommendations to Full Council May 2025.

11. Streamlining Decision Making

Committee is asked to **NOTE** Cllr. R Sexton's paper ([Streamlining Decision Making](#)) and **RESOLVE** to make any Recommendations to Full Council May 2025.

12. Devon Local Government Reorganisation (LGR)

Committee is asked to **NOTE** the Government's English Devolution White Paper (December 2024) and Devon Councils' responses and **RESOLVE** any Recommendations to Full Council April 2025.

13. To close the meeting

Reminder for Members

- You must declare the nature of any disclosable pecuniary interests. (Under the Localism Act 2011, this means the interests of your spouse, or civil partner, a person with whom you are living with as husband and wife or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners). You must also disclose any personal interest.
- You must disclose your interest in an item whenever it becomes apparent that you have an interest in the business being considered.
- Make sure you say what your interest is as this has to be included in the minutes. (For example, 'I have a disclosable pecuniary interest because this planning application is made by my husband's employer'.)
- If your interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest you cannot participate in the discussion, cannot vote and must leave the room unless you have obtained a dispensation from the Clerk or Deputy Clerk.
- Confidential information can be viewed at the Town Council Office during public opening hours of 10am – 1pm or by pre-arranged appointment for outside office hours.

PLEASE NOTE THAT MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND THIS MEETING AS OBSERVERS

Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, any members of the public are now allowed to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meetings (including on social media). No prior notification is needed but it would be helpful to let the office know of any plans to film or record so that any necessary arrangements can be made to provide reasonable facilities to report on meetings. This permission does not extend to private meetings or parts of meetings which are not open to the public. All recording and photography equipment should be taken away if a public meeting moves into a session which is not open to the public.

If you are recording the meeting, you are asked to act in a reasonable manner and not disrupt the conduct of meetings for example by using intrusive lighting, flash photography or asking people to repeat statements for the benefit of the recording. You may not make an oral commentary during the meeting. The Chairman has the power to control public recording and/or reporting so it does not disrupt the meeting.

Members of the public exercising their right to speak during Public Question Time may be recorded.

Copies of this document are available in large print on request.

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OR VIA THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICE