

**Minutes of the Strategy, Economy & Tourism Committee Meeting of the Town
Council held on
Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 6.00pm**

Present

St Michael's Ward

Cllr Fowles
Cllr Wakefield
Cllr Sheen
Cllr R Sexton

St Paul's Ward

Cllr A Pearsall

In attendance

Stephen Hill, Town Clerk

25/18/SC Apologies for absence
None

25/19/SC Declarations of Interests
None

25/20/SC Dispensations
None

25/21/SC Public Question Time for items on the agenda
None

25/22/SC Strategy Committee held on 14th May 2025
Committee **RESOLVED** to approve for accuracy the minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held on 14th May 2025 as published and circulated with the agenda.
Proposed by Cllr Pearsall and seconded by Cllr Sheen
For 4, Against 0, Abstentions 1.

25/23/SC Youth Council
Committee **NOTED** progress in arrangements for a meeting of the Working Group in the next 4 weeks.

25/24/SC Council Surgeries
Following Full Council 10th March 2025, Committee **NOTED** preparations for Council Surgery Saturday 9 August 2025, including survey and infographics and attendance/arrangements for the Beehive Open Day Saturday 2 August 2025. Council information to be provided for Police market stall. Council noticeboard has been provided at Tesco and needs to be populated with list

of Cllrs (with photos, Council email, phone no.), list of HTC responsibilities, Council events (eg Hot Pennies, Gate to Plate) and HTC contact details.

25/25/SC Honiton Festival

Following Committee on 12th March 2025, Committee **NOTED** that having a Town Council Festival and Town Council Charter Day 2026 would be too much, so Town Council Festival 2026 on hold.

25/26/SC Communications Strategy

Following Committee on 12th March 2025, Committee **NOTED** that the Communications Working Group plans to meet Tuesday 17th June 2025.

25/27/SC Streamlining Decision Making

Following Committee on 12th March 2025, Committee **NOTED** progress with actions arising from Annual Council May 2025: Terms of Reference for all Committees now includes Delegation for quick Decisions; Delegation of implementation of PIPs approved by Full Council; that all PIPs need a Councillor Lead; Project progress is reported to relevant Committees; and that changes to PIPs need approval of Full Council.

25/28/SC [Devon Local Government Reorganisation \(LGR\)](#)

Committee is asked to **NOTED** the Government's English Devolution White Paper (December 2024); East Devon District Council's and Devon County Council's responses. Full Council 14 April 25 Delegated to Strategy Committee **CONSIDERED** [Cllr R Sexton's \(with Clerk's comments\) draft paper](#) (Planning for Unitary Authorities) and [responses to DALC](#), DCC and EDDC). DALC [#24 2025 E-bulletin](#). Draft paper to be completed by Cllr R Sexton and Town Clerk and then presented to Full Council for approval and then to EDDC and DALC. Cllrs provided comments. HTC response to DALC to be sent to DALC. Once approved by Full Council the paper can cascade into Services/Assets that the Town Council wants to provide, to be able to achieve the priorities: economy and tourism. Committee highlighted that Precept will need to increase if HTC plans to transfer Services/Assets. HTC needs to present the case for transfer of Honiton's Services/Assets to EDDC. Information is needed in particular on education.

25/29/SC To close the meeting

The meeting was closed at 19:05.