

Wisbech Town Council



POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

18 May 2020 – following the meeting of Wisbech Town Council (which commences at 7.30 pm)

(Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the restriction placed by the Government on gatherings of people, this meeting will be held remotely, via the Zoom video conferencing system, for Councillors and for members of the public who wish to participate. For more information, please contact the Town Clerk (details provided below)).

All members of the committee are hereby summoned to attend for the purposes of considering and resolving the business to be transacted at the meeting as set out below.

(A period not exceeding 15 minutes is made available at the beginning of the meeting, where the public so require, to raise issues relating to issues within the remit of this committee. A member of the public wishing to make a representation to the meeting would need to submit the text in writing, to the Town Clerk, prior to the meeting, as there would be no opportunity for it to be raised in person by the member of the public).

AGENDA

1. To receive members' apologies for absence.
2. Election of Chairman for the municipal year 2020/21.
3. To receive members' declarations of disclosable pecuniary, non-disclosable pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests in relation to any agenda item (see guidance notes at the end of the agenda).
4. Election of Vice-Chairman for the municipal year 2020/21.
5. To confirm, for signature by the Chairman when possible, the minutes of the meeting held on 6 January 2020 (circulated previously).
6. Wisbech Town Council's accounts 2019/20 – Clerk to report on the council's financial position at the end of quarter four (year-end) of that financial year.
7. Wisbech Town Council's accounts 2020/21 – members to consider generally the potential impact of the Covid-19 pandemic upon the council's finances.
8. Grant funding – to consider the allocation of the small grants and special grants funding for the financial year 2020/21 (report to be circulated by the Clerk in advance of the meeting).

Members of the committee: to be appointed at the meeting of Wisbech Town Council on 18 May 2020.

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Agenda issued and published (on 12 May 2020) by:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Jordan'.

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Exclusion of the public from meetings for confidential items of business

To exclude the public (including the press) from a meeting of the Council, it is necessary for the following proposition to be moved and adopted “that, in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded from the meeting for item number(s), which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) as indicated”

Notes on members’ interests

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

- (1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest and, unless the member has obtained a dispensation, he or she cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*
- (2) *A member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it*
 - (a) *relates to him or her, or*
 - (b) *is an interest of -*
 - (i) *the member’s spouse or civil partner; or*
 - (ii) *a person with whom the member is living as husband and wife; or*
 - (iii) *a person with whom the member is living as if civil partners and the member is aware that the other person has the interest.*
- (3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests include -*
 - (a) *any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;*
 - (b) *any financial benefit received by the member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a member (except from the Council);*
 - (c) *any current contracts with the Council;*
 - (d) *any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council’s area;*
 - (e) *any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council’s area;*
 - (f) *any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest;*
 - (g) *a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council’s area.*

Other Interests

- (4) *If a member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest, he or she is required to declare that interest but may remain and participate in discussion and voting.*
- (5) *A member has a non-disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest where -*
 - (a) *a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of the member or a member of his or her family or a person with whom the member has a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which the member has been elected or otherwise of the authority’s administrative area, or*
 - (b) *it relates to or is likely to affect any of the descriptions referred to above but in respect of a member of the councillor’s family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom the member has a close association and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.*