

23rd November 2020

WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 23rd November 2020

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Via Zoom

Members are hereby summoned to this meeting and reminded that they have a duty to state a Declaration of Interest prior to the appropriate agenda item and to consider the Crime and Disorder Act s.17 and Equality Act 2010 s.149 when reaching a decision.

Members of the public wishing to watch or take part in the meeting please contact us at Grove House on admin@wsm-tc.gov.uk or 01934 632567 and we will let you have the Zoom meeting login and password ahead of the meeting.

At the commencement of the Town Council meeting the Town Mayor will invite those who so wish to join him in prayers.

The Town Mayor will invite questions and observations from parishioners present (maximum time 15 minutes).

- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence**
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest**
- 3. To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 21st September 2020** (attached)
- 4. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor** (attached)
- 5. To receive the Notes of the Youth Council Meetings held in September and October 2020** (attached)
- 6. City Fibre Presentation** – Presentation by Kathryn Askew-Smith of City Fibre
- 7. Community Led Housing** – Presentation by Steve Watson of Middlemarch Associates
- 8. Local Plan Choices for the Future Consultation**
To receive the report of the Town Clerk (attached)
- 9. Town Council's Risk Register Action Plan** (attached)
Members are requested to note that the full Risk Register has been overseen by the Expenditure and Governance Working Party (Nov 2020) and is available upon request (68 pages) the Action summary is attached for members to adopt and approve.
- 10. Future provision of Grove Park Public Toilets**
To receive the draft minute of the Community Services Committee held on the 9th November 2020 (attached) and Tender Analysis (to follow)
- 11. Motion under SO 11 – Anti Racist Council by Councillor Catherine Gibbons**
This council notes that:

The Black Lives Matter Movement was set up in 2013 after the death of Trayvon Martin and subsequent acquittal of his killer. Global protests increased following the killing of George Floyd in June 2020, for which Minneapolis police officers were charged with second-degree murder (and aiding and abetting second-degree murder.)

Peaceful protests in support of Black Lives Matter have been held in Weston super Mare and throughout the UK. Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic people are 54% more likely than white people to be fined under the new coronavirus lockdown laws in the UK. Around two thirds of healthcare staff who have died as a result of COVID-19 are from a BAME background whereas they make up 20% of the overall workforce.

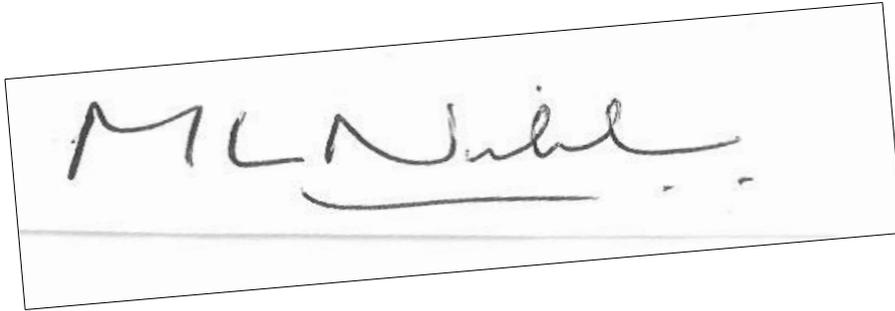
Racism in all forms, both structural and in individuals, continues to be a serious and often unseen problem in the UK. Although progress has been made in combating racism, work to eradicate it entirely is far from complete. This Council, representing people in Weston super Mare has a duty as a public leader to actively lead that work. Thus:

I propose that the Council resolves as follows:

To stand together unreservedly with black people in Weston-super-Mare

2. To work to eradicate racism, xenophobia, Islamophobia, Antisemitism and discrimination which impact the entire community and blight our society.
3. To establish further initiatives to ensure Weston-super-Mare is actively inclusive and anti-racist.
4. To initiate a review involving Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic members of our community of our processes, policies and organisational attitudes, hold listening and engagement events seeking the views of BAME communities on the issues rising from recent protests, and work with and support Community groups, youth groups, and places of worship in engaging with these issues.
6. To update our Equalities Policy and produce a plan addressing matters identified by these reviews and consultations.
8. To invite appropriate speakers on these issues to deliver training which will be mandatory for staff and expected for all councillors.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a thin black rectangular border. The signature is written in a cursive style and appears to read "M L Nicholson". There is a horizontal line drawn below the signature, and a few small dots are visible to the right of the line.

Malcolm L Nicholson, LLB, DMS
Town Clerk
16th November 2020

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