

## **WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**

**Date:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** New Chamber, Town Hall

*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 take part in the meeting please contact us at Grove House on [admin@wsm-tc.gov.uk](mailto:admin@wsm-tc.gov.uk) or 01934 632567 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.<sup>4</sup>

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 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021** (attached)
- 4. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor** (attached)
- 5. To receive the Notes of the Youth Council Meetings held in October, November & December 2021** (to follow)
- 6. Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-super-Mare**  
To receive a verbal report from Inspector Graeme Hall
- 7. Town Council Election and Committee Allocation**  
To receive the report of the Town Clerk (attached)
- 8. Visit Somerset**  
To receive the recommendation from the Tourism & Leisure Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 (minute extract attached)
- 9. Town Council Budget and Precept for the year 2022/2023** (attached)
- 10. Motion to Council from Cllr John Crockford-Hawley:**

“We have seen a lowering of bus patronage and service reliability during the Covid pandemic, made worse by driver shortages. FirstBus now feels it necessary to make changes in the frequency of some routes, though has failed to share reasoning behind such alterations with local councils before bringing them into effect.

24<sup>TH</sup> January 2022

We accept that our local bus operator is a commercial enterprise and cannot, of its own volition, carry the weight of unprofitable routes. However, the bus operator will benefit from significant taxpayer investment in its new Alexandra Parade bus hub and from bus shelters erected and maintained by Weston Town Council. There is an expectation of improvements to public transport in the light of increasing environmental awareness. When bus services are curtailed it is local councillors who tend to receive first complaints but who are seldom notified in advance of service alterations.

I therefore propose:

Weston-super-Mare Town Council invites FirstBus and North Somerset Council to hold tri-partite discussions, as and when deemed necessary, to discuss local public transport needs, especially before significant timetable alterations are brought into effect "



Malcolm L Nicholson, LLB, DMS  
Town Clerk  
17<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Weston-super-Mare Town Council  
Grove House, Grove Park  
Weston-super-Mare  
BS23 2QJ