

3rd October 2022

WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 3rd October 2022

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: 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 or 01934 632567.

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 Annual Council Meeting held on the 18th July 2022** (attached)
- 4. Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-Super-Mare**
To receive a verbal report from Inspector Graeme Hall
- 5. Public Transport in North Somerset – Presentation by Carl Nicholson NSC**
Briefing Note on latest Bus Service Changes (attached)
- 6. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor** (attached)
- 7. To receive the Notes of the Youth Council Meetings held in June 2022** (attached)
- 8. To formally approve and adopt the Council's Risk Register for the year 2022/2023**
To receive the report of the Deputy Town Clerk and Action Plan (attached)
- 9. To approve the Somewhere to Go – Service level Agreement** (attached)
To receive the report of the Town Clerk (attached)

To resolve under the Public Bodies (Admissions of Meeting) Act 1960 to exclude the public and press for the following item by reasons of the confidential nature of the business.

- 10. Old Town Quarry**
To receive the joint report of the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk (attached)

11. Motion to Council under SO 11 - Bus cuts Weston-super-Mare - from Councillor Helen Thornton

First Bus has announced a range of changes to its bus timetables across Weston-super-Mare including a reduced X5 service, and the withdrawal of the 126. These changes will be introduced from Sunday 9th October 2022.

Notes that Weston-super-Mare town council:

- Is extremely disappointed with the withdrawal and reduction of buses across Weston-super-Mare and with the lack of public engagement from First Bus.
- Share the concerns of residents that these cuts will make getting to work, school/college, running errands and attending medical appointments harder, and for some communities, impossible. As well as taking a step backwards in tackling the climate emergency.
- Welcomes the work of North Somerset Council to secure a reduced X5 but has concerns these changes will still see the communities in Locking Castle without access to any buses.
- Believes Weston-super-Mare needs a sustainable bus network and this requires the Government to provide local authorities with more powers and to receive sufficient funding.
- Acknowledges the Department for Transport's fare cap but due to the cost of living and need to increase bus patronage believe this should be introduced earlier and permanently.

Weston-super-Mare Town Council resolves to:

- Write to the Managing Director of First Bus outlining our concerns about the proposed cuts and calling on them to retain the 126 service
- Write to North Somerset Council calling for a solution to be put in place, such as rerouting an existing service, to ensure the communities in Locking Castle have access to a bus and to explore working in partnership with Somerset County Council to find alternatives should the 126 be cut.
- Write to the Secretary of State for Transport calling for local authorities to be given greater powers to run, manage and support bus networks and to provide additional funding.
- Should the cuts go ahead then undertake a review, within 6 months of all existing Town Council bus shelters to identify if these remain in appropriate locations. The review will be reported to the Community Services Committee.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton

SECONDED BY: Councillor Catherine Gibbons



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Malcolm L Nicholson, LLB, DMS
Town Clerk
26th September 2022

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