WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA

Date: Monday 25th September 2023 **Time:** 7.00 pm **Venue:** Weston Museum

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.

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

- 1. To receive Apologies for Absence and Approve reason for Absence
- 2. To receive Declarations of Interest
- 3. To approve the accuracy of the Minutes of the Town Council Meeting on the 24th July 2023 (attached)
- 4. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor (attached)
- 5. Motion from the Town Mayor regarding Brigadier Thomas Lang

Weston Town Council expresses its sadness following the passing of Brigadier Thomas Lang, Deputy Lieutenant of Somerset, who was a long-time friend of Weston-super-Mare and instrumental in deepening our links with the armed forces community. The Council agrees to formally record its appreciation for his service and recognise his commitment to our town, and ask the Mayor to pass on our condolences to his family.

6. Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-Super-Mare

To receive a verbal report from Inspector Graeme Hall

7. Birnbeck Pier Project

Presentation from Rachel Lewis, Heritage and Design Manager, North Somerset Council

8. Question Time for Committee Chairmen

Item at the request of group leaders

- CCTV Castle Batch Recommendation from Community Services 11th September 2023 (attached) and report/ quote from the Deputy Town Clerk (to follow)
- 10. Proposed changes to Standing Orders (previously circulated)
 - As proposed at the previous Town Council Meeting
- 11. To approve the use of Earmarked Reserves reference from the Policy & Finance

Committee on the 19th June 2023

To receive the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (attached)

12. Update from the HQ Working Party

To receive the report of the Deputy Town Clerk (attached)

13. Motion under Standing Order 11

I propose that Weston-super-Mare Town Council stop the use of the outdated and sexist term 'chairman' and replace with the gender neutral and inclusive word 'chair' in all council documentation. This will send a clear message to town councillors, whatever their gender identity, that they have an equal right to Chair the Town Council and its Committees.

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton **SECONDED BY:** Councillor Caroline Reynolds

Malcolm L Nicholson, LLB, DMS Town Clerk

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18th September 2023

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