



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL
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TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA

Date: Monday 25th November 2024

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Town Hall

Members of the Council 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 who wish to comment on matters within their ward may attend and address the Committee.

7pm – PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (not to exceed 15 minutes)

The public are welcome to make representations, ask questions and give evidence at a meeting which they are entitled to attend in respect of the business on the agenda. Any individual representation is limited to no more than 5 minutes. The Chair will call the representation from those who are indicating that they wish to speak; written representations can also be received in advance of the meeting and are requested to send their public question to committee@wsm-tc.gov.uk or write to the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk by 5pm on the working day before the meeting.

- 1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the previous Town Council Meeting held on 23rd September 2024** (attached) (pages 1-5)
- 4. To receive the Minutes of Youth Council Meetings held in September and October 2024** (attached) (pages 6-10)
- 5. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor** (attached) (pages 11-12)
- 6. Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-super-Mare**
To receive a verbal report from Inspector Lee Kerlake
- 7. Weston College New Pilot Programme**
Presentation by Laura Taylor FE Curriculum Co-Ordinator Adult & External Education, Weston College

8. **To receive the Approved Standing Orders (Sept TC)** (attached) (pages 13-44)
No further action required
9. **To agree the date for the Annual Town Meeting 2025** (to be held at the Blakehay Theatre)
 - Proposed date 28th April 2025

10. Motion under Standing Order 11 - PROPOSED BY: Councillor Helen Thornton
For a Secular Town Council and the abolition of prayers at Council meetings for full council November 2024

This council believes:

Local democracy should be equally welcoming to all sections of society, regardless of their religion or belief.

Town Council meetings should be conducted without anyone feeling excluded or compelled to either participate in prayers or absent themselves from part of the meeting.

The absence of prayers from the formal business of meetings in no way impedes religious freedoms or denies anybody the right to pray. Conversely, organised worship in secular settings imposes worship on those who do not share the faith.

A genuine commitment to freedom of religion or belief is incompatible with including acts of worship in the formal business of town council meetings.

This motion therefore proposes that we abolish prayers in all Town Council meetings.

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.

11. **Review of the Somewhere to Go Service Level Agreement (SLA)** (attached) (pages 1- 55)
To receive the covering report the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
12. **Devolution/ Transfer of Services – Proposals received for (Financial Year 2025 / 2026) and Opportunities for Future Years**
To receive the covering report the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk (attached) (pages 56-75)



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18th November 2024

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