



WESTON-SUPER-MARE TOWN COUNCIL

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Date: Monday 22nd September 2025

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 Council chamber has allocated seating for a maximum of 65 members of the public.

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 Annual Meeting and Mayor Making Ceremony Meeting held on 15th May 2025** (attached) (pages 1-5)
- 4. To receive the Minutes of Youth Council Meetings held in March, April, May, June and July 2025** (attached) (pages 6-23)
- 5. To Approve the Year End Accounts for year ending 31st March 2025 as previously received by Policy & Finance Committee 16.06.25** (attached) (pages 24-29)

As part of the Audit requirement Full Town Council are required to;

- a) Approve and complete the Annual Governance Statement (Section 1) page 4 of the AGAR – by resolution of members as a whole (Chair and CEO/ Town Clerk to sign)

- b) Approve the Accounting Statements (Section 2) page 5 of the AGAR by resolution (Chair to sign)
- 6. To receive announcements and communications from the Town Mayor** (attached) (pages 30-31)
- 7. Neighbourhood and Response Policing in Weston-super-Mare**
To receive a verbal report from Inspector Lee Kerslake
- 8. To Adopt the revised Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and Financial Regulations**
To receive the covering report the Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk (attached) (pages 32-35) and the following reviewed as attached:
 - 8.1 Standing Orders** (pages 36-70)
 - 8.2 Code of Conduct** (pages 71-91)
 - 8.3 Financial Regulations** (pages 92-117)
- 9. Civility and Respect Pledge** (attached) (pages 118-121)
To receive the Civility & Respect Pledge Statement for adoption following review
- 10. North Somerset Council Community Governance Review 2025 – Draft Recommendations (as amended) July**

You can view the draft recommendations and all other supporting documents on our website at www.n-somerset.gov.uk/cgr and submit your response online here <https://n-somerset.inconsult.uk/CGRPart2/consultationHome>

Members are requested to advise of any formal response to North Somerset Council as necessary

- 11. To consider the Finance and General Purposes Committee recommendation (minute no 118) to rescind Council resolution (minute no 325 24/03/2025) and resolve that the Committee:**
 - 1: Notes the Council of Sanctuary Start & Finish Group's recommendations from 6 Aug 2025
 - 2: Notes the diverse range of opinions expressed via the Town Council's public engagement sessions and is aware of comments made elsewhere and via petitions.
 - 3: Is pleased to note that the Task & Finish Group sees Weston-super-Mare to be a diverse and welcoming town with a range of communities, well supported by charities, community groups and individuals with which this Town Council works closely.
 - 4: Notes the important work undertaken by this Council's appointed race relations champion and supports the councillor's devotion to the maintenance and enhancement of good relations between all sections of society now resident in Weston-super-Mare and reiterates the need for this work to continue.
 - 5: Strongly emphasises the need for all currently engaged in public life, and all who aspire to become so engaged, to work for greater understanding and for the development of harmonious relations between people of differing backgrounds, ethnicities, religions, customs and experiences.
 - 6: Though this Town Council has no statutory responsibilities or obligations in the realms of migration, housing, social services, education, employment or policing it nevertheless does concern itself with the well-being of all residents and in this regard recommends Council to further

pursue harmony between people and to encourage the enjoyment and sharing of cross-cultural events throughout the town, without becoming part of the Council of Sanctuary.

The Committee therefore requests that this is referred to the next scheduled Town Council Meeting for final decision on the basis detailed above.



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Chief Executive Officer/Town Clerk
18th September 2025

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