



Friday, 13 August 2021

To: Members of the Policy & Finance Committee (Councillors S Jones, A Dodwell, C Palmer, R Berry, T Morris, G Perham, D Scott, M Freeman, R Goodchild, S Owen and F Kharawala)
(Copies to all Town Councillors for information)

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Policy & Finance Committee** to be held on **Monday, 23 August 2021** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, The White House, Hockcliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 1HD..

**THIS MEETING MAY
BE RECORDED ***

Mark Saccoccio

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Town Clerk

Please do not attend this meeting if:

- *You, anyone you live with or anyone in your support bubble has tested positive for Covid-19 or has symptoms of Covid-19.*
- *You have been advised to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, the NHS app or for any other reason.*
- *You are within the required quarantine period having returned to the UK from a non-exempt country.*

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the Members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

- Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4) and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, Members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the Member's Register of Interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.
- Should any Member have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in an item on the agenda, the Member may not participate in consideration of that item

unless a Dispensation has first been requested (in writing) and granted by the Council (see Dispensation Procedure).

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 MINUTES PER PERSON; MAXIMUM 15 MINUTES)

To receive questions and statements from members of the public in respect of any item of business included in the agenda, as provided for in Standing Order No.s 3(f) and 3(g).

Members of the public are very welcome to attend the meeting but are asked to note that attendance numbers are limited to mitigate Covid risks. Please contact us to advise if you wish to attend before 4pm on the day of the meeting. Written representations may also be submitted before 4pm on the day of the meeting.

4. WHITE HOUSE (Pages 1 - 2)

To receive a report regarding proposed maintenance works at the White House (**attached**) and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein.

5. PROMS IN THE PARK (Pages 3 - 4)

To receive a report regarding proposed expenditure from earmarked reserves for the Proms in the Park event and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein.

6. PUBLIC REALM PROJECT UPDATE

To receive a verbal update in respect of the Public Realm improvements project.

7. ADOPTION OF PUBLIC OPEN SPACE (Pages 5 - 14)

To receive a report regarding public open space adoption and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein.

8. RISK REGISTER MID YEAR UPDATE (Pages 15 - 18)

To receive a mid-year update in respect of the 2021-22 Risk Register Action Plan (**attached**).

9. LAND SOUTH OF THE HIGH STREET (Pages 19 - 30)

(a) To receive a report summarising the findings and recommendations of the Land South of the High Street Task and Finish Group prepared by its Chair, Cllr Clive Palmer (**attached**).

- (b) To receive a report (**attached**) regarding considerations Committee may wish to take into account in determining next steps (resolutions or recommendations) in respect of Land South of the High Street or any other additional workstreams outside those projects already endorsed by Council for 2021-22 onwards.

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