



14 April 2022

To: The Town Mayor and all Members of Leighton-Linslade Town Council

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Leighton-Linslade Town Council to be held on **Monday, 25 April 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Astral Park Sports & Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY..

M Saccoccio
Town Clerk

Prayers will be said at 1920 hours

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

- (i) 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.
- (ii) 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. TOWN MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

4. LEADERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS

5. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

To receive questions and statements from members of the public as provided for in Standing Order Nos.3 (e)(f)(g) and (h).

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 16)

- (a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meetings held on 31 January 2022 and on 4 April 2022 (**attached**) in accordance with Standing Order 12.
- (b) To receive information updates on matters arising from the previous meeting (if appropriate).

7. BUZZCYCLES STRATEGY (Pages 17 - 64)

To consider the recommendations made by the Ouzel Valley Park Steering Group at its meeting on 2 March 2022:

- a) To endorse the Leighton Buzzcycles strategy Cycling: Everyone's First Choice (**attached**). Peter Bate of Buzzcycles will present the strategy.
- b) To welcome the development by CBC of a Walking & Cycling Infrastructure Plan and look forward to further involvement/consultation on this document.
- c) To press CBC for a follow-up discussion to the informal S106 councillor workshop held September 2020 in which CBC officers stated a willingness to talk to the Town Council about the potential "re-destinating" of "unallocated" S106 monies.

8. CEMETERY SERVICE EQUIPMENT PURCHASE (Pages 65 - 68)

To receive a report regarding purchase of new grave shoring equipment and to consider the recommendations contained therein.

9. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND OPERATION DODFORD (Pages 69 - 80)

To consider two recommendations arising from the Community Safety Sub-Committee meeting held 6 April 2022:

- i) That any underspend from the Community Safety revenue budget 4401/410 for 2021-22 be transferred to the Community Safety earmarked reserve 9042/920 as part of the year end accounting process.
- ii) To approve the Operation Dodford section 92 grant agreement for 1 April 2022 – 31 March 2023, noting the reduction in maximum expenditure from £40,000 p.a. to £30,000 p.a. (agreement **attached**).

10. COMMITTEE MINUTES (Pages 81 - 190)

- (i) To receive and note the Minutes of Committee meetings held between 1 February – 11 April 2022 as specified below (**attached**).
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- (ii) To consider the recommendations contained in committee minutes which have not already been resolved, as specified below.
- (iii) To receive any relevant verbal updates from officers or Committee Chairs and any councillor comments or questions relating to the below minutes.

- a) Partnership Committee 10 February 2022
- b) Planning & Transport Committee 16 February 2022
- c) Policy & Finance Committee 28 February 2022

Recommendation at 316/PF (Press and Media Protocol – attached)
Recommendations at 318/PF (Leader Protocol and Councillor/Officer Protocol)
Recommendation at 323/PF (Investment strategy)

- d) Grounds & Environmental Committee 7 March 2022
 - e) Planning & Transport Committee 9 March 2022
 - f) Cultural & Economic Committee 14 March 2022
- Recommendations regarding budgets at 126/CE, 129/CE and 130/CE***

- g) Planning & Transport Committee 30 March 2022
- h) Policy & Finance Committee 11 April 2022

Recommendation at 333/PF (agenda item 9)
Recommendation at 338/PF (Health and Safety policy – attached)
Recommendation at 340/PF (Earmarked reserves – original report attached)
Recommendation at 341/PF (agenda item 11)

11. FIVE YEAR PLAN AND OBJECTIVES (Pages 191 - 200)

Further to the resolution made by Council on 29 November 2021, to consider recommendations regarding the Council's Five-Year Plan and Objectives **(attached)**.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To consider the following Motion put forward by Councillor S Owen: **That the Council resolves to develop a Neighbourhood Plan and to convene an extraordinary Council meeting to review the effect on officers' workloads and priorities and to agree a group to progress the plan.**

13. FUEL POVERTY

To consider the following Motion put forward by Councillor S Owen: **that the Town Clerk be asked urgently to investigate and report back what role, if any, this Council might take in helping to combat fuel poverty in Leighton-Linslade.**

14. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING HELD 4 APRIL 2022

To consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen and seconded by Councillor R Goodchild: **That this Council welcomes the outcomes on six important matters from the 4 April Council meeting i.e. the decisions regarding:**

- **Delivery of the Police Crime Commissioner's promise urgently to deliver a Policing Contact Hub in the centre of town**
- **Pressing the Central Bedfordshire Council Portfolio Holder (again) to engage with the Town Council regarding the future usage of the High Street**
- **Pressing Central Bedfordshire Council to share their "Schools for the Future" plan with Leighton-Linslade parents and the wider community**
- **Resolving to receive suggestions from the Town Clerk regarding means of regular consultation about local bus services**
- **Pressing Central Bedfordshire Council for updates on the current A505 Southern Bypass safety review**
- **Resolving to investigate its possible role supporting refugees from the Ukraine conflict**

and asks the Town Clerk to make these standing items for report in the weekly councillors' newsletter.

15. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive questions from Councillors to the Chairman as provided for in To receive questions from Councillors to the Chairman as provided for in Standing Order 27, provided three clear days' notice of the question has been given.

16. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES

17. APPOINTMENTS TO/REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES
