



18 November 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, 28 November 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Astral Park Sports and Community Centre, Johnson Drive, Leighton Buzzard, LU7 4AY..

M Saccoccio  
Town Clerk

## 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

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for in Standing Order Nos.3 (e)(f)(g) and (h). **(15 minutes in total; 3 minutes per person).**

**6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** (Pages 1 - 10)

- (a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 10 October 2022 **(attached)** in accordance with Standing Order 12.
- (b) To receive information updates on matters arising from the previous meetings (if appropriate).

**7. COMMITTEE MINUTES AND DELEGATED DECISIONS** (Pages 11 - 48)

- (i) To receive and note the minutes of Committee meetings held between 10 October – 28 November 2022 as specified below **(attached)** and to receive any delegated decisions made on behalf of committees in the same period.
- (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 **(Standing Order 5(l)(x) allows 15 minutes in total and 2 minutes per question/comment).**

*Minutes*

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| a) | Planning & Transport Committee | 12 October 2022  |
| b) | Policy & Finance Committee     | 24 October 2022  |
| c) | Planning & Transport Committee | 2 November 2022  |
| d) | Policy & Finance Committee     | 14 November 2022 |

***Recommendation at 417/PF (Civility & Respect Pledge and Code of Conduct)***

**8. CORONATION OF KING CHARLES III**

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor P Carberry:

***Leighton-Linslade Town Council look forward to the Coronation of King Charles III. Our council would wish to celebrate this event in a manner that reflects the devotion of so many to our monarchy but also reflects our current constraints and challenges. Our community would wish to mark this occasion and that a working party be formed to consider and make recommendations on how best we use resources that are available, any potential repurposing assets and how we can deliver a first rate public event based on best value.***

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**9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen:

***That this Council resolves to prepare a Neighbourhood Plan.***

**10. BEDFORDSHIRE POLICE RESPONSE TIMES**

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor S Owen:

***That this Council notes and shares the widespread public dissatisfaction with both the speed and quality of responses of Bedfordshire Police to 101 calls and the understaffing of the Police Control Room that senior officers and the PCC have allowed to develop. It calls on the Chief Constable, the Police and Crime Commissioner, and the MPs representing Bedfordshire to urgently reassure this Council and the public of Leighton-Linslade that***

- a) all the various shortfalls in Control-Room staffing are being addressed and that regular updates on Control-Room response performance are publicly shared with this Council***
- b) the guidelines being used by Bedfordshire Police to respond to differing types of crime reports such as burglary, domestic violence, criminal damage, assault etc are made clear to the public (for example whether the Police aim to visit the complainant or not) along with target response times***
- c) regular updates on Bedfordshire Police response performance begin to be published.***

***That this Motion be sent to HMICFRS (the Government inspectorate of UK Police Forces).***

**11. PARSON'S CLOSE RECREATION GROUND**

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor R Goodchild:

***In recognition of over 70 years of service and commitment to the citizens of our country by the late beloved Queen Elizabeth, this Council seeks to provide a permanent public memorial in recognition of same and therefore resolves:***

- a). Subject to affirmation by public consultation, to rename our premier park currently known as 'Parsons Close Recreation Ground' to 'Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Recreation Ground' and,***
  - b). Requests the Grounds & Environment Committee to promote a***
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*competition to provide a suitable permanent public memorial to Queen Elizabeth II and to identify a prominent position within the park for the siting of the memorial, and*

*c). Requests the Policy & Finance Committee to determine a funding source sufficient to cover the costs of the provisions in a). and b).*

**12. QUESTIONS/STATEMENTS FROM COUNCILLORS**

To receive questions to the Town Mayor or requests to make statements from as provided for in Standing Order No.27, provided three clear days' notice Councillors of the question has been given. (*questions/statements should not exceed 3 minutes*)

**13. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES**

**14. APPOINTMENTS TO/REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

To consider any changes in appointments and any reports from Councillors appointed to outside bodies.

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