



Friday, 26 August 2022

To: Members of the Grounds & Environmental Committee (Councillors R Berry, S Jones, T Morris, C Palmer, R Yates, B Spurr, V Harvey, P Carberry, A Gray and P Snelling)
(Copies to all Town Councillors for information)

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Grounds & Environmental Committee** to be held on **Monday, 5 September 2022** commencing at **7.30 pm** in the Council Chamber, The White House, Hockliffe Street, Leighton Buzzard, Bedfordshire, LU7 1HD.

**THIS MEETING MAY
BE RECORDED ***

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. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

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 (e) (f) (g) and 1(h).

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

(a) To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 6 June 2022 **(attached)** in accordance with Standing Order 12.

(b) To receive information updates on matters arising from the previous meeting (if appropriate).

5. COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND WORK PLAN (Pages 7 - 10)

To receive and consider the Committee Work Plan for 2022-2023 **(attached)**.

6. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE (Pages 11 - 14)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein. **(attached)**.

7. GREEN FLAG RECOMMENDATIONS (Pages 15 - 22)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein. **(attached)**.

8. SKATE PARK CONDITION AND FUTURE (Pages 23 - 62)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein. **(attached)**.

9. PARSON'S CLOSE RECREATION GROUND - INCLUSIVE PLAY AREA PROJECT UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on the play area refurbishment project

10. DRINKING WATER FOUNTAINS (Pages 63 - 66)

To receive a report regarding the installation of drinking water fountains in larger Town Council owned parks and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein **(attached)**

11. CAR PARK AT LINSLADE MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELDS AND GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

To receive a verbal update on CBCs plans to roll out public EV chargepoints within Leighton-Linslade and to consider introducing parking restrictions within Linslade Memorial Playing Fields Car Park in partnership with CBC. Such restrictions, to be introduced to facilitate the installation and operation of chargepoints therein.

12. THREE MONTH BUDGET MONITORING REPORT (Pages 67 - 72)

To receive a three-month budget monitoring report for the period April-June 2022 (**attached**).

13. VANDYKE ROAD CAPITAL EXPENDITURE PROJECTS (Pages 73 - 76)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein. (**attached**).

14. OUZEL VALLEY PARK STEERING GROUP UPDATE (Pages 77 - 82)

To receive the notes of the meeting held 25 May 2022 and a verbal update from the meeting held 5 September 2022 (**attached**).

15. LEIGHTON-LINSLADE AND HEATH & REACH SANDPIT STEERING GROUP (Pages 83 - 84)

To receive the notes of the meeting held 12 July 2022 and consider the recommendation contained therein (**attached**).

16. REVIEW PRIORITY PROJECTS FOR INCLUSION IN 2023-2024 BUDGET

To receive a verbal discussion on potential priority projects for inclusion in the 2023-2024 budget.

17. POLLINATION (Pages 85 - 86)

To receive and consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor V Harvey: "In order to support pollinators and to provide an attractive display to those walking in the parks in Spring, this Council will spend £10,000 from Earmarked Reserves in this financial year, on planting bulbs which will create a swathe of colour across three parks from February to May." (information **attached**)

18. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

The Committee may consider it appropriate to consider the following resolution should they consider that any discussion would be prejudicial to the public interests: that, under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the public be excluded on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted which involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

19. CLIMATE EMERGENCY UPDATE (Pages 87 - 108)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein

(attached).

20. CEMETERY SERVICE (Pages 109 - 126)

To receive a report and to consider the recommendation/s contained therein.
(attached).

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