



**TO: ALL MEMBERS
OF THE COUNCIL**

My Ref: PAR\CW\LM\COUNCIL

Date: 15th January 2025

Dear Councillor,

You are hereby summoned under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12, Section 10, to attend a Meeting of the **TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at Newton's Place, 43 Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot on **WEDNESDAY 22nd JANUARY 2025 at 7:00pm** to transact the business specified in the Agenda set out below.

This is a meeting in public, not a public meeting. Members of the public and press are welcome to attend the meeting. If you wish to ask a question, please email info@newtonabbot-tc.gov.uk no later than 48 hours before the day of the meeting. The Council will make additional reasonable adaptations to facilitate attendance at its meetings upon request.

Attendees should be aware that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded, filmed or photographed, by entering the Council Chamber attendees are consenting to being recorded.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

****PRAYERS****

A G E N D A

PART A – GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 - a) To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record to 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 as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are accepted.

3. INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED

In accordance with the Code of Conduct, Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in items to be considered at this meeting.

4. MINUTES

To Approve the minutes of the Council meeting held on the 13th November 2024
APPENDIX A

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (7.10 – 7.25 p.m. approx.)

A. The Committee sets aside, a short period at the commencement of the meeting when the public can ask questions or make statements in accordance with the rules of public participation as contained at the end of this agenda;

B. Question from Mr Tom Pearce:–

In light of the continuous issue of abandoned trolleys in the River Lemon and hedgerows around the town, will Newton Abbot Town Council formally request Asda Supermarkets add a coin return mechanism and connecting chains to their trolleys?

A similar system is used at the Lidl store in Kingsteignton and prevents this antisocial behaviour issue.

6. REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

To receive reports from Councillors on activities in their roles as County and/or District Councillors.

7. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (a) Mayoral activities since the 13th November 2024 **APPENDIX B**
- (b) Other appropriate items including Mayoral activities in the course of preparation.

PART B – MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF COMMITTEES AND ITEMS FOR DECISION

8. PRECEPT 2025/26

- (a) To discuss the recommendation made at the meeting of the Finance and Audit Committee held on 15th January 2025:

That the Council is **RECOMMENDED** to adopt a Precept in the sum of £ or the year 2025/26 representing an *increase of £ 8.79 p.a. or 16.9p per week (representing an annual payment of £190.67/ £15.89 per month / £3.66 per week)*

or 4.83% for a Band D property in Newton Abbot and that Teignbridge District Council be requested to collect on the Town Council's behalf the sum of £1,698,731

(b) To resolve the Precept for 2025/26.

9. **POLICIES**

To review Standing Orders.

APPENDIX C

10. **CALENDAR OF COUNCIL AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS 2025 – 2026**

To approve and adopt the Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings and Events for 2025 – 2026.

APPENDIX D

11. **PROCEEDINGS OF COMMITTEES**

To receive and in so far as may be necessary to approve reports, minutes and recommendations of the under mentioned Committees as presented by the respective Committee Chairperson: -

Minutes/Committee	Date	Chairperson/Vice-Chairperson
A. Planning	19/11/24	Joyce/Yabsley APPENDIX E
B. Planning	10/12/24	Joyce/Yabsley APPENDIX F
C. Planning	07/01/25	Joyce/Yabsley APPENDIX G
D. Finance & Audit	15/01/25	Parker/D Corney-Walker To follow

12. **STRENGTHENING THE STANDARDS AND CONDUCT FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES IN ENGLAND**

To give consideration to responding online to the Government's consultation seeking views on introducing measures to strengthen the standards and conduct regime in England, including the introduction of the power of suspension.

13. **THE ENGLISH DEVOLUTION WHITE PAPER**

A. To consider formulating a response to The English Devolution White Paper which sets out the government's approach to deepening and widening devolution in England.
APPENDIX H

B. To consider the Case for Strengthening Parish and Town Councils in Response to the Government's Devolution White Paper. **APPENDIX I**

14. **VICARY MILL LEAT**

To give consideration to granting delegated authority to the Town Clerk in consultation with the Mayor to agree and sign an Easement with Teignbridge District Council for the diversion of the Vicary Mill Leat across Council owned land. Town Clerk to report.

PART C – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

15. **LATE CORRESPONDENCE** (if any)

For information.

16. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 12th March 2025

Distribution:

All Members of Newton Abbot Town Council
District Councillors Jackie Hook, Liam Mullone, Rob Hayes.
Jo Rice Senior Case Officer MP Martin Wrigley
Inspector James Johnson
Communications Advisor Nigel Canham
Hon. Freeman Mr M Hocking
Hon. Freewoman Mrs C Bunday.

RULES FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT MEETINGS OF NEWTON ABBOT TOWN COUNCIL AND ITS COMMITTEES/SUB-COMMITTEES

The Council will set aside a short period at the commencement of each meeting when members of the public can ask questions or make statements.

Should an individual or representative of a group or body wish to address Members of the Council the following rules are to be followed: -

1. General

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at ordinary meetings of the Council and its Committees and Sub-Committees. If an informal group have a common interest, one of their number is to be identified to speak on behalf of the whole.

2. Order

Questions/statements will be asked in the order notice of them was received, except that the Chairman may group together similar questions.

3. Notice

A question or statement may only be taken if notice has been given by delivering it in writing or by electronic mail to the Clerk no later than 48 hours before the day of the meeting.

4. Number

At any one meeting no person may submit more than one question/statement.

5. Scope

The Clerk may reject a question/statement if it:

- is not about a matter for which the local authority has a responsibility or which affects the Town of Newton Abbot;
- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the Council in the past six months; or
- requires the disclosure of confidential information.

6. Speaking at the meeting

The Chairman will invite the individual to put the question/statement to the Meeting. If a questioner who has submitted a written question is unable to be present, they may ask the Chairman or Clerk to put the question on their behalf.

7. Supplemental question

A questioner who has put a question in person may also put one supplementary question without notice. A supplementary question must arise directly out of the

original question or the reply. The Chairman may reject a supplementary question on any of the grounds in Rule 5 above.