



**TO: ALL MEMBERS
OF THE COUNCIL**

My Ref: PARICW\LM\COUNCIL

Date: 10th September 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, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot on **WEDNESDAY 17th SEPTEMBER 2025 at 7:00pm** to transact the business specified in the Agenda as 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: The Reverend Kevin Hooke to lead the Council in prayers.

A G E N D A

PART A – GENERAL COUNCIL BUSINESS

- 1. WELCOME FROM THE MAYOR**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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 16th July 2025.

APPENDIX A

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

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.

6. PRESENTATION – LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION

To receive an update from the Projects & Strategy Officer on Local Government Reorganisation.

7. CIVILITY & RESPECT PLEDGE

To consider reaffirming the Council's commitment to the Civility & Respect Pledge, that forms part of the Council's Code of Conduct and Dignity at Work Policy.

APPENDIX A (1)

8. REPORTS OF COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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

9. MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

(a) Mayoral activities since the 16th July 2025 **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

10. POLICIES

To consider and adopt the following policies:

a) Strategic Plan 2025 – 2027 **APPENDIX C**
Recommendation from Strategic Planning Forum

b) Sustainable Procurement & Environmental Responsibility Policy **APPENDIX D**
Recommendation from Strategic Planning Forum

c) Green Spaces Strategy **APPENDIX E**
Recommendation from Policy & Resources

d) Dignity at Work Policy **APPENDIX F**

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 | 05/08/2025 | Yabsley/Jennings APPENDIX G |
| B. Planning | 26/08/2025 | Yabsley/Jennings APPENDIX H |
| C. Policy & Resources | 03/09/2025 | Wood/Ryan APPENDIX I |

12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 123(1), (2A) DISPOSAL OF INTEREST IN OPEN SPACE

To note that notice has given under section 123(2A) of the Local Government Act 1972 that Teignbridge District Council intends to dispose of an interest in an area of open space known as the land and grounds at Old Forde House, Newton Abbot by way of freehold disposal.
APPENDIX J

PART C – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY

13. LATE CORRESPONDENCE (if any)

For information.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 12th November 2025

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press and broadcast media be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following item of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

16. ASSET ACQUISITION OPPORTUNITY

To consider a recommendation from the Policy & Resources Committee, Minute number 25/06(176), that the Town Clerk be delegated authority to proceed with discussions, surveys, consultations and associated actions to acquire the premises on a long leasehold.

Distribution:

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

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.