



**TO: ALL MEMBERS  
OF THE COUNCIL**

**My Ref:** PAR/SS/LM/F&A

**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Dear Councillor,

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 you are summoned to attend a meeting of the **FINANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE** to be held at Newton's Place, Wolborough Street, Newton Abbot on **WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2026** at 7.00 pm to transact the business as set out in the agenda.

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](mailto: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

## **AGENDA**

### **Part A – GENERAL COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

#### **1. 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.*

#### **2. 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.

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3. **MINUTES**

To agree as a correct record the minutes of the meetings of the Finance and Audit Committee held on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025. **APPENDIX A**

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION** (7.00 – 7.15 p.m.)

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.

5. **PRESENTATION – CREATIVE BLOOMS CIC (10mins + 10mins Q&A)**

To receive a verbal presentation from a representative of Creative Blooms CIC.

**PART B – ITEMS FOR DECISION**

6. **SUB-COMMITTEES**

To receive the minutes of the Strategic Planning Forum held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Chairperson – Councillor M Joyce. **APPENDIX B**

7. **BUDGET & PRECEPT 2026/27**

Further to Minute 25/11(SPF29) to consider a report containing a recommended Budget and Precept for 2026/27 to be submitted to the Council for approval at its meeting to be held on 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026. **APPENDIX C**

8. **GRANT APPLICATION PROCESS**

To discuss and review the current grant application process.

9. **INCOME AND EXPENDITURE**

a) Accounts paid since the last meeting – Income and Expenditure Statements for 1<sup>st</sup> April to 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025 inclusive:

- September 2025 **APPENDIX D**
- October 2025 **APPENDIX E**

b) To consider the Financial Budget Comparison for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 to 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025. **APPENDIX F**

**PART C – ITEMS FOR INFORMATION ONLY**

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

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

**DISTRIBUTION:** All Members of the Council, Public and Press.

# **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.