

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 1 February 2015 at 6.30pm** at **The Town Hall, Market Street, Rye**, when it is proposed to transact the following business:

102 PRAYERS

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Canon David Frost.

103 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

104 CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive any declarations of interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct – and to consider any written applications made by Members to the Clerk for a dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on an agenda item for which they have a Disclosable Interest.

105 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The meeting to adjourn for up to 45 minutes for:

- a) The report of the County Councillor for Rye
- b) The Reports of the Rye Rother District Councillors
- c) Public Question Time

106 COUNCIL MINUTES

(a) *89 Code of Conduct Cllr Kirkham* To consider inserting *non-* before *pecuniary*.

(b) To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2015 (C9), as amended.

107 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Council's committees and consider for adoption any *Recommendations*:

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| (a) Planning & Townscape | (i) 16 November 2015 (PT10) |
| | (ii) 14 December 2015 (PT11) |
| | (iii) 4 January 2016 (PT12) |
| (b) Policy, Resources & GP | 18 January 2016 (PR04) |
| (c) Public Services | 11 January 2016 (PS03) |

108 BUDGETS AND PRECEPT 2016-17

To consider the Policy, Resources & GP Committee's Recommendation that the Draft Heritage Centre and Town Budgets for 2016-17 be approved – and that the precept for 2016-17 be set at £122,100.

109 TOWN HALL COTTAGE – RE-LETTING

To consider whether to adopt any letting restrictions – typically: no pets (or pets considered); no DSS; no smoking (inside the property).

Clerk

110 AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION: PROVISION

To:

(a) Note that tenants of residential properties owned by parish/town councils have no (current) legal right to purchase them under Right to Buy.

(b) Receive and note:

- (i) The NALC Guide to Parish and Town Council Borrowing in England;
- (ii) The SSALC Borrowing Approval Protocol guide;
- (iii) Loans to Parish, Town & Community Councils;
- (iv) The current Public Works Loan Board *fixed* rates of interest;
- (v) Indicative repayment costs based on loans of £250,000 and £500,000;
- (vi) The Clerk's Briefing Note
- (vii) Advice in respect of an affordable rent.

(c) Confirm that the Council remains mindful to acquire at least two properties within the Parish that are suitable to be let, at an affordable rent, to Rye families in accordance with the Council's own eligibility criteria (*to be determined*) – and that it is prepared to borrow sufficient funds to achieve this objective.

(d) Note that more detailed guidance on the VAT implications will be made available.

(e) Agree a course of action.

111 LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

https://consultation.eastsussex.gov.uk/economy-transport-environment/copy-of-libraries-consultation/consult_view

To consider whether to submit comments (*deadline: 3.4.16*).

Clerk

ROBES WILL BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed previously

106 Council Minutes 107(a)(i-iii) P&T Committee Minutes 107(b) PRGP Minutes

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

107(c) Public Services Minutes 108 Draft Budgets; Forecast Earmarked Reserves
110b(i-v) supporting documentation 111 Summary and proposed Rye opening hours

To follow

110d) VAT Briefing Note



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