

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the First Meeting of **Rye Town Council**, to be held on **Monday 15 May 2023 at The Town Hall, Market Street, Rye, 6.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

1 ELECTION OF MAYOR/CHAIRMAN 2023-24

To elect a Mayor/Chairman for 2023-24.

The successful candidate to be asked to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

2 ELECTION OF DEPUTY MAYOR/VICE-CHAIRMAN 2023-24

To elect a Deputy Mayor/Vice-Chairman for 2023-24.

The successful candidate to be asked to sign their Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

3 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

4 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.

5 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve - and to authorise the Chairman to sign - the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023 (C12).

6 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive and note the Draft Minutes (including any recommendations) of the meetings of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 20 March 2023 (PT16), 3 April 2023 (PT17) and 17 April 2023 (PT18).

7 GENERAL POWER OF COMPETENCE

To note that the prescribed conditions for exercising the General Power of Competence have been met – namely:

- (a)** A minimum of two-thirds of the vacancies on the Council were filled at the last ordinary elections (May 2023);
- (b)** The Clerk holds a relevant sector-specific qualification

and to resolve that the Council is eligible to exercise the General Power of Competence until the annual meeting following the next ordinary elections.

8 DECLARATIONS OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

To note the name of any Member who has not yet signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office – and to agree an extended deadline (suggested: 5.6.23).

Clerk

9 RYE LEISURE CENTRE

- a) To agree to support the proposed registration of a Community Incorporated Organisation (CIO), with a remit that includes running Rye Leisure Centre (as well as, potentially, other sporting/leisure/recreational facilities in the Parish).
- b) Subject to sight of the CIO Business Plan; the CIO being granted a full repairing sub-lease; and consent being obtained from ESCC and RDC, to agree, in principle, that RTC leases the Rye Leisure Centre from ESCC for a (likely) period of 20 years (with 5-yearly break clauses). **Clerk**

10 BAPTIST GARDEN

To note that responsibility for the garden has reverted to the freeholder, Rye Baptist Church – and to confirm that RTC is happy to take over its maintenance in return for an annual contribution from the Church. **Clerk**

11 97 SOUTH UNDERCLIFF

To note that number 97 is due to be vacated by 5 June 2023 – and to consider forming a Task & Finish group to review RTC's Discounted Accommodation scheme and make recommendations. **Clerk**

12 IRON SALTS

To note that RDC is continuing its minimal cutting regime – and to agree a course of action. **Mayor**

13 TWINNING INITIATIVE

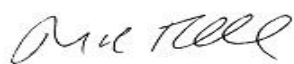
To receive the Mayor's report on the recent visit to Rye by the Mayor of Montreuil-sur-Mer – including supporting notes – and to consider the level of the Council's involvement in the twinning initiative. **Mayor**

ROBES WILL NOT BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

5 Council Minutes (C12) 6 P+T Minutes (PT16, PT17 & Pt18)

13 Briefing paper



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