

RYE TOWN COUNCIL

AGENDA C5

working for the social, economic and environmental well-being of the Antient Town of Rye

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend the Annual Return Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 26 June 2023** at **The Town Hall, Rye, 6.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

40 PRAYERS

Prayers will be said by The Reverend Christopher Breeds.

41 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

42 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.

The Mayor to adjourn the meeting for:

- a) Mayoral announcements*
- b) The Report(s) of the District Councillors*
- c) The Report of the County Councillor*
- d) Public Question Time*

43 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve - and to authorise the Chairman to sign - the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 June 2023 (C3 – Committee Formation).

44 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive and note the Draft Minutes (including any recommendations) of the meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 5 June 2023 (PT01) and 12 June 2023 (PT02).

45 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR) 2022-23 AND ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2022-23

- To:
- (a)** Receive and consider the annual Risk Assessments (2023).
 - (b)** Receive and consider the reports of the Internal Auditor, Angela Alexander: report dated 19.6.23 and the Annual Internal Audit Report 2022-23 (within the AGAR).
 - (c)** Receive and consider the Review of Internal Controls 2023.
 - (d)** Receive and consider the updated Summary of Main Day-to-Day Financial Controls (as at 1.4.23).
 - (e)** Consider and approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022-23 (Section 1 of the AGAR).

- (f) Consider and approve the Town Council Accounts for 2022-23.
- (g) Consider and approve the Annual Accounting Statements 2022-23 (Section 2 of the AGAR).
- (h) Consider re-appointing the Internal Auditor, Angela Alexander (*budget provision 2023-24: £300*).
- (i) Approve the Internal Auditor's Terms of Reference for 2023-24.
- (j) Approve the draft Internal Audit Plan 2023-24. **Clerk**

46 LOCAL INFRASTRUCTURE PRIORITIES

To review the current RTC Local Infrastructure Priorities:

- Greenway cycle way
- Station Approach improvements
- Road signage improvements
- Improve footpath to Cemetery
- Improve cross Rye cycle links
- Upgrade litter bins

Note *This is an opportunity to add 'Long-term sustainable future for Rye Leisure Centre (including Pool)'*.

referred from Planning & Townscape

47 PSPO (DOG CONTROL)

To note that:

- (Until 31.7.23) Rother District Council is [consulting](#) on proposed changes to the [existing](#) Public Space Protection Order (Dog Control).
- On 20.3.23 RTC resolved to ask that the existing PSPO be amended to allow dogs on leads in the Gun Garden and Rye Cemetery.
- In relation to Rye, the current consultation proposes that:
 - Dogs be banned from sport and recreational facilities that are available in public open spaces, such as tennis courts, cricket, football and hockey pitches, gym equipment areas, BMX and skatepark areas (*in all of Rother*).
 - *Rye Cemetery* Dogs on short leads **or** no dogs except on the footpath (on short leads).
 - *Gungarden* Dogs on short leads **or** no dogs.

and to agree the Council's response.

Clerk

48 97 SOUTH UNDERCLIFF

To consider:

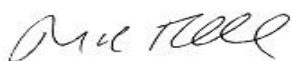
- Opening an investment account with the [Public Sector Deposit Fund](#).
- Resolving to sell the property, *at an appropriate/beneficial time*, for the purpose of putting the proceeds towards the proposed affordable housing development at Tilling Green (or some other affordable housing capital project);
- Clearing and cleaning the property.
- Obtaining a valuation to help determine RTC's minimum acceptable sale price.

- For no more than 2 months, offering the property for sale as a refurbishment opportunity.
- *If the property sells above RTC's minimum acceptable price:* Investing the proceeds and using the dividends generated to service the loan taken out to purchase the property.
- *If the property does not sell above RTC's minimum acceptable price:* Bringing the property up to the minimum standard required to let the property, by way of 6-month shorthold assured tenancies (whilst they are still lawful), at a discounted rent, set at a level sufficient to service the loan repayments. **Clerk**

ROBES WILL BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

43 Council Minutes (C3) **44** P+T Minutes **45a)** Risk Assessments **45b)** Internal Audit Reports
45c) Review of Internal Controls **45d)** Summary of Main Day-to-Day Controls **45e)** Annual
 Governance Statement **45f)** Annual Accounts 2020-21 **45g)** Annual Accounting Statements
45i) Terms of Reference **45j)** Audit Plan **48** Briefing paper



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