

**To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 8 December 2025 at the Town Hall, Rye, 6.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

**98 PRAYERS**

Prayers will be said by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Paul White.

**99 APOLOGIES**

To accept any apologies for absence.

**100 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*
- e) The appointment of a Mayor Elect for 2026-27*

**101 COUNCIL MINUTES**

To approve - and to authorise the Chairman to sign - the Minutes of the meetings held on 15 September 2025 (C8), 13 October 2025 (C9), 27 October 2025 (C10) and 3 November 2025 (C11).

**102 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive and note the Draft Minutes (including any recommendations) of the meetings of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 10 November 2025 (PT10) and 24 November 2025 (PT11).

**103 RYE LEISURE CENTRE**

To receive a progress report. **Barry Nealon (Chairman), Dan Lynn (Manager)**

**104 CHRISTMAS LIGHTING**

To receive a progress report and, if necessary, agree a course of action. **Mayor**

**105 PALESTINIAN FLAG**

To consider a request from a parishioner that it be flown at the Town Hall. **Mayor**

**106 LAND AT STRAND QUAY**

To note that the Environment Agency is considering excluding motorbikes to facilitate other, revenue-generating, uses (possibly car parking) – and, by invitation of the EA, to form a view. **Clerk**

**107 CONSULTATIONS**

To consider whether to respond to the consultations following:

- (a) [Rother District Council budget 2026-27](#) *Deadline: 5.1.26*
- (b) [Proposals for Local Government Re-organisation in East Sussex and Brighton & Hove](#) *Deadline: 11.1.26.* **Clerk**

**108 AFFORDABLE ACCOMMODATION**

To note that, after paying the Tilling Green design scheme consultant, bid social value consultant, bid scheme viability consultant, Community Land Trust Network membership, Rye CLT incorporation fees - and an outline planning application fee for a possible small

social housing scheme elsewhere - the Affordable Housing Earmarked Reserve is forecast to be overspent at the year end by an estimated £1,000. **Clerk**

**109 DEVOLUTION**

To note that the assets below have been offered by Rother District Council – and that RTC has been asked to confirm, by 12 December 2025, its interest in the transfer of some – or all.

- 1 Landgate Tower
  - 2 Rye Cemetery
  - 3 Station Approach Public Conveniences
  - 4 Cricket Salts (excluding Bedford Place Car Park)
  - 5 Town Salts (Fair & Iron Salts – excluding Lucknow Place Car Park and Public Conveniences)
  - 6 Masons Field
  - 7 Kings Avenue Play Area
- Clerk**

**110 RYE TOWN CLERK RECRUITMENT**

To receive an update and, if necessary, to agree a course of action.

**Clerk**

**111 RYE GREENWAY**

To consider providing a letter to support Rye Greenway's application for an Awards For All Grant.

**Cllr Hansen**

**112 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

Item 113 includes consideration of commercially sensitive information – and item 114 relates to a staff members terms of employment - and it is, therefore, recommended that the press and public be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2).

**113 FORMER TILLING GREEN SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD**

To consider a draft purchase proposal and agree a bid price. (*Bid deadline: 12.12.25*).

**Rye CLT, Clerk**

**114 TOWN CLERK: OUTSTANDING LEAVE**

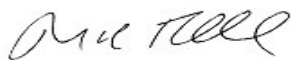
To receive an update and to agree a course of action.

**Clerk**

**ROBES WILL BE WORN**

**Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda**

**101** Council Minutes **102** Committee Minutes **103** Progress Report **105** Letter from P McDonald  
**109** Briefing paper; email from S Callaghan 14.11.25; Survey Results Summary **110** Update  
**111** Application summary



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ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**