

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 26 January 2026 at the Town Hall, Rye, 6.30pm** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

119 PRAYERS

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

120 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

121 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*

122 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve - and to authorise the Chairman to sign - the Minutes of the meetings held on 8 December 2025 (C12) and 22 December 2025 (C13).

123 COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive and note the Draft Minutes (including any recommendations) of the meeting of the Planning & Townscape Committee held on 12 January 2026 (PT12).

124 PROPOSED RYE BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (BID)

To note that the Referendum is open until 5pm on 12 February 2026 and that the Council is entitled to cast two votes (being responsible for the 'Town Hall' and 'Public Conveniences – The Strand' rateable addresses) and to decide whether to cast the votes and, if so, whether to do so 'in favour' – or 'against' – the proposed Rye BID. **Clerk**

125 VISITOR LEVY IN ENGLAND CONSULTATION

To consider whether to respond to the Government [consultation](#) on the design of a new (Strategic) Mayoral power to create visitor information levies on overnight stays in England. **Clerk**

126 UK TOWN OF CULTURE 2028

To note that the Government is inviting Expressions of Interest – and to agree a course of action. *Deadline: 31.3.26.* **Mayor**

127 RYE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL STORAGE UNIT

To note that, with effect from 1 January 2026, the Council has taken over paying the rent due – and to consider accepting ownership of the contents (inventory awaited). **Clerk**

128 FINANCE**a) Payments**

To receive a schedule of Expenses by Supplier (October 2025-December 2025)

b) Budget Monitor

To receive the Budget Monitor to 31 December 2025.

c) Account Balances

To note the account balances as at 31 December 2025.

d) Earmarked Reserves

To note the Earmarked Reserves balances as at 31 December 2025.

129 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Item 130 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).

130 RECRUITMENT OF TOWN CLERK

To receive an update.

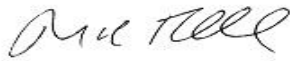
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ROBES WILL BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda

122 Council Minutes **123** Committee Minutes **124** FAQs; Business Plan **126** EOI form

128a) Expenses Summaries **128b)** Budget Monitor **128c)** Account Balances **128d)** Earmarked Reserves



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