

Seaford Town Council Full Council Agenda – Thursday, 1st August 2024

To the Members of the Full Council

Councillors S Adeniji, S Ali, L Boorman, C Bristow, R Buchanan, R Clay, S Dubas, F Hoareau, O Honeyman, R Honeyman, J Lord, S Markwell, O Matthews, J Meek, G Rutland, L Stirton, R Stirton, I Taylor, L Wallraven and M Wearmouth

A meeting of the Full Council will be held in the Council Chambers, 37 Church Street, Seaford, BN25 1HG on Thursday, 1st August 2024 at 7.00pm, which you are summoned to attend.

Adam Chugg, Town Clerk

26th July 2024

PLEASE NOTE:

- Due to the majority of this meeting being held under an exclusion of the press and public, the meeting will not be video recorded.
- See the end of the agenda for further details of public access and participation.
- Members of the public looking to attend are advised to register, as public attendance will be limited to 10 people due to the size of the venue.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To consider apologies for absence.

2. Disclosure of Interests

To deal with any disclosure by Members of any disclosable pecuniary interests and interests other than pecuniary interests, as defined under the Seaford Town Council Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011, in relation to matters on the agenda.

3. Public Participation

To deal with any questions, or brief representations, from members of the public in accordance with relevant legislation and Seaford Town Council Policy.

4. Petitions

In accordance with the Town Council Petitions Policy, this is a standard agenda item to facilitate any public petitions being presented to, and noted by, Full Council. Please note, that this would not prompt a discussion on the petition at this meeting.

5. Exclusion of Press & Public

The Chair will move that in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion on the remaining items of business for the reasons as set out below.

The resolutions of the items will be recorded publicly in the minutes of this meeting.

The Proper Officer considers that discussion of the following items is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in the Local Government Act 1972 and Freedom of Information Act 2000 and may therefore need to take place in private session. The exempt information reasons are shown alongside the items below.

Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

6. Assets Update - Hurdis House EXEMPT

To consider exempt report 63/24 providing Full Council with a confidential update relating to Hurdis House (exempt pages).

Reason for exemption: to consider commercially sensitive arrangements relating to the financial and business affairs of the Town Council's assets.

Explanation of Reason: under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s43(1), disclosure of this report would likely prejudice the commercial interests or activities of any party.

7. Protocol on Disposal of Land Update EXEMPT

To consider exempt report 61/24 providing Full Council with a confidential update relating to the protocol for the disposal of Seaford Town Council's land and assets (exempt pages). Reason for exemption: to consider commercially sensitive arrangements relating to the financial and business affairs of the Town Council's assets.

Explanation of Reason: under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s43(1), disclosure of this report would likely prejudice the commercial interests or activities of any party.

8. Staff Review Update EXEMPT

To consider exempt report 62/24 providing Full Council with a confidential update on the progress of the review of the Town Council's staff structure (exempt pages).

Reason for exemption: to provide confidential updates surrounding the Human Resources functions of the Town Council.

Explanation of Reason: under Data Protection legislation, information about an individual member of staff / groups of staff is confidential between the Town Council and staff member/s.

AGENDA NOTES

For further information about items on this Agenda please contact:

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Circulation:

All Town Councillors and registered email recipients.

Public Access:

Members of the public looking to access this meeting will be able to do so by:

1. Attending the meeting in person.

Due to health and safety restrictions, the number of public in attendance will be limited. The Town Council therefore asks that you contact

<u>meetings@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk</u> or 01323 894 870 to register your interest in attending at least 24 hours before the meeting.

Spaces will be assigned on a first come, first served basis.

Please note that if you don't register and just attempt to turn up at the meeting, this could result in you not being able to attend if there is no space.

Public Access to the Venue:

If you are attending the meeting in person, <u>please arrive from 6.45pm</u> ready for a 7pm meeting start.

Please note that the <u>front door of the building will be locked at 7.00pm</u> and remain locked during the meeting for security reasons. As such, if you arrive after this time, you will not be able to access the meeting.

When members of the public are looking to leave, they must be escorted out of the building by a Town Council officer. There is also a signposted back door which can be exited through if required.

Public Participation:

Members of the public looking to participate in the public participation section of the meeting must do so in person, by making a verbal statement during the public participation section of the meeting.

Below are some key points for public participation in the meeting:

- 1. Your statement should be relevant to the activities of the Town Council.
- 2. You will only be able to speak at a certain point of the meeting; the Chair of the meeting will indicate when this is.
- 3. You do not have to state your name if you don't want to.
- 4. If you are unsure of when best to speak, either query this with an officer/councillor ahead of the meeting or raise your hand during the public participation item of the meeting and ask the Chair they will always be happy to advise.
- 5. When the Chair has indicated that it is the part of the meeting that allows public participation, raise your hand and the Chair will invite you to speak in order.
- Statements by members of the public are limited to four minutes and you don't
 automatically have the right to reply. The Chair may have to cut you short if you
 overrun on time or try to speak out of turn this is just to ensure the meeting stays
 on track.
- 7. Where required, the Town Council will try to provide a response to your statement but if it is unable to do so at the meeting, may respond in writing following the meeting.
- 8. Members of the public should not speak at other points of the meeting.
- 9. A summarised version of your statement, but no personal details, will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

Public Comments

Members of the public looking to submit comments on any item of business on the agenda can do so in writing ahead of the meeting and this will be circulated to all councillors. Comments can be submitted by email to meetings@seafordtowncouncil.gov.uk or by post to the Town Council offices.

Health & Safety Measures:

While Covid restrictions are no longer mandated the Town Council wishes to stay vigilant and mindful of the health and safety of its meeting participants by upholding the requirement that you should not attend the meeting if you are displaying any Covid-19 symptoms (or have tested positive) as identified on the NHS website or symptoms of any similarly contagious illness