



Devizes
Town Council

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SPECIAL **DEVIZES TOWN** **COUNCIL**

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Devizes Town Council Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: 30 August 2011

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

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Councillors:	Mrs Bridewell	Mrs Burton	Callow
	East	Evans	Mrs Evans
	Gagen	Giraud-Saunders	Gudgeon
	Hopkins	Nash	Parsons
	Smith	A R Taylor	Mrs Taylor
	C S Winchcombe	Mrs Winchcombe	

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 2 August 2011

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST

To receive any disclosures by a Councillor(s) and/or Officers in matters to be considered at this meeting in accordance with the provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. To receive announcements and communications.
5. To answer questions (if any) under standing order No. 15.

NOTE: Before dealing with the next item (No 7) the Council will wish to consider whether or not to suspend Standing Order No 5 (members to stand when speaking). If the Standing Order is to be suspended, it must be done by way of a proposition, duly seconded and carried.

6. REPORT FOR DECISION – FUNDING FOR DEVIZES’ CCTV SYSTEM

Recommendation

That the Council agrees to release £6,000 retained from match funding and a further £3000, which will meet the cost of running the Town’s CCTV until the end of March 2012.

Purpose of the Report

To decide if Devizes Town Council wishes to make up the funding shortfall in the cost of running the Town’s CCTV system for the remainder of the current financial year.

Background

Earlier in the year Wiltshire Council withdrew its match funding towards Devizes’ CCTV system. As a result of this, the Town Council decided to only contribute £5000 of the budgeted £11,000, with the balance withheld until the systems operators, Devizes Development Partnership, could raise match funding from the Devizes business community. Despite considerable efforts by the Development Partnership and Devizes Chamber of Commerce there will still be a revenue deficit if the system remains operational until the end of the financial year.

At Devizes Development Partnership’s meeting at the beginning of August, it was resolved that if sufficient funding had not been secured to maintain the system, they would have no alternative other than to dismantle the system in September this year.

The Town Council needs to decide if the community gain in having an operational CCTV system in Devizes, is sufficient then it will make up this financial shortfall. To meet this shortfall the Council will need to release the balance of this year’s budgeted contribution, which amounts to £6,000 plus make an additional payment of approximately £3000.

Should the Council be minded to give additional financial support towards the cost of Devizes' CCTV system, it may wish to put in place a mechanism to review the systems operational arrangements and funding to ensure that its future is secured past April 2012.

Options Considered

The Council needs to decide if it wishes to increase the financial contribution towards the operation of the town's CCTV system for the remainder of the current financial year.

Implications & Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

The Council currently is holding £6000 as its contribution towards CCTV in addition money could be drawn from the Town Centre Management budget.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

The Local Government and Rating Act 1997 s31 the Town Council has the power to contribute towards crime prevention measures.

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implications associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Should the Town Council decide that they would not provide additional funding for the Towns CCTV, it is highly probable that the system will be dismantled. Should that happen then the cost of any future reinstatement would be prohibitive

Crime and Disorder

Officers are not aware of any issues the Council should consider under Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder act 1998.

7. TO PASS THE FOLLOWING SEALING RESOLUTION

THAT the Common Seal of the Council be affixed to or the Town Clerk do sign on behalf of the Council where appropriate any Orders, Deeds or Documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters and recommendations contained in the reports received and adopted at this meeting or

8. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions addressed to the Chairman concerning the administration, function or responsibilities of the Council or upon a matter, which was the subject of debate at the meeting.

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A person may also be permitted to make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant to local government, or to the Council's administration or upon a subject, which may be of general interest to the Council. A time limit of 5 minutes per person will be permitted, but this may be extended at the Chairman's discretion and a maximum period of 20 minutes has been allocated by the Council for this item of business.

Town Mayor