



# Devizes Town Council

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## **Community & Civic Resources Committee**

You are summonsed to attend a meeting of the Community & Civic Resources Committee at the following, place and date.

Date: **Tuesday, 20 May 2014**

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

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

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The Town Mayor (Councillor Mrs Bridewell)

Councillors:	Brewer	Mrs Burton	Evans
	East	Geddes	Giraud-Saunders
	Hopkins	Nash	Smith

## **AGENDA**

### **1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2014/2015.

### **2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

To elect a Vice Chairman of the Committee for the municipal year 2014/2015.

### **3. MINUTES**

To approve as a correct record and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the special Community and Civic Resources Committee Meeting held on 14 May 2014 which have been circulated alongside the agenda.

**4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**5. DISCLOSURE(S) OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosure(s) of interest by a Councillor or an officer in matters to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with provisions of Sections 94 or 117 of the Local Government Act 1972 or the National Code of Local Government Conduct.

**6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

At the Chairman's discretion, members of the public attending the meeting will be allowed to ask questions, make a statement or address the Council upon a matter of concern to that person which is relevant 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

**7. REPORT FOR DECISION – APPOINTMENT OF PERSONNEL PANEL**

**Background**

Under standing orders the Community and Civic Resources Committee are required to appoint five members to act in respect of certain personnel matters.

**Decision**

The committee are required to appoint five members from the Community and Civic Resources Committee to form the Personnel Panel to include the immediate outgoing mayor who is Chair of the Panel in accordance with Standing Orders.

**8. REPORT FOR DECISION – STREET CLEANING**

This agenda item has been submitted by Councillor Carter

**Recommendation**

That Wiltshire Council be invited to confirm the outcomes for street cleaning in Devizes demanded of their contractors, Balfour Beatty, under the changing numbers of street cleaners.

**Purpose of the Report**

To seek the Council's agreement to the solicitation for Wiltshire Council of the terms and conditions demanded of its contractors, Balfour Beatty, associated with street cleaning in Devizes, following the announcement of cuts in resources for their street cleaning crews, announced in the Gazette and Herald on Thursday 8 May 2014.

### **Background**

In 2013, Wiltshire Council awarded the Highways Contract to Balfour Beatty on the basis of proposed outcomes of its work.

Former Council operated services have progressively transferred to Balfour Beatty and, latterly, this has included street cleaning crews.

On Thursday 8 May it was announced in the Gazette and Herald that cuts in the number of street sweepers would be undertaken, reducing the numbers from 18 to 10.

Staff are to be reallocated but no information has been given as to how this will impact upon communities.

Devizes has always enjoyed the presence of a dedicated crew, whose good work has been appreciated in car parks, the Market Place and many central streets in the town. Their presence until later in the evening was seen as having a moderating effect on street behaviour.

The cut in labour promises to be counter productive in keeping high standards of cleanliness in the town and a clear statement of Wiltshire Council's expectations would be welcome as any reduction in cleanliness would be unwelcome.

### **Options Considered**

The Committee needs to decide if they wish to request this information regarding any impact of the reduction in road sweepers from Wiltshire Council

### **Implications and Risks**

#### **Financial and Resource Implications**

Officers are unaware of any Finance and Resource implications for the Town Council associated with this decision

#### **Legal Implications and Legislative Powers**

The Council will be considering this matter under its General Power Competence

#### **Environmental Implications**

There could be environmental implications for the town if the number of street sweepers is reduced although not directly to this Council.

#### **Risk Assessment**

A reduction in the levels of service provided by Wiltshire Council could increase risks of additional pressure being placed on the Town Council to supplement the service.

#### **Crime and Disorder**

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

**9. EXEMPT REPORT FOR DECISION – RELATING TO PERSONNEL**

**10. QUESTION TIME**

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Chairman for councillors to ask questions on matters which are not on the current agenda but which are related to matters which have been previously discussed on an agenda relevant to the committee.

At least 24 hours' notice must be given to officers of the intended question. All other matters should be raised on an agenda and the request should be submitted through the Town Clerk