

Joint Governance Committee

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

Date: 13 October 2016

Time: 7.00 pm

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

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 722160

MEMBERS

Devizes Town Council:

Councillors: Hopkins
Nash
Parker
Wooldridge

Roundway Parish Council:

Councillors: Callow
Geddes
Parsons
Rowland
Stevens

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 11 August 2016

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. REPORT FOR DECISION – EARLY PROJECT DELIVERY FOR THE NEW JOINT COUNCIL

Recommendation

That the committee sets some priorities for project delivery in the early months of the new Council,

Purpose of the Report

To give officers some indication of members' priorities for the early months of the new joint authority.

Background

At previous meetings, each council set out their ambitions for delivery of projects and services which they would wish the joint council to continue with. To support this, attached to the agenda is the Project / Aspiration list which was agreed at the meeting of the committee on the 17 March 2016 and officers are now seeking guidance about where priorities may lay

Options Considered

The committee needs to decide which projects are to be undertaken during the early life of the Council

Implications and Risks

Financial and Resource Implications

Officers are unaware of any financial or resource implication for the Council associated with this decision as budget provision will be in line with the Project / Aspiration list.

Legal Implications and Legislative Powers

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

Environmental Implications

Officers are unaware of any environmental implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Risk Assessment

Officers are unaware of any risk implication for the Council associated with this decision.

Crime and Disorder

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

5. REPORT FOR DECISION – DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION ABOUT THE NEW COUNCIL

Recommendation

That the committee agree a strategy for the dissemination of information about the joint council prior to its creation on the 1st of April 2017.

Purpose of the Report

To develop an information strategy.

Background

Informally there have been a number of discussions around the issue of informing those living in the parishes of both Devizes & Roundway about what joining together in one authority will mean. There is particular concern to changes in council tax as well as service delivery.

Officers have started work on a strategy setting up a new webpage “OneCouncilForDevizes.org.uk” and now seek guidance from members on what information they would like to ensure is publicised and the method for doing this.

Options Considered

The committee need to guide officers on their priorities

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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. QUESTION TIME

A short time is allowed at the discretion of the Town Mayor 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

Deputy Town Clerk