



# Devizes Town Council

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## **Community & Civic Resources Committee Special Meeting**

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

Date: Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2022

Time: Immediately after the Planning Committee Meeting

Venue: Cheese Hall, Town Hall, St John's Street, Devizes

Enquiries: Town Hall - Tel: 01380 723333

The Town Mayor Councillor Corbett

Chairman: Councillor Nash

Councillors:	Bridewell	Burton	Gay
	Geddes	Hopkins	Hoult
	Hunter	Oliver	Rose
	Stevens		

## **AGENDA**

### **1.. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. 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.

### **3. 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

#### **4. REPORT FOR DECISION – SUPPORT FOR DEVIZES GATEWAY STATION**

##### **Recommendation**

That the committee approves the appointment of Catharine Symington from Logictree as the Town Council's Consultant to support the Gateway Station's Interim Feasibility Study to be led by Network Rail.

##### **Purpose of the Report**

To appoint a Town Council funded consultant to support the Gateway Station's Interim Feasibility Study.

##### **Background**

In March 2021 Devizes Town Council agreed to ringfence £34,000 from the Community Infrastructure Levy to support the development of an Outlined Business Case and Interim Feasibility Study for the Gateway Station should the project get to that stage.

In early summer 2022 the Department for Transport confirmed that the Devizes Gateway Station had been successfully selected to be taken through to the Interim Feasibility Study stage and that one of the important contributing factors in that decision had been the strong community involvement led by the Devizes Development Partnership.

One of the key people that provided the necessary local advice during this earlier stage of the project was Catharine Symington, a local railway industry consultant. The advice was provided on a "Pro Bono" basis, but as the project moves forward the demands on those involved will increase and therefore, she can no longer sustain this free support.

It is critical to the success of the project that Devizes Town Council remains a key stakeholder in the project, but it's also vitally important that as a stakeholder we provide knowledgeable support as well as local knowledge which Town Council officers are unable to give.

Providing a Town Council funded consultant for the project will ensure that that the best interests of our community are represented at the Interim Feasibility Study stage, but this appointment will also provide the project with continuity of knowledge through local representation using industry expertise.

Mrs Symington, through her company Logictree, have prepared a proposal based on what currently will be a consulted requirement which includes stakeholder mapping, through local knowledge and briefing updates for the Council to follow the process.

Circulated alongside this agenda is the full proposal as set out by Logictree.

### **Options Considered**

The Committee are asked to confirm Catharine Symington from Logictree as the Town Council's consultant during the Outline Business Case and Interim Feasibility Study for the Gateway Station

### **Implications and Risks**

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

The financial implications are set out in the Logictree proposal which is accommodated within the funding set aside for the project.

#### **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. 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



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