



FOLKESTONE TOWN COUNCIL

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AGENDA

Meeting: **Folkestone Town Council**
Date: **16 June 2022**
Time: **6.30 p.m.**
Place: **Town Council Offices, 1/2 Guildhall Street, Folkestone**

To: **Town Councillors**

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED to attend a meeting of the Folkestone Town Council on the date and at the time and place shown above to transact the business shown on the agenda below. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Any member who wishes to have information on any matter arising on the agenda which is not fully covered in these papers is requested to give notice prior to the meeting to the Town Mayor or Town Clerk.

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J Childs
Town Clerk

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
To receive and approve any apologies for absence.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive any declarations of either personal or prejudicial interest that Members may wish to make.
- 3. MINUTES**
To receive the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 10th May 2022 and to authorise the Town Mayor to sign them as a correct record.

4. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Internal Auditor's Report for 2021/22 is attached for the Council's information.

5. STATEMENT OF INTERNAL CONTROL

To review the effectiveness of the system of Internal Control. Councillors are asked to consider the attached Statement of Internal Control in support of the Annual Governance Statement. The Chairman of the meeting and the Town Clerk to sign.

6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22

To approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 (Section 1 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022).

The Chairman of the meeting and the Town Clerk to sign.

7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL RETURN 2021/22

To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2021/22, the Annual Return for 2021/22 (Section 2 of the Annual Return for the year ending 31 March 2022) and the supporting Bank Reconciliation.

The Chairman of the meeting to sign.

8. PERIOD OF EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

For information, the dates set for the period of exercise of public rights are 1 July 2022 to 11 August 2022, during which time members of the public may inspect accounting records by prior arrangement.

9. ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The 2021/22 Annual Report is attached for noting.

10. COUNCILLOR QUESTION

Councillor Lawes has reported that people are phoning their GP Surgeries nonstop for hours trying to get through for appointments. When they do get through, they are so riled up and angry that they abuse the staff, this is not acceptable but understandable. The elderly have been finding it particularly hard to get in touch as most only use phones and have been suffering in silence. Councillor Lawes has asked whether Council can help the GP's by publicising the issues and communicating more as the wall of silence leads to mist trust and bad feeling, which is not helpful.

Councillor Lawes asks that Council consider writing to all GP Surgeries in the Folkestone area, asking: What are the difficulties they are experiencing with their practices? Why are they not open fully and dealing with their patients face to face? Is there a time scale when things will go back to normal? If the situation and constraints remain, can they at least improve their contact and communication for patients to enable them to get in touch?

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

22 September 2022 – Ordinary Full Council Meeting