



Notice is hereby given of
A MEETING OF FLEET TOWN COUNCIL

Wednesday 3rd January 2024 at 7pm at The Harlington

All members are summoned to attend

To Councillors:

R. Schofield (Chairman), G. Chenery, K. Cottrell, P. Einchcomb, S. Engström, R. Fang, L. Holt, A. Hope, S. Sharma Krishnamurthy, E. May, A. Oliver, R. Richmond, R. Robinson, D. Taylor, S. Tilley, P. Wildsmith, B. Willcocks, G. Woods.

Rochelle Halliday, Executive Officer
21st December 2023

AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES Schedule 12 of the LGA 1972 requires a record to be kept of members present, and that this record forms part of the minutes of the meeting. A resolution must be passed on whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Under the Local Authorities Localism Act 2011, members must declare any interest and the nature of that interest, which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting. Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of a personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting. A personal interest will be considered a prejudicial interest if this is one in which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the members' judgement of the public interest.
3.	QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (3 min per person maximum 15 minutes) To receive questions and statements from members of the public.
4.	CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS To receive any updates from the Chairman of Fleet Town Council.
5.	HCC/HDC (3 mins per person – max 15 mins) To receive any update on HDC/HCC matters concerning FTC which are not included within the agenda.
6.	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council Meeting held on 6 th December 2023 (<i>copy attached</i>). To receive resolutions and consider approval of recommendations from the following committees and to return to committees any issues for reconsideration: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development Control 19th December 2023• RLA 20th December 2023 (if available)

Part 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

7. COUNCIL BUDGET AND PRECEPT FOR 2024/25 FINANCIAL YEAR

To consider and agree the Council's budget and set the precept for the 2024/25 financial year. The following supporting papers are attached:

- a) Draft Budget and Precept 2024/25 Narrative Report
- b) Draft Budget and Precept 2024/25 Financial Reports, to include full budget report and summary of net income over expenditure report.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To approve the Council's budget for the 2024/25 financial year.
- b) To approve the precept request of £1,342,858 for the 2024/25 financial year.

8. FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

- a) To receive the bank reconciliation and list of payments for November 2023 (*copies attached*).
- b) To receive a statement from Councillor Robinson that the bank reconciliation and list of payments for November 2023 have been verified and signed off against the original bank statement.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To receive and accept the bank reconciliation and list of payments for November 2023.
- b) To accept the statement from Councillor Robinson that the bank reconciliation and list of payments for November 2023 have been verified and signed.

9. CONTRACT RENEWAL FOR THE FLEET CONNECT SERVICE

To consider and agree extending the community transport contract for Fleet Connect for one year effective from 1st April 2024 (*copy attached*).

RECOMMENDATION

To approve extending the Fleet Connect contract for one year with effect from 1st April 2024.

10. BASINGSTOKE CANAL FUNDING REQUEST

To consider the request from the Basingstoke Canal Authority to make a contribution to the provision for a period of three years from the 2024/25 financial year (*copy attached*).

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) To commit to one years' worth of funding for the financial year 2024/25, as budgeted.
- b) To seek further information on the Basingstoke Canal Authority's management arrangements and viability before considering longer term financial support.

11. COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY 2024

To consider and agree the Council's Communications Strategy 2024 (*copy attached*).

RECOMMENDATION

To approve the Communications Strategy.

12. GREENING CAMPAIGN

- a) To appoint a Council Member to support the Climate Impacts on Health pillar (*see Executive Officer's report*).
- b) To confirm that the Greening Campaign launch event will take place on 9th March 2024 at The Views.

RECOMMENDATION

- a) To appoint a Council Member to support the Climate Impacts on Health pillar.
- b) To note the date of the Greening Campaign launch meeting.

13.	<p>ANNUAL RESIDENTS' MEETING To consider and agree the Members to form a Working Group to plan the Annual Residents' Meeting scheduled for 12th March 2024.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION To approve the Council Members to form a Working Group to plan the Annual Residents' Meeting.</p>
Part 2 – ITEMS TO NOTE	
14.	<p>COMPLAINTS To receive notification of any complaints (<i>see Executive Officer's report</i>).</p>
15.	<p>EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT To receive and note the update report from the Executive Officer (<i>copy attached</i>).</p>
16.	<p>DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING The next meeting of the Council is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 7pm in the Harlington.</p>
Part 3 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS	
	<p>Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Exclusion of the public in accordance with Section 1(2) and by reason of the confidential nature of the business of the Town Council, the Public and Press will be excluded from the meeting.</p> <p>The following types of business will be treated as confidential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Engagement, terms of service, conduct and dismissal of employees b. Terms of tenders, and proposals and counter-proposals in negotiations for contracts c. Receipt of professional legal advice and preparation of cases in legal proceedings d. The early stages of any dispute e. Matters of a commercial nature <p>No confidential items for consideration.</p>