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To: All Members of Shaftesbury Town Council.

You are summoned to a meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

To be held at 7.00pm on Wednesday 11 July 2018 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall

Claire Commons, Town Clerk

Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

Public Participation

The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions submitted under the Council's Public Participation Procedure.

Members of the public and Councillors are entitled to make audio or visual recordings of the meeting provided it does not cause disruption or impede the transaction of business. Out of courtesy to those present, the Council requests that intention to record proceedings is brought to the Chairman's attention prior to the start of the meeting.

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**Administration for a meeting of the Extraordinary Full Council
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1 Apologies

To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence

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The Council (including committees) should approve (or not) the reason for apologies given by absent councillors. If a council member has not attended a meeting of the council (or its committees) or has not tendered apologies which have been accepted by the council (or committee), for six consecutive months, they are disqualified.

1.1 Apologies received to date

1.1.1 Councillor Perkins due to a prior personal commitment.

1.1.2 Councillor Hall due to work commitments.

2 Declarations of Interest

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2.1 Declarations of Interest received to date

2.1.1 Councillor Brown has declared an interest as a member of the District Council which is the subject of the discussion points contained within the agenda.

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3 Cattle Market – Correspondence from Shaftesbury Civic Society

To consider response to correspondence received from Shaftesbury Civic Society in relation to the Cattle Market.

3.1 Summary

- 3.1.1 Shaftesbury Town Council has received a letter from the Shaftesbury Civic Society seeking to work with the Town Council and other groups to consider the option of a focused investment in challenging the decision by North Dorset District Council. This letter was read out at the meeting of Full Council on 3rd July with permission from the Chairman of the Civic Society.
- 3.1.2 The Town Council has allocated up to £10,000 for relevant legal expert advice on this matter and is awaiting a response from Counsel.
- 3.1.3 Councillors are urged to read further information relating to Judicial Reviews at http://www.publiclawproject.org.uk/data/resources/6/PLP_Short_Guide_3_1305.pdf particularly as this provides detailed information on the procedure.

3.2 Financial Implication

- 3.2.1 “If you lose your case, the usual rule is that you pay the other side’s legal costs. Those will be the costs of their solicitor and barrister, and the court fees. That could amount to £30,000 or more.” (Public Law Project, 2013)

3.3 Legal Implication

- 3.3.1 Specialist legal advice will need to be sought if the Council wishes to progress this matter.

3.4 Risk

- 3.4.1 There is high-risk relating to the potential costs incurred if the application fails, see ‘Financial Implication’
- 3.4.2 There is reputational risk to the Council

3.5 Recommendation

- 3.5.1 It would not be appropriate for an officer recommendation to be made in this case.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: ASSET ACQUISITION, LESTER TAYLOR

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4 Parish Meeting

To consider any response to the Parish Meeting held 10th July 2017

4.1 Summary

- 4.1.1 Six electors called a Parish Meeting ('Parish' being interchangeable with 'Town') with the intention of calling a parish poll. This right is provided to them under legislation.
- 4.1.2 If a Parish Poll has been called, the cost is borne by the public purse and the process is managed by the Returning Officer of the District Council.
- 4.1.3 The result of a Parish Poll is not binding on the Town or District Councils
- 4.1.4 The Town Council may consider the outcome of the parish poll and decide whether to take action upon it.
- 4.1.5 Dorchester Town Council has provided a comprehensive guidance paper on Parish Polls (<http://www.dorchester-tc.gov.uk/docs/downloads/Parish-Meeting.pdf>), Shaftesbury Town Council may consider adopting a similar notice for its town.

4.2 Financial Implication

- 4.2.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4.3 Legal Implication

- 4.3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4.4 Risk

- 4.4.1 There is a risk of making policy decisions or spending money on an item that has not provided reasonable public notice.

4.5 Recommendation

- 4.5.1 That the Council considers any matters arising out of the Parish Meeting held the previous evening and refers to a separate meeting if appropriate.
- 4.5.2 That the Council provides similar guidance to that provided by Dorchester Town Council on the subject of Parish Polls.

STRATEGIC PLAN AREA: EXTERNAL ENGAGEMENT, PHIL PROCTOR

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