



Shaftesbury Town Council

To: Members of Shaftesbury Town Council's Human Resources Committee (HR). HR Councillors; Chase (Chair), Cook (Vice Chair), Hollingshead, Loader Welch.

You are summoned to a meeting of the Human Resources Committee for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below. **To be held at 3 pm on Thursday, 17 March 2022 in the Council Chamber, Shaftesbury Town Hall.**

Members are reminded of their duty under the Code of Conduct

All other recipients for information only

Brie Logan Interim Town Clerk
17 February 2022

Public Participation

The Chairman will invite members of the public to present their questions, statements or petitions. The period of time designated for public participation shall not exceed twenty minutes. A member of the public shall not speak for more than three minutes.

Please note: this committee meeting is in person – no on-line facility is available

The 7 principles of public life

Selflessness, Integrity, Objectivity, Accountability, Openness, Honesty and Leadership

(Committee on Standards in Public Life, 1995)

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(Local Government Act, 1972 s.151)

1 Apologies

Report 0322HR1

To receive and consider for acceptance, apologies for absence

(Local Government Act, 1972 s.85)

1.1. Background

- 1.1.1 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.
- 1.1.2 Cllr Hollingshead has submitted his apologies – personal reasons

2 Declarations of Interest

Report 0322HR2

To declare any interests relating to the business of the meeting and receive any dispensation requests from the Clerk.

(Shaftesbury Town Council Code of Conduct, 2019)

2.1. Background

- 2.1.1 Members and Officers are reminded of their obligations to declare interests in accordance with the Code of Conduct 2019. The Clerk will report any dispensation requests received.
- 2.1.2 Where a matter arises at a meeting which relates to a councillor's interest, the councillor has the responsibility of declaring that interest in accordance with the adopted code of conduct. (Shaftesbury Town Council Code of Conduct, 2019)

3 Minutes

Report 0322HR3

To receive the minutes of the previous meeting of the Human Resources Committee.

(Local Government Act, 1972 Sch 12) (Shaftesbury Town Council Scheme of Delegation, 2021)

3.1. Background

- 3.1.1 When the meeting is approving the draft minutes of a previous meeting as an accurate record, the only issue for the meeting is whether the minutes accurately record the proceedings of the meeting and the resolutions made at them. It is irrelevant if the chairman or other councillors were not present at the meeting to which the draft minutes relate.
- 3.1.2 If it is necessary for the draft minutes of the previous meeting to be corrected because of inaccuracies then the amendments to the draft minutes must be approved by resolution. (Tharmarajah, 2013, p. 154).

Minutes to be adopted: [12th January 2022](#)

4 Officer Report to the Committee

Report 0322HR4

To receive reports pertaining to the Human Resources Committee

(Local Government Act, 1972 Sch 12)

4.1. Summary

- 4.1.1 Reports provided within this item are to be received, they provide updates on decisions already taken by the Committee and actions taken under the Scheme of Delegation (where not previously reported).

4.2. Updates and Actions from 12/01/2022

- 4.2.1 The salary benchmarking for the Head Groundsman role has been revised and this is now in line with the market rate – interviews scheduled
- 4.2.2 Annual staff appraisals will be completed by 24th February – common themes have emerged (see separate confidential report)
- 4.2.3 Interim Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk now appointed into Fixed-Term positions until 31/7/2022. A letter has been issued and signed by the Chair of HR and a copy has been placed in the personnel file of each member of staff.
- 4.2.4 The Interim Town Clerk has been added to the bank mandate and is a signatory for Nat West Bank and is now able to authorise online payments.
- 4.2.5 A further verbal update on confidential items will be provided at the meeting

4.3. Recommendation

- 4.3.1 That the reports are received and noted and any actions arising identified for future meetings of the Council or its Committees

4.4. Reason for Recommendation

- 4.4.1 To keep members updated on committee actions and information.

(End)

5 Confidential – staffing matters

Report 0322HR5

To consider entering confidential session to resolve on staffing matters and where appropriate make recommendations to Full Council

(Local Government Act, 1972 s.151)

5.1. Summary

- 5.1.1 The confidential information will be provided via a separate report to committee members in advance of the meeting.

5.2. Legal Authority and Implication

- 5.2.1 Without prejudice to section 111 above, every local authority shall make arrangements for the proper administration of their financial affairs and shall secure that one of their officers has responsibility for the administration of those affairs. (Local Government Act, 1972 s.151)
- 5.2.2 A body may, by resolution, exclude the public from a meeting (whether during the whole or part of the proceedings) whenever publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted or for other special reasons stated in the resolution and arising from the nature of that business or of the proceedings; and where such a resolution is passed, this Act shall not require the meeting to be open to the public during proceedings to which the resolution applies” (Public Bodies [Admission to meetings] Act, 1960)

5.3. Financial Implication

- 5.3.1 The financial impact will be available to review within the confidential report.

5.4. Impact Assessment

- 5.4.1 The Full Council will consider the Impact Assessment on determination of the recommendations.

5.5. Recommendation

- 5.5.1 That the public be excluded during the discussion of the remaining agenda items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 5.5.2 The recommendations from the HR committee are presented to the Full Council for consideration on 22nd March 2022.