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To: All Launceston Town Councillors

cc Cornwall Councillor (Adam Paynter), Chris Sims (Community Link Officer), Scott Mann MP, Honoured Burgess (Arthur Wills), Annette Baskerville-Smith (Chairman, Chamber of Commerce), members of the press

You are summoned to attend a meeting of Launceston Town Council to be held on Tuesday 18 October 2022 in The Guildhall, commencing at 7.00pm

This meeting has been advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or members of the public. Please be aware that whilst every effort is taken to ensure that members of the public are not filmed, we cannot guarantee this, especially if speaking or taking an active role in the meeting.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. W. Drake'.

Christopher Drake
Town Clerk

Date of issue: 12 October 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies for absence

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillors are reminded that if a councillor has a registered disclosable pecuniary interest, or a non-registrable interest, in any agenda item s/he must leave the meeting while that item is discussed, unless a written request for a dispensation has been received. The Council will consider those requests at this point.

3. Public Representation Session

To receive any written representations or previously submitted questions from Members of the public in attendance. (A maximum time of 15 minutes will be allowed for this session and there is a time constraint of 5 minutes per speaker)

4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting previously circulated:

- (i) Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Tuesday 12 July 2022 at 7.00pm

5. To receive the minutes of committees and sub-committees previously circulated:

- (i) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 21 July 2022 at 7.00pm
- (ii) Estates and Properties held on Monday 8 August 2022 at 10.00am
- (iii) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 11 August 2022 at 7.00pm

- (iv) Planning and Economic Development held on Thursday 1 September 2022 at 7.00pm
- (v) Library, Arts, Business and Information held on Tuesday 6 September 2022 at 5.15pm
- (vi) Finance and General Purposes held on Wednesday 7 September 2022 at 7.00pm

6. Reports from Cornwall Councillors

To receive reports from Cornwall Councillors on matters of policy or major decisions affecting Cornwall in general and Launceston in particular

7. Reports and Questions from Town Councillors

To receive reports from councillors representing the Town Council on outside bodies, or having attended meetings on behalf of the Council

8. Report from the Town Mayor

To receive the Mayor's Monthly Report

9. Report from the Town Clerk

To receive the latest RAG update report (copy attached)

10. Civility and Respect Pledge

To consider Report 05/22 concerning the above (copy attached)

11. EV Charge Points

To consider Report 06/22 concerning the above (copy attached)

12. External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22

To note the External Auditor Report and Certificate 2021/22 (copy attached)

13. Causley Trust Update

To receive a written update from the Causley Trust (copy attached)

14. Library support for 'Warmth Banks'

To consider Report 07/22 concerning the above (copy attached)

15. Mayor for Cornwall

To resolve if the Council is in support of the proposal of a Mayor for Cornwall
Cornwall Council was invited by the Government to negotiate and secure a devolution deal that would see more decisions about Cornwall being taken in Cornwall. The opportunity was set out in the Government's Levelling Up White Paper published on 2 February, which made clear that the most extensive deals, in terms of the range of powers being devolved and scale of investment provided, require a change of governance; namely, from the existing model whereby the Leader of the Council is appointed by the 87 Members of Cornwall Council, to the Council Leader/Mayor being elected by the people of Cornwall.

16. Councillor Resignation

To note the resignation of Cllr Ian Nolan and that the Notice of Vacancy is to be advertised from Wednesday 12 October. If by 1 November 2022 a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer by ten electors for Launceston North Ward, an election will be held, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place not later than 5 January, 2023

17. Statement of Principles under Gambling Act 2005

Cornwall Council as Licensing Authority responsible for licensing and regulation of local gambling, is required to publish a Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act (referred to as the gambling 'policy') and this policy should be reviewed at every 3 years. A revised policy has now been drafted and is attached as an appendix. There are minor amendments and these are shown in shaded italic text. The closing date for comment is 31 October 2022.

18. Correspondence and matters to note

Additional information can be provided at the meeting if required.

- 1 Note the venue usage
- 2 Note the correspondence regarding the Royal visit

19. Urgent Items

To receive any items which the Mayor considers to be urgent (information only)

20. Exclusion of members of the press and public

To resolve that under s1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items (21, 22, 23 and 24) as it involves the likely disclosure of confidential information

21. Leisure Centre Update

To consider a proposal from Coronation Park Trust regarding the future operation of Launceston Leisure Centre

22. Lawrence House Museum

To receive an update from Cllrs Hogan and Bullen

23. Library Hub

To receive a verbal update regarding the Library Hub building

24. Staffing Matters

To receive an update on matters relating to staffing

Date of next Meeting

The next Full Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 November at 7.00pm