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To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of **ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held **on-line via ZOOM on Thursday 17 December 2020 at 7.00 p.m.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter
Clerk to the Town Council

10 December 2020

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The meeting will not include a public session, should a resident however wish to ask a question of the Council he/she should do so by submitting their question by email to the Town Clerk (mikeslaughter@ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk) by 5:00pm close of business on Wednesday 16 December 2020.

Members will address such questions during the on-line meeting. Residents can also listen/watch the meeting on-line by logging on to the Council's ZOOM Meeting (link available at www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk and entering a password which can be requested from the Town Clerk up to 5:00pm on the day of the meeting.

OPEN AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS.

Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

3. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS

To sign as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 6 October 2020.

4. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES.

To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5. REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (Cllr.Matthew Cuthbert).

To receive a verbal report from the Leader of the Town Council.

6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2019/20 (Appendix 1)

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on the completion of the external audit review of the Annual Governance & Accountability Return (AGAR) for the year ended 31 March 2020.

7. TREE REPLACEMENT PROJECTS–SEATON WARD (Appendix 2) (Cllr.J.Lang)

To consider and discuss a proposed scheme for tree replacement programmes at Exeter Close & South Side in the Seaton Ward.

8. DEVELOPMENT OF THE TOWN COUNCIL HORTICULTURAL SERVICE (Appendix 3)

To consider and discuss a report from the Town Clerk on proposals for the further development and delivery of the Town Council's in-house Horticultural Service.

9. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Full Council to be scheduled for Tuesday 26 January 2021 (on-line via Zoom).

ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:

Mark Purvis, (Business Chair), Liam Lavery, (Vice-Business Chair), Eleanor Armstrong, Victor Bridges, Marjorie Chambers, Nicola Chambers, Avril Chisholm, Matthew Cuthbert, Stephen Fenwick, Brian Gallacher, Lynne Grimshaw, Lawrence Henderson, Jim Lang, Kris Lavery, Ken Parry, Pauline Thompson, Bob Walkinshaw, Tom Wilson.