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AGENDA

WITHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Date: **Tuesday, 28th November 2023** Time: **7:30 p.m.**

Place: **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Newland Street, Witham, CM8 2FE**

Members are hereby summoned to attend the above Meeting to transact the following business. Members are respectfully reminded that each item on the Agenda should be carefully examined. If you have any interest, it must be duly declared.

To be present:

Councillors:

S. Ager	(Town Mayor)	P. Heath
L. Barlow	(Deputy Town Mayor)	T. Hewitt
E. Adelaja		J. Martin
P. Barlow		R. Playle
J.C. Coleman		R. Ramage
J.M. Coleman		A. Sloma
B. Fleet		B. Taylor
L. Headley		E. Williams

Nikki Smith
Town Clerk

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To receive the Minutes of the Meeting of Town Council held 30th October 2023 (previously circulated).



3. INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of interest that Members may wish to give notice of on matters pertaining to any item on this agenda.

4. QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

An opportunity to enable members of the press and public present to comment.

Order Note: A maximum of 30 minutes is designated for public participation time with no individual speaker exceeding three minutes unless otherwise granted an extension by the Chairman under Standing Order 3(F) & 3(G)

5. ESSEX COUNTY AND BRAINTREE DISTRICT COUNCIL UPDATE

To receive reports from Essex County and Braintree District Councillors on matters relating to Witham.

6. TOWN MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS

To receive details of the Town Mayor's engagements attended for period 23rd October to 21st November 2023 attached at page 4

7. CLERK'S REPORT

To receive the Clerk's report on matters arising.

8. WITHAM INDUSTRIAL WATCH REQUEST FOR SUPPORT

To receive a request from Witham Industrial Watch for support with its BID (Business Improvement District) attached at page 5

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- (a) **Planning and Transport Committee held 30th October and 13th November 2023**
Minutes 131 to 150 (inclusive).

To receive a report of the Meetings.

- (b) **Community Committee held 13th November 2023**
Minutes 41 to 58 (inclusive).

To receive a report of the Meeting.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

TO RESOLVE That under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A (S3) of the Local Government Act 1972.

11. COMMITTEE REPORT – CONTINUED

Community Committee held 13th November 2023

Minutes 59 to 61 (inclusive)

Minute 59 – Charter Market

To receive a report.

12. LAND TRANSFER

To receive a report

13. FUNDING REPORT

To receive a report

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LIST OF MAYOR'S ENGAGEMENTS BETWEEN OCTOBER 23RD TO NOVEMBER 21ST

Remembrance Service, Saturday 11th November 2023

Attended a service at the Memorial Gardens.

Remembrance Sunday Parade, Sunday 12th November 2023

Attended Witham's Remembrance Sunday Parade and laid a wreath.

LIST OF ENGAGEMENTS ATTENDED BY THE DEPUTY MAYOR

St Nicolas Church Remembrance Service, Sunday 12th November 2023

Attended a Remembrance Service at St Nicolas Church.

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Officer Report: Witham Industrial Watch Request for Support

Issue:

As part of the Witham Industrial Watch's 2024 BID process, they will be producing a Prospectus stating the plans and the budget for the next 5-year term. In this brochure they will include supportive quotes and they have requested that the Mayor provide a quotation and a photograph that can be used in the brochure and online.

History:

In 2004 a local group of business people formed an effective network to alert each other to suspicious activity and incidents in the area. In 2009 the group formed a company, Witham Industrial Watch Ltd, and were successful in achieving Business Improvement District (BID) status for Witham's industrial estates from 2009 to 2014.

In 2014 businesses on the estates voted in favour of another five-year BID term, from 2014-2019, operated by Witham Industrial Watch. BID 2014-2019 saw the continuation of the great improvements already in place, plus some new, exciting projects such as the installation of 8 defibrillators and training for 100+ people to use them.

In 2019 once again businesses on the estates voted overwhelmingly in favour of another five-year BID term, from 2019-2024. During this BID period CCTV and ANPR cameras will be replaced as necessary with newer technology and additional cameras added; signage on the estates will be reviewed and efforts will continue with regards to traffic flow and parking frustrations on the estates.

Advice: It is up to members to decide whether they will show support for the BID by including the quote.

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