

Summons and Agenda



Town Hall
Royal Tunbridge Wells

Tuesday, 27 September 2022

To the Members of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

I request your attendance at an **extraordinary meeting** of the Tunbridge Wells Borough Council to be held at the Council Chamber, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 1RS, on Wednesday, 5 October 2022, at 6.30 pm, when the following business is proposed to be transacted.

- 1 **Apologies for absence** (Page 3)
To receive any apologies for absence.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest** (Page 4)
To receive any declarations of interest by members in items on the agenda. For any advice on declarations of interest; please contact the Monitoring Officer before the meeting.
- 3 **Motion on Notice from Councillor Dawlings** (Page 5)
To consider and, if thought fit, to approve the Motion set out in the associated notice.
- 4 **Common Seal of the Council** (Page 6)
To authorise the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to any contract, minute, notice or other document arising out of the minutes, or pursuant to any delegation, authority or power conferred by the Council.

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Apologies for Absence

For the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 05 October 2022

Procedural Item

To receive any apologies for absence.

Declarations of Interest

For the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 05 October 2022

Procedural Item

To receive any declarations of interest by members in items on the agenda in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct. For any advice on declarations of interest, please contact the Monitoring Office before the meeting.

Motion on Notice from Councillor Dawlings

For the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 05 October 2022

Text of Motion

“Following the receipt of the Local Government Boundary Commission for England’s (LGBCE) draft warding proposals and briefings on these proposals by the Council, concern is being expressed by Members, Parish Councillors and residents about the size of the proposed 3-Member wards. The LGBCE requirement to have 3-Member wards throughout the Borough stems from the Council’s decision to continue to elect by thirds. Far more flexible warding arrangements including single and 2-Member wards (as presently) could be planned if the Council opted to have all-out elections. Legislation requires consultation on this before the Council may take a decision to move to all-out elections. The Council requests that the necessary consultation is undertaken urgently and the consultation results brought back to Full Council. In the meantime, the LGBCE Officers currently undertaking the review of Tunbridge Wells Borough Council are advised that this is being re-considered.”

Common Seal of the Council

For the extraordinary meeting of Full Council on 05 October 2022

Procedural Item

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