13 November, 2026

Dear Councillor

You are summonsed to attend a Meeting of Council on 19 November, 2026 in Our Lady Star of the Sea Hall, Vermont Drive, following meetings of the Finance and General Purposes Committee and the Planning Committee that commences at 7.30 pm.

Members of the Public are also welcome to join the meeting and will be given an opportunity to make representation to the Council.

V Knight

Mrs V Knight
Clerk of the Council

A G E N D A

1. **Welcome and Safety Procedures**
2. **Apologies for Absence**
3. **Urgent Matters Arising** since the preparation of this Agenda (at the Chairman's discretion)
4. **Declarations and Dispensations of Interests** – To receive any declarations under the Council's Code of Conduct and consider any dispensation requests.
5. **Co-Option –** To note the casual vacancy arising from the resignation of Cllr Dave Marr has been publicised and that, as no poll has been called for, Council may fill the vacancy by Co-Option. Two candidates have come forward to be considered for Co-Option.
6. **Public Opportunity** – An opportunity for the Public to make representations, ask or answer questions and give evidence to the Council on matters relating to Council business.
7. **Minutes** – To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on the 17 September, 2026. (circulated).
8. **Matters Arising from the Minutes** not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.
9. **Planning Committee** – To receive minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September, 2026, and a verbal report of the meeting held on 19 November, 2026 and consider any recommendations or matters arising.
10. **Finance and General Purposes Committee** – To receive minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 September, 2026 and a verbal report of the meeting held on 19 November, 2026 and consider any recommendations or matters arising.
11. **Staffing Committee -** To receive minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 November, 2026 and consider any recommendations from the Committee (to follow).
    Arising from this to consider a request from Cllr Buckenham to join the Committee.
12. **Policing Matters –** Cllr Buckenham and Cllr Masson to report. To note the 'Safer in Sussex' survey https://s-url.co/K5M0AA closes on 30th November.

13. **West Sussex County Council:**
    a) **Report of County Councillor**
    b) **Highways and Footpaths:**
    - Clerk to report on Kingston Lane surface repair.
    - To note that speed assessments will be carried out at two points along Kingston Lane in the next few weeks – data from this will be reported on at the January meeting of Council.

14. **Arun District Council: Report of District Councillors**

15. **Devolution –** To note that the Government is still reviewing the devolution proposals.

16. **Dr Beccy Cooper MP:** To note the information from Beccy Cooper (circulated) that in October Beccy met with Lord Peter Hemdy, Minister for Rail regarding the West Worthing and East Preston crossings. Discussions included:
    - the longer term solution of installing the automated European Safety Train System,
    - Lord Hendy has agreed that waiting times of 15+ minutes with no train arriving is unacceptable, and he will therefore directly approach the incoming boss of GTR Integrated Rail, to find an interim solution
    - Highways needing to be more proactive with solutions for crossings. As well as asking for intelligent traffic lights and more workable road prioritization, particularly at West Worthing and Angmering, Lord Hendy was supportive of Highways looking at smaller underpass solutions'.

    To note that this Council has asked Beccy when the second meeting with Network Rail will take place and for more information on the European Safety Train System

17. **South Strand Community Toilets -** Cllr Buckenham to report.

18. **Report on Planning Matters –** To consider whether to proceed with a letter to MPs without the support of other Council's.

19. **Emergency Plan** – To consider correspondence with the West Sussex Resilience & Emergencies Team. (circulated). To note that Cllr Wetherell is currently updating contact details in the Plan.

20. **The Civility and Respect Pledge – To consider signing up to the Pledge**

21. **Committees or Working Groups?** – To consider whether to review the Committee structure.

22. **Next scheduled meeting** is Thursday, 21 January, 2027. Agenda confirming details of the meetings are published 3 days before this on our website https://kingston-wsx-pc.gov.uk/

23. **Exclusion of the Public and Press** - Pursuant to Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, to resolve that Members of the Public and the Press be excluded from the Meeting because of the confidential nature of the next item of business to be transacted.

24. **Recruitment of new Clerk** – Clerk to report

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