



# ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk: Miss Caroline Mills PSLCC

21<sup>st</sup> October 2024

To all Members of the Finance Committee

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of the Finance Committee will be held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston, on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2024, at 7.30pm, and you are summoned to attend. The agenda is set out below.

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend any of the Council's Full Council or Committee meetings and listen to the debate. All agendas, reports and minutes can be viewed on the Council's website [www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.roystontowncouncil.gov.uk).

Please let me know if you are unable to attend.

Yours sincerely,

*Caroline Mills*

Town Clerk

## AGENDA

### **Climate and Biodiversity Emergency:**

Chair to remind Members to be mindful of the climate and biodiversity emergency declared by Royston Town Council when making decisions on behalf of the council.

### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Time will be set aside for members of the public to address the Council on items on the agenda. A maximum of 15 minutes is allocated to public participation and any individual member of the public shall have three minutes to deliver their statement. Members of the public should contact the Town Clerk, in advance of the meeting, if they wish to speak.

#### **1. Apologies:**

To receive apologies for absence.

#### **2. Declarations of interest and dispensations.**

##### **2.1** To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.

Members are reminded that they are required to notify the Chair of any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda.

Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring other declarable interests, which require they leave the room under the Code of Conduct, can speak on the item, if members of the public are allowed to speak, but must leave the room before the debate and vote.

It is up to a member to determine whether to make a declaration, however, if you should require any assistance, please consult the Town Clerk prior to the meeting.

##### **2.2** Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations for interests.

##### **2.3** To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.

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**3. Approval of the Finance Committee Minutes:**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on:

- 30<sup>th</sup> September 2024 (minutes 145/25 to 159/25, copy enclosed).

**4. Minutes of Sub-Committees and Working Party Meetings:**

Members to receive the notes of the Events Advisory Sub-Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2024 into the workings of the council (copy enclosed).

**5. Bank Reconciliation and Income and Expenditure:**

- i) Members to receive and note the Bank Reconciliation for September 2024 (copy enclosed).
- ii) Members to receive and note the September 2024 Income and Expenditure report compared against budgets for 2024-2025 (copy enclosed).

**6. Accounts for Payment:**

To resolve to approve the October 2024 accounts for payment and the transfers between the Town Council accounts (copy enclosed).

**7. Annual Review of the Effectiveness of the Internal Audit Controls:**

Members to appoint a working party of three Councillors to review the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit control.

**8. Hire of the Town Hall by CADS for the 2026 pantomime:**

Members are to resolve to agree that CADS can use the Town Hall for the 2026 pantomime (information enclosed).

**9. Cinema Working Party**

Members are to resolve to disband the cinema working party.

**10. Bank Signatories:**

Members are to resolve to add Cllr John Rees as a bank signatory on the Town Council bank accounts and remove Adam Compton as signatory.

**11. Councillors' reports on Town Council activities and as representatives on outside organisations:**

Members to give oral reports on the outside organisations on which they represent Royston Town Council and any Town Council activities. (Please notify the Town Clerk, by 4pm on the last working day prior to the meeting, if you intend to give a report).

**12. Exclusion of Press and public:**

In view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is proposed that in the public interest, the public and press be excluded from the remainder of the meeting under the provision of The Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.



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To receive a report regarding the future operation of the Royston Picture Palace.

**13. Royston Picture Palace:**

Members are to discuss the proposals received for operating the Royston Picture Palace and agree the next steps to be taken:

- a) Recruitment of a cinema manager by RTC to run the Picture Palace (information enclosed)
- b) For a third party to run the cinema (information enclosed).

Date of next meeting: 25<sup>th</sup> November 2024