



# ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL



Town Clerk: Miss Caroline Mills PSLCC

6<sup>th</sup> April 2023

To all Members of the General Purpose & Highways Committee

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of the General Purpose & Highways Committee will be held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 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 requires 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.

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- 2.2 Deputy Town Clerk to receive written requests for dispensations for interests.
- 2.3 To grant any requests for dispensation as appropriate.
3. **Minutes:**  
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the General Purpose & Highways Committee held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023 (minutes 314/23 to 329/23, copy already circulated).
4. **Minutes of Sub-Committees and Working Party Meetings:**  
Members to receive the notes of the Climate and Biodiversity Working Party meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 into the workings of the Council (copy enclosed).
5. **To receive reports from County Councillors and the Chairman of the NHC Royston Area Committee.**
6. **Hertfordshire's Design Guide Public Consultation:**  
Members to formulate a response, if agreed, to the HCC consultation on Hertfordshire's Place & Movement Planning Design Guide which closes midnight on Sunday 11th June 2023 (letter enclosed). The survey and guide may be viewed online at:  
<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/P&MPandDG>
7. **Deputy Town Clerk's Report:**  
To receive a report from the Deputy Town Clerk (items for noting only).
8. **Update from Chairman**  
Members are to receive an update from the Chairman of the committee.
9. **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 Deputy Town Clerk, by 4pm on the last working day prior to the meeting, if you intend to give a report).

Date of next meeting: 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023