



# ROYSTON TOWN COUNCIL

Town Clerk: Miss Caroline Mills PSLCC

7<sup>th</sup> October 2024

To all Members of the General Purposes & Highways Committee

Dear Councillor,

The next meeting of the General Purposes & Highways Committee will be held in Room 11, Town Hall, Royston on Monday 14<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 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 Purposes & Highways Committee held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2024 (minutes 93/25 to 107/25, 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 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024 into the workings of the Council (copy enclosed).
5. **Buses:**  
Members are to:
- a) note the response received from HCC on the progress of implementing new bus routes to Meridian Gate and Hedera Gardens (information enclosed)
  - b) note the HCC report following the Bus Workshop (information enclosed) and, if agreed, formulate a response which includes:
    - i) reporting the concerns raised by members of the public regarding the current lack of a stop in Royston for a Luton airport bus
    - ii) reporting the requests by members of the public for a bus service to the new care home on Meridian Gate.
6. **Reports from County Councillors and the Chair of the NHC Royston Area Forum.**  
Members to accept the reports received and ask any questions arising.
7. **Sustainable Travel Town:**  
Members to receive the notes of the Joint Member Steering Group meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2024 into the workings of the Council (copy enclosed).
8. **Street Cleaning:**  
To discuss concerns raised by members of the public regarding street cleaning in the town centre and submit agreed comments to North Herts Council for consideration.
9. **Priory Memorial Gardens Bus Shelter:**  
Members to resolve to:
- a) ratify the decision to accept the offer of a new bus shelter from Herts County Council.
  - b) choose a second design option from options 2,3 or 4 (information enclosed).
  - c) discuss and, if agreed, recommend additions to the bus shelter (information enclosed).
10. **Street furniture painting:**  
Members to resolve to ratify the decision to ask for the remaining SPF funding agreed for the repainting of the bus shelter, to be used to paint the finger post by the Roys Stone.



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**11. Update from Deputy Town Clerk:**

Members are to receive an update from the Deputy Town Clerk (items for noting only).

**12. Update from Chairman:**

Members are to receive an update from the Chair of the committee (items for noting only).

**13. 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: 16<sup>th</sup> December 2024