

Banbury Town Council

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Date: 13 November 2024

To: All Members of the Town Council.
Others, for information.

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the **Town Council** to be held in the TOWN HALL, BRIDGE STREET, BANBURY on **Tuesday, 05 November 2024 at 6.30pm**, for the transaction of the following business: -

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Mark Hassall
Town Clerk & RFO

BUSINESS TO BE TRANSACTED

1. **Apologies for absence**
Contact Mark Hassall (01295 250340).
2. **Declarations of Interest**
Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the Banbury Town Council Code of Conduct and Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (Please refer to the notes at the end of Agenda).
3. **Minutes of the last Meeting**
To approve as correct the Minutes of the Meeting held on the 24 September 2024 (**enclosed**).
4. **Communications**
To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may wish to lay before the Council:

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5. Questions

- a. Any Town Councillor may seek an answer to a question concerning any business of the Council provided notice of the question has been given to the person to whom it is addressed before the meeting begins.
- b. A period of up to 20 minutes is allocated, during which Members of the public may, at the discretion of the Town Mayor, ask questions of the relevant Committee Chairman on any matter relevant to some question over which the Council has power, or which affects Banbury.

[You are requested to state your name and address before asking your question.]

6. Minutes of Committees

To consider the Minutes of Committees:

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| a) Planning Committee | - | 23 October 2024 |
| b) General Services Committee | - | 08 October 2024 |
| c) Resources Committee | - | 22 October 2024 |

7. Internal Audit Report 2024-25 (First Interim)

To receive the report of the Internal Auditor first interim report 2024-25 (**enclosed**).

8. Resolutions Moved on Notice

Resolution No 68 to be moved by Cllr Chris Brant

Banbury is a vibrant town rich in cultural diversity. To foster community spirit and promote understanding among residents, it is essential to organise public events that reflect and celebrate this diversity. Such initiatives can enhance social cohesion and provide a platform for all cultures within our community.

It is proposed Banbury Town Council:

- *Form a new forum dedicated to planning and organising events that celebrate the diverse cultures of Banbury. This committee will include representatives from various cultural community groups within the town.*
- *Undertake a thorough assessment of the current events programme to identify gaps in representation.*
- *Collaborate with local cultural organisations and community groups to review events to ensure they are inclusive and representative of the town's diversity (e.g. Black History Month, LGBTQ+ Pride Month, Ramadan)*
- *Establish a system for community feedback to continuously improve and adapt events to better serve the interests and needs of all residents.*

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By committing to these initiatives, the Town Council will actively promote inclusivity and appreciation for the rich tapestry of cultures that make up Banbury. This motion seeks to enhance community engagement, foster mutual respect, and create a welcoming environment for all residents. We urge all council members to support this motion and work collaboratively towards a more inclusive and vibrant Banbury events programme.

Notes on declaration of interest

- (i) Any Member arriving after the start of the meeting is asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests as necessary as soon as practicable after their arrival even if the item in question has been considered;*
- (ii) In such circumstances, the Member must withdraw from the meeting room, and should inform the Chairman accordingly.*

Recording of Meeting

- ii) Please be aware that an audio recording of the meeting may be made, as an aide-memoire for the purposes of the Clerk to ensure minutes reflect the overall tone and content of meetings, and will be deleted following the first approval of minutes.*

It is not practical to offer detailed advice during the meeting.