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To: All Members of Holsworthy Town Council

Dear Councillors,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of Holsworthy Town Council, to be held in **Market Hall, Holsworthy Square, Holsworthy** on **Wednesday 1st April 2026 commencing at 7:00 pm** for the purpose of transacting the following business. In accordance with The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 members of the public are welcome to attend.

Yours sincerely

Allison Haywood - Town Clerk

Members are requested to turn off their mobile phones for the duration of the Meeting.

AGENDA

- 1. Public Open Question Time** – To receive questions from the Public. Each member of the Public may have up to 3 minutes' time, the session to last no more than 15 minutes in total.
- 2. Devon County Councillor Report.**
- 3. Torridge District Councillors Reports.**
- 4. Apologies for absence.** (Apologies made known to the Town Clerk prior to the meeting).
- 5. Declaration of Interests** – To receive declarations of personal and prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda.
- 6. Council Meeting Minutes** - To approve and sign the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on the 4th March and the Extraordinary meeting held on 11th March 2026.
- 7. Matters Arising** - To consider matters arising from the Minutes of the 4th March and the Extraordinary meeting held on 11th March 2026. For information only.
- 8. To review action Items from Full Council Meetings.**

9. **Mayor's Announcements – To receive a report from the mayor.**
10. **To review payments, budget and earmarked reserves– To receive and approve the accounts**
11. **To Receive, and to Note, the Minutes of the following Committee Meetings:**

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| a) Parks Committee | No meeting |
| b) Finance and General-Purpose Committee | No meeting |
| c) Planning and Highways Committee | No meeting |
| d) Market Committee | No meeting |
12. **To agree the Earmarked Reserves of the Council to be brought forward to the financial year 2026/27 .**
13. **To agree the Civility and Respect Pledge as initiated by the National Association of Local Council's (NALC).**
14. **To discuss and agree an internal auditor for 2025/26.**
15. **To appoint and new banking signatory for HSBC.**
16. **To discuss and agree a public tender process for the green space management.**
17. **To appoint a new Trustee for the Stanhope and Badock Gardens Charities.**
18. **To Receive External Committee Updates.**
19. **To Receive Correspondence – To receive correspondence and make decisions on any actions to be taken on matters arising from these.**
20. **Town Clerk's report - To receive a report from the Town Clerk for information only.**
21. **Exchange of Information – With permission of the mayor, to exchange information only on any other subject.**

It is recommended that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and representatives of the press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

22. **To receive a staffing update and to agree on workload priorities.**
23. **To discuss and agree the Freeman of Holsworthy Award 2026/27**
24. **To discuss and agree the Community Champions Award 2026/2027**
25. **Close.**

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The rules that the Council will apply are:

1. The recording must be clearly visible to anyone at them Meeting and must not disrupt proceedings. The Council will put signs up at any meeting where it knows recording is taking place.
2. The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to stop or suspend recording if, in his/her opinion, continuing to do so would prejudice proceedings at the meeting or if the person recording is in breach of these rules.
3. We will ask for recording to stop if the meeting goes into 'Part 2' where the public is excluded for confidentiality reasons. In such a case, the person filming should leave the room ensuring all recording equipment is taken out of the room with them.
4. Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. We ensure that agendas for, and signage at, Council Meetings make it clear that recording can take place. Anyone not wishing to be recorded must advise the Chair or Town Clerk at the earliest opportunity.

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