

## **PARISH OF GODALMING**

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Sir/Madam

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU to attend the Full Council Meeting of the Godalming Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Municipal Buildings, Bridge Street, Godalming on THURSDAY, 26 APRIL 2018 at 7.00pm.

DATED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 2018.

Andy Jeffery  
Clerk to the Town Council

The meeting will be preceded by prayer with the Revd Dave Preece of St John the Baptist, Busbridge officiating – all who wish to participate in prayers are most welcome to do so; however, anyone not wishing to participate may leave the chamber or sit quietly for the short duration of the prayers. All individuals' decisions in this matter are respected.

### **A G E N D A**

1. THE TOWN MAYOR to sign as a correct record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 22 March 2018.
2. TO RECEIVE apologies for absence.
3. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC  
THE TOWN MAYOR to allow members of the public to ask the Council questions, or make a statement or present a petition. This forum to be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 4.
4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS  
To receive from Members any declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting required to be disclosed by the Localism Act 2011 and the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.
5. TO RECEIVE official announcements, letters, etc.

Members of the Public have the right to attend all meetings of the Town Council and its Committees and are welcome.

6. TO RECEIVE Chairmen's reports of the Committees as under:

**Policy & Management Committee**

GDPR – Policies

Members considered the policies detailed below required for Godalming Town Council to comply with the General Data Protection Regulations. Members resolved to recommend the policies for adoption by Full Council.

- General Privacy Notice
- Councillors, Staff and Role Holders Privacy Notice
- Subject Access Policy, Procedures and Template Response Letters

7. TO RECEIVE the minutes of the undermentioned Committees:

	Meetings Dated
Audit Committee	23 April 2018
Policy & Management Committee	12 April 2018

8. GODALMING JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE – REPORT

TO NOTE FOR INFORMATION the report of the Godalming Joint Burial Committee of its proceedings on the 22 March 2018.

9. TO AUTHORISE the Clerk to sign or, where appropriate to have sealed on behalf of the Town Council any orders, deeds, or documents necessary to give effect to any of the matters contained in the Reports received at this meeting or in any Resolution passed by the Council.

10. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR

Members to consider the report of an internal audit conducted on 16 April 2018 by the Council's Internal Auditor, Mulberry & Co (the report will be circulated to Members as soon as it is available) and to note the comments of the Audit Committee thereon.

11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Members are required to consider the Annual Governance Statement (attached for the information of members) and the answers to the questions posed by the Statement.

Members are advised to consider the Audit Committee's recommended answers to those questions alongside the Annual Governance Statement. The Audit Committee's recommended answers will be circulated after the Audit Committee meeting to be held on 23 April 2018.

12. ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2017/18

Members to consider and agree the Town Council's Accounting Statements for the Financial Year Ended 31 March 2018 (copy of Section 2 of the Annual Return is attached for the information of Members).

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next Full Council meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 10 May 2018 at 7.00 pm in the Council Chamber.

14. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brought forward by permission of the Chairman. Requests to be submitted prior to commencement of the meeting.

## Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2017/18

We acknowledge as the members of:

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our responsibility for ensuring that there is a sound system of internal control, including arrangements for the preparation of the Accounting Statements. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, with respect to the Accounting Statements for the year ended 31 March 2018, that:

	Agreed		'Yes' means that this authority:	
	Yes	No*		
1. We have put in place arrangements for effective financial management during the year, and for the preparation of the accounting statements.			<i>prepared its accounting statements in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations.</i>	
2. We maintained an adequate system of internal control including measures designed to prevent and detect fraud and corruption and reviewed its effectiveness.			<i>made proper arrangements and accepted responsibility for safeguarding the public money and resources in its charge.</i>	
3. We took all reasonable steps to assure ourselves that there are no matters of actual or potential non-compliance with laws, regulations and Proper Practices that could have a significant financial effect on the ability of this authority to conduct its business or manage its finances.			<i>has only done what it has the legal power to do and has complied with Proper Practices in doing so.</i>	
4. We provided proper opportunity during the year for the exercise of electors' rights in accordance with the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations.			<i>during the year gave all persons interested the opportunity to inspect and ask questions about this authority's accounts.</i>	
5. We carried out an assessment of the risks facing this authority and took appropriate steps to manage those risks, including the introduction of internal controls and/or external insurance cover where required.			<i>considered and documented the financial and other risks it faces and dealt with them properly.</i>	
6. We maintained throughout the year an adequate and effective system of internal audit of the accounting records and control systems.			<i>arranged for a competent person, independent of the financial controls and procedures, to give an objective view on whether internal controls meet the needs of this smaller authority.</i>	
7. We took appropriate action on all matters raised in reports from internal and external audit.			<i>responded to matters brought to its attention by internal and external audit.</i>	
8. We considered whether any litigation, liabilities or commitments, events or transactions, occurring either during or after the year-end, have a financial impact on this authority and, where appropriate, have included them in the accounting statements.			<i>disclosed everything it should have about its business activity during the year including events taking place after the year end if relevant.</i>	
9. (For local councils only) Trust funds including charitable. In our capacity as the sole managing trustee we discharged our accountability responsibilities for the fund(s)/assets, including financial reporting and, if required, independent examination or audit.	Yes	No	N/A	<i>has met all of its responsibilities where it is a sole managing trustee of a local trust or trusts.</i>
			✓	

\*Please provide explanations to the external auditor on a separate sheet for each 'No' response. Describe how the authority will address the weaknesses identified.

This Annual Governance Statement is approved by this authority and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE  
dated DD/MM/YY

Signed by the Chairman and Clerk of the meeting where approval is given:

Chairman SIGNATURE REQUIRED  
Clerk SIGNATURE REQUIRED

**Other information required by the Transparency Codes (not part of Annual Governance Statement)**

Authority web address

[www.godalming-tc.gov.uk](http://www.godalming-tc.gov.uk)

AUTHORITY WEBSITE ADDRESS

## Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2017/18 for

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	Year ending		Notes and guidance
	31 March 2017 £	31 March 2018 £	
1. Balances brought forward	336,142	331,477	Total balances and reserves at the beginning of the year as recorded in the financial records. Value must agree to Box 7 of previous year.
2. (+) Precept or Rates and Levies	514,242	570,896	Total amount of precept (or for IDBs rates and levies) received or receivable in the year. Exclude any grants received.
3. (+) Total other receipts	204,590	543,041	Total income or receipts as recorded in the cashbook less the precept or rates/levies received (line 2). Include any grants received.
4. (-) Staff costs	245,134	246,718	Total expenditure or payments made to and on behalf of all employees. Include salaries and wages, PAYE and NI (employees and employers), pension contributions and employment expenses.
5. (-) Loan interest/capital repayments	45,070	52,412	Total expenditure or payments of capital and interest made during the year on the authority's borrowings (if any).
6. (-) All other payments	433,293	733,800	Total expenditure or payments as recorded in the cashbook less staff costs (line 4) and loan interest/capital repayments (line 5).
7. (=) Balances carried forward	331,477	412,484	Total balances and reserves at the end of the year. Must equal (1+2+3) - (4+5+6).
8. Total value of cash and short term investments	341,424	425,887	The sum of all current and deposit bank accounts, cash holdings and short term investments held as at 31 March – <b>To agree with bank reconciliation.</b>
9. Total fixed assets plus long term investments and assets	1,241,182	1,556,244	The value of all the property the authority owns – it is made up of all its fixed assets and long term investments as at 31 March.
10. Total borrowings	819,552	1,098,351	The outstanding capital balance as at 31 March of all loans from third parties (including PWLB).
11. (For Local Councils Only) Disclosure note re Trust funds (including charitable)	Yes	No	The Council acts as sole trustee for and is responsible for managing Trust funds or assets.
		✓	N.B. The figures in the accounting statements above do not include any Trust transactions.

I certify that for the year ended 31 March 2018 the Accounting Statements in this Annual Governance and Accountability Return present fairly the financial position of this authority and its income and expenditure, or properly present receipts and payments, as the case may be.

Signed by Responsible Financial Officer

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

Date

DD/MM/YY

I confirm that these Accounting Statements were approved by this authority on this date:

DD/MM/YY

and recorded as minute reference:

MINUTE REFERENCE

Signed by Chairman of the meeting where approval of the Accounting Statements is given

SIGNATURE REQUIRED

**GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**

Disclosure by a Member<sup>1</sup> of a disclosable pecuniary interest or a non-pecuniary interest in a matter under consideration at a meeting (S.31 (4) Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct).

As required by the Localism Act 2011 and the adopted Godalming Members' Code of Conduct, **I HEREBY DISCLOSE**, for the information of the authority that I have [a disclosable pecuniary interest]<sup>2</sup> [a non-pecuniary interest]<sup>3</sup> in the following matter:-

**COMMITTEE:**

**DATE:**

**NAME OF COUNCILLOR:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please use the form below to state in which agenda items you have an interest.

Agenda No.	Subject	Disclosable Pecuniary Interest	Non-Pecuniary Interest	Reason

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_

**Dated** \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup> "Member" includes co-opted member, member of a committee, joint committee or sub-committee

<sup>2</sup> A disclosable pecuniary interest is defined by the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) regulations 2012/1464 and relate to employment, office, trade, profession or vocation, sponsorship, contracts, beneficial interests in land, licences to occupy land, corporate tenancies and securities

<sup>3</sup> A non-pecuniary interest is defined by Section 5 (4) of the Godalming Members' Code of Conduct.