## **GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL**

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28 October 2011

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU to attend the EXTRAORDINARY **AUDIT SUB COMMITTEE** Meeting to be held in the Town Clerk's Office, Municipal Buildings, Godalming, on THURSDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 2011 at 8.00 pm.

Louise P Goodfellow Town Clerk

Committee Members: Councillor S Bott – Chairman

Councillor Hunter - Vice Chairman

Councillor Wheatley Councillor A Bott Councillor Welland

#### AGENDA

## 1. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on the 3 October 2011, a copy of which has been circulated previously.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

# 3. PETITIONS/STATEMENTS/QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The Chairman to allow members of the public to ask questions, or make a statement or present a petition. This forum to be conducted in accordance with Standing Order 80.

#### 4. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

To receive from Members, in relation to any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any interests which are required to be disclosed by the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) Order 2007 No.1159.

Members are requested to disclose, in accordance with the Code of Conduct, both the existence and nature of any "Personal" or "Prejudicial" interests that they may have in relation to matters for consideration on this agenda.

# Personal Interests

(1) Subject to sub-paragraphs (2) to (5) below, where a Member has a personal interest in any business of the Town Council and attends a meeting of the Council at which the business is considered, the Member must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

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

- (2) Where the Member has a personal interest in any business of the Town Council which relates to or is likely to affect a person described in paragraph 8(1)(a)(i) or 8(1)(a)(ii)(aa) of the Code of Conduct, the Member needs only disclose to the meeting the existence and nature of that interest when s/he addresses the meeting on that business.
- (3) Where the Member has a personal interest in any business of the Town Council of the type mentioned in paragraph 8(1)(a)(viii) of the Code of Conduct, the Member need not disclose the nature or existence of that interest to the meeting if the interest was registered more than three years before the date of the meeting.
- (4) Sub-paragraph (1) only applies where the Member is aware or ought reasonably to be aware of the existence of the personal interest.
- (5) Where a Member has a personal interest but, by virtue of paragraph 14 of the Code of Conduct, sensitive information relating to it is not registered in the Town Council's register of members' interests, the Member must indicate to the meeting that s/he has a personal interest, but need not disclose the sensitive information to the meeting

# **Prejudicial Interests**

Where a Member has a personal interest in any business of the Town Council that Member also has a prejudicial interest in that business where the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice that Member's judgement of the public interest. Where a Member has a prejudicial interest that Member must withdraw from the room or chamber where a meeting considering the business is being held.

# 5. <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS FOR GODALMING TOWN COUNCIL AND JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE</u>

Members to consider the Annual Returns, External Auditor's Reports and related correspondence for Godalming Town Council and the Godalming Joint Burial Committee (all relevant documents attached for the information of Members).

### 6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Audit Sub Committee is scheduled to be held on Thursday, 8 March 2012 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber.

#### 7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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