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14th July 2025

To the Chairman & Members of the Assets, Finance & Policy Committee of Eastwood Town Council (quorum three)

Councillors D. Bagshaw (Chairman)
Councillors Mrs. Z. Battison, Mrs. K. Boam, M. Bullock, N. Levett, M. Radulovic & Mrs. A. Ryan.

Dear Chairman & Town Councillors

Meeting of Eastwood Town Council Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Tuesday 22nd July 2025 commencing at 6.00 p.m. at the Eastwood Town Council Chamber

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of Eastwood Town Council's **Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Meeting**, which will be held on Tuesday 22nd July 2025 at 6.00 p.m. in the Eastwood Town Council Chamber.

Please submit apologies for absence to the Council office.

Yours sincerely

Sheena Trower

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AGENDA

Eastwood Town Council Assets, Finance & Policy Committee Meeting Tuesday 22nd July 2025 commencing at 6.00 p.m. In the Council Chamber, Nottingham Road, Eastwood NG16 3NP

Members are asked to record all declarations of interest in the book provided before taking seat at the meeting or during the meeting if it becomes apparent an interest is valid. The Chairman will announce the interests at the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

2. Variation of Order of Business

3. Declarations of Members Interests

- (a) Members must ensure that they complete the Declarations of Interest sheet prior to the start of the meeting in respect of items other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and must indicate the action to be taken (i.e. to stay in the meeting, to leave the meeting or to stay in the meeting to make representations and then leave the meeting prior to any consideration or determination of the item).
- (b) Where a Member indicates that they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest but wish to make representations regarding the item before leaving the meeting, those representations must be made under item (c) of Public Speaking (if relevant).
- (c) Members will be asked to confirm that the record is correct for Declarations of Interests for matters other than Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.
- 4. Exclusion of the Press and Public Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960
 - To consider and resolve any agenda items that require the exclusion of the Press and Public in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 for matters appertaining to confidential or exempt information (agenda item)
- **5.** To consider approval of non-confidential Minutes of last meeting Policy & Finance Committee meeting held 7th July 2025.
- 6. Public Forum
- 7. Address from members of the public
- 8. New Financial Regulations 2025 2027 recommendation for amendment as report following meeting held 7th July 2025.
- 9. IT Policy update 2025 2026 as attached for consideration of recommendation for adoption.
- 10. Premises Report update recommendations for R&D Report received from contractor as attached.

11. Date of next meeting Monday 29th September 2025 at 6.00 p.m.

CIVILITY AND RESPECT PLEDGE

Approved at Annual Meeting of Eastwood Town Council held 13th May 2024

The Town Council APPROVED endorsement of the Pledge to support and enhance the recently adopted robust Code of Conduct (November 2022).

CIVILITY AND RESPECT PROJECT Throughout the sector, there are growing concerns about the impact bullying, harassment, and intimidation are having on local (parish and town) councils, councillors, clerks and council staff and the resulting effectiveness of local councils. The National Association of Local Councils (NALC), One Voice Wales, the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) and county associations have responded to this by setting up a Civility and Respect Working Group to oversee the Civility and Respect Project.

MISSION STATEMENT Civility and respect should be at the heart of public life, and good governance is fundamental to ensuring an effective and well-functioning democracy at all levels. The intimidation, abuse, bullying and harassment of councillors, clerks and council staff, in person or online, is unacceptable, whether by councillors, clerks, council staff, or public members. This can prevent councils from functioning effectively, councillors from representing local people, discourage people from getting involved, including standing for election, and undermine public confidence and trust in local democracy. NALC, county associations and OVW, as the membership organisations representing the first tier of local government in England and Wales, and the SLCC, as the professional body for clerks, are committed to working together to promote civility and respect in public life, good governance, positive debate and supporting the well-being of councillors, professional officers and staff. To that end, the Civility and Respect Working Group will be working to deliver tangible resources, actions and interventions in four main areas: providing councils with the tools to support good governance; lobbying to strengthen the standards regime and encouraging more people to get involved; training; and processes to intervene to provide support to struggling councils.

During the meeting, Councillors and members of the public are respectfully reminded to either switch off or silence mobile telephones.