Ringwood Town Council

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SUMMONS

Dear Member 19th November 2026

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council at the Forest Suite, Ringwood Gateway on 25th November 2026 at 7.00pm.



Mrs C Bennett
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1.* **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**
There will be an opportunity for public participation for a period of up to 15 minutes at the start of the meeting

2. To receive Apologies for Absence

3. To receive Declarations of Interest

4. POLICE REPORT
To receive a report from Ringwood Police

5. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 28th October 2026

6. To receive Minutes of Committees and approve recommendations contained therein:

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	DATE :- 4th November 2026
Planning, Town & Environment	DATE:- 6th November 2026
Policy & Finance	DATE:- 18th November 2026

7. COMMITTEE COMPOSITION
To consider any changes to the composition of council committees, sub-committees, working parties or panels

8. REVIEW OF TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGY 2027 – 29
To consider and approve the proposed Strategy 2027 – 29 (*Report A*)

9.* To receive such communications as the Town Mayor may desire to lay before the Council

10.* To receive Reports from County and District Councillors

**No formal decisions can be made during this item.*

11.*To Receive Reports from Ringwood Town Councillors

12. Forthcoming Meetings – to note the following dates:

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 2nd December 2026
Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 4th December 2026
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 9th December 2026
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 16th December 2026

13. COMMUNICATIONS

Members to decide on items requiring publicity and to confirm a spokesperson if required.

14. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider exclusion of the press and public from the meeting, in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, section 1(2), to transact business for which publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of its confidential nature

15. LEGAL MATTERS

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on legal matters (*Confidential Annex B*)

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mrs Charmaine Bennett, Town Clerk, on 01425 484720 or charmaine.bennett@ringwood.gov.uk

Council Members:
Chairman: Cllr Mary DeBoos, Town Mayor
Vice-Chairman: Cllr James Swyer, Deputy Mayor
Cllr Andrew Briers
Cllr Luke Dadford
Cllr Philip Day
Cllr Ingrid De Bruyn
Cllr Gareth DeBoos
Cllr Rae Frederick
Cllr Janet Georgiou
Cllr John Haywood
Cllr Peter Kelleher
Cllr Michael Thierry
Cllr Glenys Turner
Cllr Becci Windsor

Officers:
Charmaine Bennett, Town Clerk
Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk

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COMMITTEE REPORT

Report title	Review of Town Council Strategy 2027–2029
Committee	Full Council
Date	25 November 2026
Report author	Town Clerk

Decision Summary

Purpose	To consider and approve the proposed Strategy 2027–2029 to inform the Council's priorities and preparation of the 2027–28 budget.
Decision type	To approve
Financial impact	No expenditure authorised by this report; resources considered through budget-setting.
Budget provision	2027–28 budget in preparation
Confidential / exempt	No

1. Introduction and reason for report

The Council reviews its strategy annually so that its priorities remain relevant and can inform the following year's budget. The proposed Strategy 2027–2029 is attached for members' consideration.

The revised strategy retains four main priorities, with clearer, more accessible wording and actions for 2027–28 and 2028–29.

2. Proposed strategy

The strategy focuses on improving facilities, services and green spaces; supporting community activity and opportunities for young people; responding to climate challenges and strengthening resilience; and influencing the town's development and supporting a thriving town centre.

It includes practical priorities such as the cemetery extension, preparation for the new Grounds Department building, further development of Carvers, play provision, emergency preparedness and work with partners on recreational improvements and the town centre.

The strategy also identifies improvements to the way the Council works, including communications and community engagement to help shape the next three-year strategy, alongside the key factors that support or may affect delivery.

Some actions will be delivered directly by the Council; others will require collaboration, external funding or further decisions. Inclusion in the strategy does not in itself constitute approval of a project or expenditure.

3. Financial implications

The draft 2027–28 budget is being prepared alongside the strategy, with the aim of identifying appropriate resources to support the proposed priorities. This includes consideration of staffing, operational capacity, capital projects and any relevant earmarked reserves.

The scale and timing of expenditure will be considered through the usual budget-setting and approval processes. Where actions depend on funding, external partners or subsequent approvals, those dependencies will be reflected in the relevant project proposals.

Approval of the strategy does not commit the Council to expenditure beyond its approved budgets or delegated authorities.

4. Issues for decision and recommendations

Members are recommended to consider and approve the proposed Town Council Strategy 2027–2029, subject to any amendments agreed at the meeting.

Ringwood Town Council Strategy 2027-2029

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Our ambition is for Ringwood to remain a thriving, welcoming and resilient Market Town

Today

Ringwood Town Council provides valued local facilities and services, maintains green spaces, organises events and represents local interests in planning and community matters.

Improve & protect Ringwood's facilities, services & green spaces	Bring people together & support a thriving community	Respond to climate challenges & strengthen community resilience	Influence Ringwood's development & support a thriving town centre

2027-2028 - What we will do first

Complete the Cemetery Extension Prepare for construction of new Grounds Department building Take forward Phase 2 of the Carvers Masterplan Develop a town-wide Play Strategy Work with partners to improve local recreational spaces	Build on Carvers Clubhouse and Recreation Ground as a hub for community activities and events Increase opportunities for young people through activities and partnerships	Implement Emergency Plan priorities Identify opportunities to reduce local flood risk	Help deliver the Thriving Market Place initiative Promote town-centre vitality and business investment Scope Neighbourhood Plan review

2028-2029- Building on our progress

Implement Play Strategy Complete the new Grounds Facility	Facilitate events and activities that support the community and town centre	Progress agreed resilience measures Review emergency preparedness	Continue to support Thriving Market Place initiative Progress Neighbourhood Plan review Review town signage and entrances

Tomorrow

A Council that improves community facilities and opportunities, supports a vibrant and resilient town, and works with residents, businesses and partners to meet changing local needs.

Making the strategy happen

Council development
Strengthen communications and community engagement including engaging residents in shaping the next 3-year strategy; improve technology and working practices.

Enablers
Skilled staff and councillors, sound financial management, effective communication, community partnerships and appropriate technology underpin delivery of all four strategic priorities.

Challenges
Workforce succession and capacity, financial pressures, changes following the 2027 elections, local government reorganisation and planning reforms may affect the Council's responsibilities and ability to deliver.