

# Ringwood Town Council

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## SUMMONS

Dear Member

24<sup>th</sup> November 2022

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council at the Forest Suite, Ringwood Gateway on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022 at 7.00pm.



Mr C Wilkins  
Town Clerk

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## 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. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> October 2022

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

Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces

DATE :- 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2022

Planning, Town & Environment

DATE:- 4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Policy & Finance

DATE:- 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

### 6. RINGWOOD TOWN FUTURES – A YOUNG PEOPLE'S VISION

To receive a presentation on the report resulting from work by SPUD with young people on the Neighbourhood Plan

### 7. FLAG FLYING POLICY

To consider the Town Clerk's report (*Report A*)

### 8. SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT AT LONG LANE

To receive a report from Cllr Loose (the Council's representative on the Steering Group) or Cllr Briers (deputy) on project developments

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

11.\* To Receive Reports from Ringwood Town Councillors

12. Forthcoming Meetings – to note the following dates:

Planning, Town & Environment	10.00am	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2022
Recreation, Leisure & Open Spaces	7.00pm	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Policy & Finance	7.00pm	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2022
Full Council	7.00pm	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022

If you would like further information on any of the agenda items, please contact Mr Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk, on 01425 484720 or [chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk](mailto:chris.wilkins@ringwood.gov.uk)

Council Members:

Chairman: Cllr Gareth Deboos, Town Mayor  
Vice-Chairman: Cllr Rae Frederick, Deputy Mayor  
Cllr Andy Briers  
Cllr Philip Day  
Cllr Hilary Edge  
Cllr John Haywood  
Cllr Jeremy Heron  
Cllr Peter Kelleher  
Cllr Darren Loose  
Cllr Gloria O'Reilly  
Cllr Tony Ring  
Cllr Steve Rippon-Swaine  
Cllr Derek Scott  
Cllr Glenys Turner

Officers:

Chris Wilkins, Town Clerk  
Jo Hurd, Deputy Town Clerk

**Flying Flags**

1. Introduction and reason for report

- 1.1 In light of a recent change in guidance from central government, officers seek decisions from members about flag flying from the flag-pole in Gateway Square.

2. Background, Options and Implications

- 2.1 The normal practice of the Council has been to fly the Union Flag only on those days previously approved in respect of government buildings. The government recently issued revised guidance which allows and encourages the Union Flag to be flown from official buildings all year round.

- 2.2 There are other flags which could properly be flown but which the Council does not have at present. The more relevant of these are as follows:

- The Flag of St. George
- The Hampshire Flag
- The Commonwealth Flag
- The Armed Forces Day Flag

- 2.3 Flags are usually raised or lowered by a member of the grounds team and each movement typically takes about 60 minutes total staff time (including travelling). Flags wear out more quickly and therefore require replacement more frequently, the more they are flown.

3. Issues for decision and any recommendations

- 3.1 Should the Union Flag be flown only on the days previously approved or all year round (except on days, if any, when other approved flags are flown)?**
- 3.2 Which other flags (if any) should the Council buy and fly on suitable days?**

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