

ROYAL SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN COUNCIL



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23rd March 2017

TO: All Members of the Town Council

Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to a Meeting of Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council, at Sutton Coldfield Town Hall, Upper Clifton Road, Sutton Coldfield B73 6AB on Tuesday 28th March 2017 starting at 7pm. The meeting will consider the items set out below.

Olive O'Sullivan

Acting Town Clerk

7.00pm Public Question Time

Up to 20 minutes may be set aside for public participation.

Before the meeting there will be a public session to enable the people of Royal Sutton Coldfield to ask questions of, and make comments, regarding the Town Council. Questions not answered at this meeting will be answered in writing to the person asking the question, or may appear as an agenda item for the next meeting. Members of the public are asked to identify themselves and to restrict their comments, and/or questions to three minutes.

The Local Audit and Accountability Act 2016 allows both the public and press to take photographs, film and audio record the proceedings and report on all public meeting (including on social media). Any member of the public wishing to record or film proceedings should let the Chairman of the meeting know prior to, or at the start of, the meeting as it is good practice to notify the public that the meeting is being recorded.



181 Apologies For Absence

Members to receive apologies for absence.

182 Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations.)

183 Mayor's Announcements

The Mayor and the Deputy Mayor will give short verbal updates on their activities and engagements since the last meeting.

184 Mayor's Challenge

Update from Cllr Hodivala on 2016 Mayor's Challenge ([attached](#)).

185 Minutes of the Last Meeting

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council ([attached](#)) held on Tuesday 21st February 2017.

186 Matters Arising

187 Introduction of Car Parking Charges in Major City Parks

Steve Hollingworth from Birmingham City Council (BCC) will be presenting a report on the proposal by BCC to introduce car parking charges in Sutton Park. Copy of the report to the BCC Trusts and Charities Committee on 1 March 2017 [attached](#) with [appendix](#).

188 Transport Model for Royal Sutton Coldfield

John Myatt and Phil Edwards, Birmingham City Council , Growth and Transportation (Economy Directorate) to present options for the development of a transport model for Royal Sutton Coldfield ([attached](#)).



189 Minutes of Committees

Council to receive the minutes and approve the recommendations from the committees.

- a) **Planning and Highways** held on 7th March 2017 ([attached](#)).
- b) **Amenities, Leisure and Community Services** held on 14th March 2017 ([attached](#)).

190 Reports and Updates from Working Groups

- a) **Town Hall**
Verbal update from Cllr S Ward.
- b) **Community Awards**
Verbal update from Cllr J Perks.
- c) **Britain in Bloom**
Verbal update from Cllr J Perks.
- d) **Staffing**
Verbal update from Cllr Pears.

191 Sutton Coldfield Library

Town Council to consider an allocation of funding towards Sutton Coldfield Library from the contingency sum that was approved by Full Council on 21st February 2017 ([attached](#)).

192 Notice of Motion

Submitted by Cllr Simon Ward on 19th March 2017.

“ Labour run Birmingham City Council has repeatedly expressed contempt for our Royal Town and the wishes of our residents, most recently in regard to decimating our Library Services, destroying, our Greenbelt and now seeking to charge Royal Sutton Coldfield residents to enter our own Sutton Park.

This is a fundamental breach of Birmingham City Councils democratic covenant with Royal Sutton Coldfield. It is therefore incumbent on this Council to look to take further powers from Birmingham City Council; to strengthen local accountability and deliver efficient and appropriate local government. Any devolution of powers and services must be accompanied by the associated funding.

This Town Council will support our MP Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell and our City Councillors, in addressing the needs of our residents whose wishes have been ignored and belittled by Birmingham City Council for too long.

That this Council shall explore, with our MP and City Councillors alternative options for Local Government for Royal Sutton Coldfield.

We will use necessary resources, legally available to us to explore what alternative Local Government models are available to Royal Sutton Coldfield. Following which we will consult with our residents.”



193 Notice of Motion

Submitted by Cllr David Pears on 17th March 2017.

“This Town Council proposes that Birmingham City Council works with Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council to develop a proposal for residents of Royal Sutton Coldfield to have subsidised parking in Sutton Park, to explore the possibility of introducing a scheme similar to the one in operation prior to 1974 and for any funding provided by the Town Council towards such a scheme to be ringfenced for Sutton Park.”

194 BMet Art College

Council to consider if it wishes to apply for the Old Arts School Building on Lichfield Road to be designated an Asset of Community Value to enable the viability of the building as a heritage/cultural/civic hub to be explored.

195 BCC Proposals for Public Car Parking Charge Increases

Council to consider its response to the consultation on the proposals for public car parking charge increases in Royal Sutton Coldfield ([report](#), [appendix 1](#) and [equality analysis](#) attached).

196 Accounts for Payment

Members to approve payments as per the schedule and to appoint two members to complete online banking authorization for these and any further payments throughout the month ([attached](#)).

197 Use of Town Clerk’s Delegated Powers

198 Risk Assessment Policy and Assessment

Council to adopt [attached](#) Risk Management Policy and approve [attached](#) General and Financial Risk Assessment for Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council.

199 Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 25th April 2017.