BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

To all Members of **BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of

BEXHILL-ON-SEA TOWN COUNCIL

to be held in the **Bexhill Senior Citizens Club, Eversley Road, Bexhill-on-Sea**

on **Wednesday 28th October 2026** at **6:00pm**

when it is proposed to transact the following business:



Adam Chugg
Town Clerk 22nd October 2026

Members of the public and press are welcome to attend.
Please note that the proceedings of this meeting may be recorded in line with regulations set out in the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014. Members of the public addressing the council but not wishing to be recorded should put this request to the town clerk at the earliest opportunity.

PLEASE TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONE DURING THE MEETING AS THIS INTERFERES WITH THE RADIO MICROPHONES USED IN RECORDING THE MEETING.

AGENDA

1. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

   In accordance with standing order 3(f) this session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chair of the meeting. Subject to standing order 3(g), a member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. In accordance with standing order 3(h), a question shall not require a response at the meeting nor start a debate on the question. The chair of the meeting may direct that a written or oral response be given. A person shall raise his hand when requesting to speak and stand when speaking (except when a person has a disability or is likely to suffer discomfort). The chair of the meeting may at any time permit a person to be seated when speaking. A person who speaks at a meeting shall direct his comments to the chair of the meeting. Only one person is permitted to speak at a time. If more than one person wants to speak, the chair of the meeting shall direct the order of speaking.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3. **TO RECEIVE DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTEREST**

4. **CHAIRS ANNOUNCEMENTS**

5. **MINUTES**

a) To approve the minutes of the meeting of Wednesday the 30th September 2026.

(Appendix A)

6. MAYORS OFFICE

a) To receive an update on the work of the Town Mayor.

7. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

External Councillors may report for three minutes.

a) To receive reports from Division County Councillors.
b) To receive reports form Ward District Councillors.
c) To receive ward reports from Town Councillors.

8. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE ENGAGEMENT AND COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

a) To note there are currently 6 members of the Engagement and Communications Committee, the Terms of Reference state the Committee shall consist of 7 Cllrs.

9. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ADDITIONAL MEMBER TO THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

a) To note there are currently 8 members of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Terms of Reference state the Committee shall consist of nine members.

10. TO APPROVE WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

(Appendix B)

11. TO RECEIVE UPDATED GRANTS AND DONATIONS POLICY AS AGREED BY THE FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

(Appendix C)

12. ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a) To consider any further submissions to the consultations on the A259 and specifically A259 Belle Hill/Little Common Road at the junction with Combe Valley Way/London Road at Bexhill, East Sussex.

(Appendix D)

13. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON INVESTIGATIONS INTO SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL OFFICERS

a) To note responses from other Town and Parish Council's on how they dealt with the issue of School Crossing Patrol Officers.

(Appendix E)

14. TO CONSIDER APPOINTING AN ARMED FORCES CHAMPION

a) To consider appointing an Armed Forces Champion of Bexhill-on-Sea.

(Appendix F)

15. TO RECEIVE FRIENDSHIP ACCORD FROM BAYENCOURT

a) To receive friendship accord with Bayencourt as agreed by the Engagement and Communications Committee.

(Appendix G)

16. TOWN CLERK UPDATE

a) To receive Town Clerk report.

(Appendix H)

17. TO INVESTIGATE TAKING ON THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE TOWN'S MAIN WAR MEMORIAL AND RELEVANT ADJACENT LAND

a) To receive report.

(Appendix I)

18. PLANNING MATTERS

19. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER

a) To receive report on potential transfer of Manor Barn Gardens Public Conveniences and Lower Galley Hill Car Park.

(Appendix J)

20. ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL

a) To feedback any initial comments or responses to the Rother District Council formal consultation on the new Draft Local Plan, and to confirm arrangements for agreeing and submitting a formal response from the Town Council.

Draft Local Plan 2025-2042 – Rother District Council

(Appendix K, K i)

21. EXTERNAL REPRESENTATIVES

a) To receive updates from external representatives.

b) To consider appointing external representative for Polegrove Climate & Community Working Group to share ideas and help shape practical projects that benefit the Polegrove and wider Bexhill community. The working group's focus is on making the Polegrove and its facilities more

resilient to climate change to ensure that it can continue to be enjoyed by the community.

22. MOTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

a) Cllr Plim

This council believes that the Events Budget associated with the Finance committee's grants, would be more appropriately managed if the Engagement and Communication committee would be able to award grants for events instead of the Finance committee.

Therefore, the events proportion of these years and any forthcoming years grants should be relocated to the Communication and Engagement committee with immediate effect.

b) Cllr Lee

To resolve to write formally to East Sussex County Council to raise serious concerns about extremely significant increases in prices for vehicle permits and flawed emissions-based logic for charges to stationary vehicles.

I. **Disproportionate Financial Impact on Residents**

The recent restructuring of permit fees has seen some residential parking permits rise drastically. Forcing local residents to pay up to £115.00 for a first vehicle, or £154.00 for a second vehicle, represents an unfair tax on simply living in central Bexhill. Residents are effectively being asked to pay a premium to park outside their own homes, yet they are given no guarantee of a physical parking space in return.

II. **Flawed "Emissions-Based" Logic for Stationary Vehicles**

While ESCC justifies these aggressive hikes as a tool to improve air quality and manage demand, linking stationary residential parking permit prices to tailpipe emissions is logically flawed. A car parked safely on a residential street emits precisely zero emissions. This pricing structure unfairly penalises lower-income households who cannot afford to transition to newer electric or low-emission vehicles, effectively pricing working-class residents out of their own neighbourhoods.

Also Under the *Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984*, local authorities generally cannot use parking permit schemes as a mechanism to generate general surplus revenue.

c) Cllr Winter

That Bexhill-on-Sea Town Council resolves to reinstate it's Planning and Development Committee.

(Appendix L)

23. CORRESPONDENCE AND MATTERS FOR INFORMATION

a) To note Bexhill in Bloom have won the gold award again in the South and South East Competition.

24. RISK REGISTER

a) To consider any new risks to be added to the risk register.

25. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – 25th NOVEMBER 2026

All motions for the meeting of the Full Council on the 25th November 2026 must be received by the 13th November 2026.

Pursuant to section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings Act) 1960, because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and the press will not be permitted to attend during the following items:

26. TO RECEIVE UPDATE ON THE FOLLOWING CONFIDENTIAL MATTERS

a) To receive report on the following matters:
   I. Legal Claim
   II. Protection of the Mayoral Role

(Appendix M)