



Dear Councillor,

I hereby invite you to attend an Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Council Chamber, The Custom House, on Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7pm for the purpose of transacting the following business.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Fidler

Town Clerk & Responsible Finance Officer

RAMSGATE TOWN COUNCIL
AGENDA

Meeting: Full Council

Venue: The Council Chamber, The Custom House, Harbour Parade, Ramsgate, CT11 8LP

Membership: All Councillors

Date: Wednesday 21st December 2022 at 7pm

1. APOLOGIES

To receive and approve apologies for absence from Members of the Council.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda. Councillors are reminded to declare any dispensations granted.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

(i) PUBLIC REQUESTS TO SPEAK

To be in writing prior to the meeting. Three questions in total permitted and a maximum of 15 minutes overall to be spent on this item.

(ii) REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE

(iii) REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLORS ON MATTERS DIRECTLY RELATED TO RAMSGATE

4. **MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETINGS**
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 30th November (minutes 237/22 to 246/22) as a true record. Only questions of record may be considered.
5. **FINANCES (INCL. GRANTS)**
 - (i) To receive a report of payments between 16th October and 31st December 2022; the Council is asked to note the payments authorised by the Town Clerk & RFO (total £23,120.13) and approve the payments above the threshold delegated to the Town Clerk & RFO (total £158,849.78).
 - (ii) To receive a written report from the Deputy Town Clerk / Finance Officer, in respect of the Events Fund and make a decision in respect of the one grant applications contained therein.
6. **BUSINESS PLAN**
To receive a draft Business Plan for 2023-2027 and consider if any changes should be made prior to adoption. Members are also asked to consider if the current draft budget adequately supports this Plan or if there are areas for amendment (NB. The attached budget is as previously considered, with no further amendments yet e.g. increased Events Budget).
7. **RADFORD HOUSE**
To receive a written report from Miss L Fidler, Town Clerk & RFO, and consider the various recommendations contained therein.
8. **COLLECTIONS POLICY**
To consider and adopt a Collections Policy.
9. **NATIONAL GRID: SEA LINK**
To consider the Council's response to the non-statutory consultation from the National Grid on "Sea Link – update on proposals to provide a subsea connection between Suffolk and Kent: start of non-statutory public consultation. Presentation slides from Thanet District Council are included as well as a recommendation from the Climate Change Action Group.
10. **RAMSGATE SOCIETY PROJECT**
To receive and consider a proposal from the Ramsgate Society for the Council to jointly host "The Ramsgate Design Awards" in 2023.
11. **COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE**
To nominate a representative for the "Thanet Coastal Stakeholder Group", that "will bring together representatives from Thanet District Council and organisations and individuals from across Thanet, with partner agencies including Southern Water and the Environment Agency. The purpose of the group is to provide a forum to share information on initiatives and activities focussed on the Thanet coast, to support the tourism industry, enhance and protect our environment and strengthen local partnerships. Meetings will be held quarterly, via Microsoft Teams. The first meeting is in January. A maximum of one representative from each group is invited to attend, due to space and to maintain a balance."
12. **DATE & TIME OF NEXT MEETING**
Thursday 19th January 2023 7pm (2023/2024 Budget Setting)