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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Monday 12 August 2019 at 7.30pm.

Please would members of the Accounts Sub-committee arrive by 7.10pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

AGENDA

1. Apologies.
2. Public Question Time and Petitions.
3. Declarations of Interest.

To receive any Declaration(s) of Interest under Corsham Town Council's Code of Conduct issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 8 July 2019 – *attached*.
5. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
6. Chairman's Announcements.
7. Policing and Community Safety – To consider policing and community safety issues.
8. Correspondence –
 - i) As mentioned in Members Information Sheet Nos. 427, 428 and 429 (*to follow*) – *to note*.
 - ii) Late correspondence – *to note*.

9. Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies.
10. Minutes of the Council (Planning) meeting held on 10 July 2019 – *attached*.
11. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
12. Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 24 July 2019 – *attached*.
13. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
14. Minutes of the Council (Planning) meeting held on 31 July 2019 – *attached*.
15. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
16. Minutes of the Corsham Youth Council meeting held on 15 July 2019 – *to note*.
17. 5G Technology – Concerns have been raised by two local residents regarding the roll out of 5G technology across the country. The roll out has started in major cities. Background information is attached which explains some of the concerns. The Chief Executive has responded to the Freedom of Information Act request included in the letter from a resident of Box. Also attached is information disputing concerns about 5G, and reports relating to Glastonbury and Frome Town Councils which are taking precautionary approaches. Those local councils are opposing the roll out of 5G in their areas until there is a consensus that 5G wireless radiation is harmless to humans and the environment. Corsham supports a large number of high-tech businesses but also has some very sensitive environmental constraints such as the protected bat population. The Town Council may wish to take a precautionary approach until clearer information on the impact of 5G is available – *instructions requested*.
18. Polling District and Polling Place Review Consultation – Wiltshire Council is undertaking a compulsory review of UK Parliamentary polling districts and polling places. Details of the consultation are attached. Further information, including links to maps of the polling districts can be found at <https://cms.wiltshire.gov.uk/mgGeneric.aspx?MD=PollingConsultation&bcr=1>. Corsham's current polling places are at Corsham Cricket Club, Springfield Campus, Leafy Lane Playing Fields Pavilion, Potley Community Centre (Brunel Shed), Scout and Guide Centre (The Lagger), Gastard Village Hall and Neston Memorial Hall. It should be noted that the polling place for electors of Corsham West Ward is in Box parish. The consultation ends on 9 September 2019 – *for information and consideration*.
19. Community Governance Review (CGR), Expressions of Interest – Wiltshire Council is asking all town and parish councils whether there are any changes they would like to see to their governance arrangements (*see attached email*). The previous CGR was carried out from 2014 and came into effect on 1 April 2017. The review process and Town Council's proposals created tensions with neighbouring Box Parish Council and some residents and, ultimately, a compromise boundary change was settled upon. It was felt that the previous process was flawed and that the final outcome was unsatisfactory and inappropriate. There is concern that similar issues might arise should another CGR be requested at this time. It may be prudent to maintain the

status quo whilst the Corsham Neighbourhood Plan is being finalised and defer a request for a CGR until after the next local elections at the earliest.

Notably, since the previous review, the Local Government Boundary Commission for England has introduced plans to alter Wiltshire Council's divisional boundaries (see *attached plan*). The recommended change is likely to come into effect from the local elections in 2021. The revised boundary for Corsham Without division includes the whole of Lacock parish, part of Corsham parish and part of Box parish. The part of Box parish affected encompasses the area subject to the previous review, along with other land to the west of Leafy Land and the B3109. As the Corsham settlement grows, the revised divisional boundary would seem to make an appropriate parish boundary. It is suggested that Wiltshire Council be informed that whilst the Town Council does not wish to request a CGR at this time, it will review the issue following the next local elections – *for consideration*.

20. Community Facilities at Springfield Campus (*Minute PL 12/19 – Planning Application 18/10334/DP4 – Springfield Campus, Beechfield Road - Change of use of land for use by a nursery and erection of 1.8m high fence*). At the Council (Planning) meeting on 19 June, there was no objection to this application. However, it was agreed to put 'Community Facilities' on the Full Council agenda for discussion – *for discussion*.
21. Lacock 43 Bridleway, Sandpits Lane – Wiltshire Council is dealing with a number of queries regarding Lacock 43 Bridleway, which runs alongside the Corsham parish boundary (see *attached letter and plan*). Wiltshire Council's Definitive Map Officer has requested that any information, comments or representations on the matter be submitted by 30 August 2019 – *for consideration*.
22. Issues for Corsham Area Board Consideration (*Minute 79/19 and others*) – Further to previous meetings, this regular agenda item asks the Town Council to identify issues for Area Board consideration. Members may wish to refer the issue of the roll out of 5G to the Area Board – *suggested issues invited*.
23. Authorisation of cheques and payments – A list will be available at the meeting.

**A Meeting of the Accounts Sub-committee will take place at 7.10pm.
The Methuen (Town) Hall meeting will take place immediately after the
Council meeting.**