Corsham
TOWN COUNCIL

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3 November 2026

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Monday 9 November 2026 at 7.00pm.

Please would members of the Accounts Sub-committee arrive by 6.40pm.

Yours sincerely

David J Martin
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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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 12 October 2026 – *attached.*

5. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only.*

6. Policing and Community Safety – To consider policing and community safety issues including recent crime statistics – *for information and comment.*

7. Chair's Announcements.

8. Correspondence –

   i) As mentioned in Members Information Sheet Nos. 631 and 632 – *to note.*
   ii) Late correspondence – *to note.*

9. Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies.

10. Minutes of the Finance and Administration Committee Meeting held on 21 October 2026 – *attached.*

11. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only.*

12. Minutes of the Council (Planning) Meeting held on 28 October 2026 – *attached.*

13. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only.*

14. Pharmacy Update *(Minute 311/25 and others)* – Further to previous meetings and updates, NHS England has notified the Town Council that Bath and North East Somerset, Swindon and Wiltshire ICB has not received a notice of commencement in relation to the pharmacy application by Careplus Pharmacy Ltd and therefore the grant of its licence has lapsed.

    However, NHS England (Primary Care Support England) has received applications offering to meet both an identified current need and an identified future need in the main commercial shopping area of Corsham town centre, including the Martingate Centre, by Shaunaks Ltd. Copies of the two applications are *attached.*

    The Town Council fully supports the need for a second pharmacy in Corsham town centre.

    Recommendation: To write to NHS England and Wiltshire Council in support of Shaunaks' applications to open a pharmacy in the main commercial area within Corsham.

15. Sustainable Communities Act Dependants' Carers' Allowance Proposal – The National Association of Local Councils (NALC) has written regarding the Dependants' Carers' Allowances proposal which has been supported by Corsham Town Council previously.

    Weymouth Town Council has confirmed that it will be requesting re-submission of an amended Dependants' Carers' Allowance proposal to the Government in the next few months. Currently principal authorities have the right to make payments using this allowance to their Councillors to assist them to part pay for childcare and dependants' care while those Councillors attend Council business such as Council meetings. This same right is not currently given to town and parish councils. NALC is asking local councils to write to their MPs to highlight the issue and confirm their continuing support. The proposal is highly likely to be submitted to Government by the end of December 2026, so writing now to MPs will raise awareness with them ahead of time – *for consideration.*

16. Corsham Climate Change Action Plan 2022-2030 Update *(Minute 190/25 and others)* – The Climate Change Action Plan (Appendices 1 and 2) have been reviewed and updated *(copy attached) – for consideration.*

17. Councillor Vacancy, Corsham Pickwick Ward – A Town Councillor vacancy has arisen through the resignation of Caron Kerr. The Notice of Vacancy has been advertised since 30 October 2026. If, by 19 November 2026, a request for an election to fill the vacancy is made in writing to the Returning Officer by 10 electors from Corsham Pickwick Ward, an election will be held to fill the said vacancy, otherwise the vacancy will be filled by co-option. If an election is called, it will take place no later than 27 January 2027 – *for information.*

18. Vacancies on Committees, Other Groups and Outside Bodies – As a result of the Councillor vacancy there is an opportunity to fill the current vacancy on the Community Wellbeing Working Group – *for consideration/appointment.*

19. Authorisation of cheques and payments – A list will be available at the meeting.

A Meeting of the Accounts Sub-committee will take place at 6.40pm.

The Methuen (Town) Hall meeting will take place immediately after the Council meeting.