



**Town Clerk**

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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** will be held in the **Council Chamber at 15 Station Road, Stone**, on **TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER 2023 at 7:00pm** for consideration of the matters itemised in the following agenda.

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**AGENDA**

1. **To receive apologies for absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Requests for Dispensations Received**
4. **Representations from Members of the Public**

To consider representations from members of the public on items to be considered at this meeting, in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation.

5. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**To resolve, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, that the Public and Press be excluded from the meeting whilst the next items of business are discussed on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the debate.**

**6. Waiver of Standing Orders**

To resolve to waive Standing Order 8.1 to enable consideration of the next item on the agenda:

*A resolution shall not be reversed within six months except either by a special motion, which requires written notice by at least six councillors to be given to the Proper Officer in accordance with standing order 10, or by a motion moved in pursuance of the recommendation of a committee or sub-committee.*

**7. High Street Christmas Trees**

To consider the provision of High Street Christmas trees.

Note: This item will only be considered if the resolution to waive Standing Order 8.1 in the previous item is approved.

Following the decision at its meeting on 5 September 2023 (Minute GP24/093) not to outsource the putting up and removal of Christmas trees throughout the town, the Committee is asked to reconsider this decision.

A copy of the confidential report circulated at that meeting is attached.

**8. Staffing Matter**

To consider the report of the Town Clerk (attached).

Members of the public are welcome to attend the General Purposes Committee meeting as observers and/or to make representations to the committee in accordance with the Council's scheme of public participation. Details of the scheme are displayed in the Council's notice boards and website.

Please access the Council Chamber from the rear of the building.