

**To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 17 October 2011 at 6.30pm at The Town Hall, Rye**, when it is proposed to transact the following business:

**72 PRAYERS**

To be given by the Mayor's Chaplain, The Reverend Canon David Frost.

**73 APOLOGIES**

To accept any apologies for absence.

**74 DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST**

To receive any disclosures of interest by Members of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Council's Code of Conduct.

**75 MAYORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The meeting to adjourn for up to 45 minutes for:

- (a) The Report of the County Councillor for Rye
- (b) The Reports of the Rye Rother District Councillors
- (c) Public Question Time

**76 COUNCIL MINUTES**

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2011 (C9).

**77 COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the Minutes of the Council's committees and consider for adoption any *Recommendations*:

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| (a) Planning & Townscape   | (i) 19 September 2011 (PT08) |
|                            | (ii) 3 October 2011 (PT09)   |
| (b) Policy, Resources & GP | 3 October 2011 (PR03)        |

**78 STATUS OF RYE****PROPOSAL FOR RESOLUTION**

That an urgent meeting be convened between Rye Town Council and senior representatives of Rother District Council as soon as possible to discuss the devolution of services, changes in planning procedure and the overall status of Rye.

*Supporting notes*

- (a) For many years (since local government re-organisation of the 1970s), local people have had no real say in major changes to the town affecting their lives.
- (b) The present Government has recognised that this is a national problem but legislation going through Parliament will take many months and perhaps years to enact. Action in Rye is needed now. We believe the majority of citizens want rapid change.
- (c) Matters have been exacerbated by the apparent inability of the District Council to resolve the problem of siting a new supermarket. Local opinion and expertise has not been listened to. Councillors have been denied opportunities to speak at planning meetings.

- (d) It is understood that Town Councillors from Battle have already been involved for some time in detailed discussions with senior members of the District on the devolution of services, such as car parks. It is time Rye did the same.

**Cllrs Eve & Holmes**

Clerk's note *Rother District Council has recently established a working group to consider all aspects of devolved services (including the merits of introducing area committees and parishing Bexhill – or wards within Bexhill) and it is anticipated that parish/town councils will be invited to contribute to its work.*

- 79 LDF CORE STRATEGY: PROPOSED SUBMISSION CONSULTATION**  
To consider – with a view to adoption - the LDF Working Group's proposed amendments to its draft response (*considered originally by Council on 26 September*). **Working Group**
- 80 RYE ARTS FESTIVAL GRANT**  
To consider a proposal that the Council's £500 grant towards the running costs of the 2011 Festival be used, instead, to purchase a wooden lectern. **Clerk**
- 81 URGENT ITEMS**  
To consider questions, if any, of which notice has been given under SO 23.

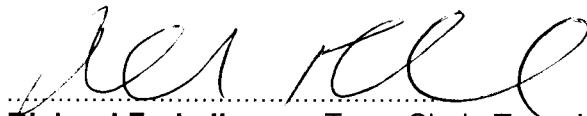
**ROBES WILL BE WORN**

**Supporting/Associated documents distributed previously**

**76** Council Minutes    **77a)(i-ii)** P&T Committee Minutes

**Supporting/Associated documents distributed with this agenda**

**77b)** PRGP Committee Minutes    **78** RDC OSC Committee paper and terms of reference    **79** Working Group amendments paper    **80** Letter from Catherine Bingham, 10.10.11



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