

To ALL MEMBERS OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a Special Meeting of **Rye Town Council** to be held on **Monday 5 June 2017 at the Town Hall, Rye, immediately following Planning & Townscape (but no earlier than 7pm)** when it is proposed to transact the business set out below.

28 APOLOGIES

To accept any apologies for absence.

29 CODE OF CONDUCT

To receive any declarations of interest required under the Council's Code of Conduct – and to consider any written applications made by Members to the Clerk for a dispensation to allow them to participate in, and vote on an agenda item for which they have a Disclosable Interest.

30 COUNCIL MINUTES

To approve and to authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the meeting held on 8 May 2017 (C2).

31 DISCOUNTED ACCOMMODATION

To note that the letting agent consulted has suggested/indicated that:

a) The Council should seek legal advice on:

(i) Whether, in relation to the tenancy criteria, RTC is at risk of contravening equalities legislation;

(ii) The type and duration of the tenancy agreements during the tenants' 'up to 5 years' occupancy.

b) The proposed 'Deposit Reserve/Grant' (putting to one side 10% of the rent paid towards a deposit on a subsequent property) is unnecessary and potentially problematic

c) If appointed, she would not have time to form part of the proposed panel to assess tenancy applications against the criteria (but would be available to offer advice as and when needed).

To note also that the Council's solicitors have stated that they are in a position to advise on **b)** and **c)** – but would need to obtain an opinion from a junior barrister in respect of **a)**

- and to agree a course of action.

Clerk

32 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

Item 33 involves consideration of the Council's possible legal interest in a property and it is therefore recommended that the public and press be excluded in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 (1)(2).

33 STRAND HOUSE, RYE

To receive an update and to agree a course of action.

Clerk

ROBES WILL NOT BE WORN

Supporting/Associated documents distributed previously
30 Council Minutes

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