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Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend the Council Meeting to be held at the Town Hall on Monday 11 April 2016 at 7.30pm.

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 Town Council Meeting held on 14 March 2016 – *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. 343 and 344 (to follow) – *to note*.
 - ii) Late correspondence – *to note*.
9. Reports from Council representatives appointed to outside bodies.
10. Minutes of the Community Services Committee meeting held on 16 March 2016 – *attached*.

11. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
12. Minutes of the Council (Planning) meeting held on 23 March 2016 – *attached*.
13. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
14. Minutes of the Property and Amenities Committee meeting held on 30 March 2016 – *attached*.
15. Matters Arising from the above Minutes – *for information only*.
16. Minutes of the Corsham Youth Council meeting held on 14 March 2016 – *to note*.
17. Corsham Railway Station (*Minute 214/15*) – Further to the Town Council meeting on 8 February 2016, meetings have taken place with the local MP and other key stakeholders to take forward the aspirations for a new railway station for Corsham. This follows the outcome of the feasibility report commissioned by Wiltshire Council which concluded that a station would be beneficial and could be operationally viable. Whilst the full report has not been made publicly available the published conclusions have enabled work to commence towards the first two stages of Network Rail's GRIP (Guide to Rail Investment Process). It is essential that this process is followed for any railway station investment projects.

The outcome of the first stakeholder meeting was to establish a Town Team to lead the project. The Town Team comprises of the local MP, TransWilts Community Rail Partnership, Corsham Institute, Wiltshire Councillors and Town Council representatives. Swindon and Wiltshire LEP have also been invited to join the team. Town Council representatives are currently Councillors Ruth Hopkinson, Peter Pearson and Phil Whalley, supported by the Chief Executive. Councillor Pearson has volunteered to Chair the team. Administration of the meetings is being carried out by Corsham Institute.

In order to maintain momentum for the project, the Town Council is asked to: formally appoint Councillors Hopkinson, Pearson and Whalley to the team; become the project promoter until the project is transferred to Wiltshire Council or Network Rail, and to make funds available towards the GRIP from the £25,000 that the Town Council has previously committed towards the new railway station. Initially, this is likely to be in the region of £6,000 for visuals and literature to help promote, publicise and gain support for the project – *for consideration and approval*.

18. Community Governance Review Update (*Minute 247/15 and others*) – Further to previous meetings, Wiltshire Council has now provided an update on the Community Governance Review. The intention is to consult throughout April and part of May, with letters being sent to residents, with a view to reporting to Wiltshire's Full Council meeting on 12 July 2016. With regard to the Corsham/Box scheme, Wiltshire Council's legal services plan to make an Order to transfer part of Rudloe to Box but in addition the CGR Working Party has made a site visit in order that consideration can be given to the land to the east of the B3109 – *for comment and consideration*.
19. Trustees of the Lady Margaret Hungerford Almshouses Charity (Charity Reg. No. 248575) (*Minute 174/15*) – Further to the Town Council lending support to changes to The Lady Margaret Hungerford Charity Scheme, these changes have now been approved by the Charity and the Charity Commission informed. The changes mean that the Town Council will no longer nominate two of the Trustees – *for information*.

20. Co-option, Corsham Town Ward (*Minute 245/15*) – As no election was called, nominations to fill the vacancy have been advertised and one nomination was received. The candidate is Neville Farmer and his nomination details are attached. Provided members agree that the candidate is suitable he must be co-opted - *co-option requested*.
21. Authorisation of cheques and payments – a list will be available at the meeting.

A Meeting of the Accounts Sub-committee will take place prior to the main meeting.

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