

# NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL

## S U M M O N S

To All Members of the Council

**You are hereby summoned to attend the MEETING of NEW MILTON TOWN COUNCIL to be held at The Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, NEW MILTON BH25 6AS on MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2026 at 6.30 pm.**

G P Flexman  
Town Clerk

19 December 2025

Town Hall, 2 Ashley Road, New Milton, BH25 6BZ (Tel: 01425-619120)

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### **DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR**

A period of public participation known as the DEMOCRATIC HALF HOUR will, at the Chairman's discretion, take place before the Public Session at meetings of the full Council. Members of the public who wish to speak must provide their name and address and details of the subject or item they wish to speak on. The Chairman will advise the member of the public that no speech will exceed 3 minutes except by consent of the Chairman. Normally, only one member of the public may speak in support of, and one against each issue, subject to the Chairman's discretion (Standing Orders – Page 15).

## **A G E N D A**

1. **APOLOGIES:**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** To note any declarations of interest, noting Members have a dispensation to discuss and set a Budget & Precept for 2026-27.
3. **MINUTES:** To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on 10 November 2025.
4. **CORRESPONDENCE:** To receive and consider any correspondence the Chairman may wish to lay before the Council.
5. **REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS:** To receive information reports from County and District Councillors representing the Wards of New Milton on matters of interest to Town Councillors and the local community.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS:** To receive the minutes of the Standing Committees detailed below and consider the recommendations contained therein.
  - a) **Planning Committee:** Minutes 125 to 164 inclusive of the meetings held on 6 & 18 November and 4 & 18 December 2025.
  - b) **Amenities Committee:** Minutes 59 to 73 of the meeting held on 24 November 2025.
  - c) **Finance & General Purposes Committee:** Minutes 67 to 82 inclusive of the meeting held on 8 December 2025.
  - d) **Executive Committee:** Minutes 13 to 33 inclusive of the meetings held on 31 October and 14 November 2025.

7. SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS

To approve the schedule of payments No 07/25/26 in the sum of £142,616.82 for the period 1 to 31 October 2025, endorsed by F&GP on 8 December 2025.

8. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS SERVING ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS:

To receive information reports from Town Councillors serving on outside bodies.

9. COUNCIL BUDGET / PRECEPT FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2026/2027

To approve next year's Budget & Precept of £1,631,666 as endorsed by Finance and General Purposes Committee on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025. (**Appendix 1**).

10. INTERNAL AUDIT: To formally review and adopt the Internal Audit Report (First Interim) for 2025-26, as endorsed by F&GP on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2025. (**Appendix 2**).

11. RISK ASSESSMENTS: To approve Risk Assessments for 2025-26 recommended by Amenities on 7 April 2025 and endorsed by F&GP 28 April 2025. (**Appendix 3**)

12. RISK MANAGEMENT: To adopt updated Risk Management Strategy for 2025-26 recommended by Amenities and endorsed by F&GP 28 April 2025. (**Appendix 4**).

13. STANDING ORDERS: To highlight the role of the Town Clerk within our Standing Orders as endorsed by Finance and General Purposes Committee. (**Appendix 5**).

14. MEETING CALENDAR: To note the addition to Calendar for 2026. (**Appendix 6**).

15. LGR CONSULTATION: Consultation process closes 11 Jan 2026. (**Appendix 7**).

<https://consult.communities.gov.uk/local-government-reorganisation/hampshire-isle-of-wight-portsmouth-southampton/>

*In debating this council's view on service delivery from 2028, all Town Councillors should be fully prepared for the debate and note that all NFDC Councillors voted unanimously (all political parties and all non-aligned members) for option 1.*

16. TOWN DEVELOPMENT REPORT: To note the report from TDM. (**Appendix 8**).

17. COMMUNICATIONS REPORT: To note report from Comms Officer. (**Appendix 9**)

18. NEXT MEETING: **Monday 16 February 2026 at 6.30pm in the Town Hall.**

**PRIVATE SESSION**

***The Chairman will move that Pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, it is hereby resolved to exclude the public and the press from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted. (If required)***

Distribution:

Town Councillors

District Councillors Mrs J L Cleary

County Councillor M Kendal, K Mans, F Carpenter

New Milton Police

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