

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL



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To: MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a meeting of the Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council which will be held in the Council Chamber, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill on Tuesday, 18th February, 2025 at **7.15 pm**.

Information on how to observe the meeting will be published on the Council's website.

The following business is proposed to be transacted:-

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To consider a notice of motion (25/001) pursuant to Council Procedure Rule No 5.18 submitted jointly by Councillors Davis, Boughton, Oakley, Athwal, Hickmott and Taylor.

4. Sealing of Documents

To authorise the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to any Contract, Minute, Notice or other document requiring the same.

DAMIAN ROBERTS
Chief Executive
Monday, 10 February 2025

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GUIDANCE ON HOW MEETINGS WILL BE CONDUCTED

- (1) Most of the Borough Council meetings are livestreamed, unless there is exempt or confidential business being discussed, giving residents the opportunity to see decision making in action. These can be watched via our YouTube channel. When it is not possible to livestream meetings they are recorded and uploaded as soon as possible:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp-IJISNgoF-ugSzxjAPfw/featured>

- (2) There are no fire drills planned during the time a meeting is being held. For the benefit of those in the meeting room, the fire alarm is a long continuous bell and the exits are via the doors used to enter the room. An officer on site will lead any evacuation.
- (3) Should you need this agenda or any of the reports in a different format, or have any other queries concerning the meeting, please contact Democratic Services on committee.services@tmbc.gov.uk in the first instance.

Attendance:

- Members of the Committee are required to attend in person and be present in the meeting room. Only these Members are able to move/ second or amend motions, and vote.
- Other Members of the Council can join via MS Teams and can take part in any discussion and ask questions, when invited to do so by the Chair, but cannot move/ second or amend motions or vote on any matters. Members participating remotely are reminded that this does not count towards their formal committee attendance.
- Occasionally, Members of the Committee are unable to attend in person and may join via MS Teams in the same way as other Members. However, they are unable to move/ second or amend motions or vote on any matters if they are not present in the meeting room. As with other Members joining via MS Teams, this does not count towards their formal committee attendance.
- Officers can participate in person or online.

- Members of the public addressing an Area Planning Committee should attend in person. However, arrangements to participate online can be considered in certain circumstances. Please contact committee.services@tmbc.gov.uk for further information.

Before formal proceedings start there will be a sound check of Members/Officers in the room. This is done as a roll call and confirms attendance of voting Members.

Ground Rules:

The meeting will operate under the following ground rules:

- Members in the Chamber should indicate to speak in the usual way and use the fixed microphones in front of them. These need to be switched on when speaking or comments will not be heard by those participating online. Please switch off microphones when not speaking.
- If there any technical issues the meeting will be adjourned to try and rectify them. If this is not possible there are a number of options that can be taken to enable the meeting to continue. These will be explained if it becomes necessary.

For those Members participating online:

- please request to speak using the 'chat or hand raised function';
- please turn off cameras and microphones when not speaking;
- please do not use the 'chat function' for other matters as comments can be seen by all;
- Members may wish to blur the background on their camera using the facility on Microsoft teams.
- Please avoid distractions and general chat if not addressing the meeting
- Please remember to turn off or silence mobile phones

Voting:

Voting may be undertaken by way of a roll call and each Member should verbally respond For, Against, Abstain. The vote will be noted and announced by the Democratic Services Officer.

Alternatively, votes may be taken by general affirmation if it seems that there is agreement amongst Members. The Chairman will announce the outcome of the vote for those participating and viewing online.

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Apologies for absence

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Agenda Item 3

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Notice of Motion (25/001) to be moved at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held on 18 February 2025:

- (1) That in recognition of their eminent services to the Borough of Tonbridge and Malling, **Royal British Legion Industries, Aylesford** be admitted as an Honorary Freeman of the Borough pursuant to Section 249(5) of the Local Government Act 1972.
- (2) That in pursuance of Section 249(9) of the Local Government Act 1972, expenditure be authorised to enable an address to be presented to each of the Honorary Freemen of the Borough referred to in (1) above.

Proposer(s)	Signature
Councillor D Davis	D Davis
Councillor M Boughton	M Boughton
Councillor A Oakley	A Oakley
Councillor Lee Athwal	L Athwal
Councillor P Hickmott	P Hickmott
Councillor M Taylor	M Taylor

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