

Cinque Port Town of New Romney



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6th May 2025

Dear Councillor,

SUMMONS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF NEW ROMNEY, TO BE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, NEW ROMNEY ON MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025 AT 6.45PM.

You are hereby summoned to attend the above-mentioned meeting of New Romney Town Council to consider the under-mentioned business.

Yours sincerely,

C. Newcombe

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Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer

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PLEASE NOTE: *The afore-mentioned meeting will commence at 6.00pm.*

Anyone displaying any symptoms of Covid-19 should NOT attend the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS

1. Who can participate in a New Romney Town Council meeting?

Members of the Public and Press may attend this Council meeting, except at such times as certain sensitive personal, legal or contractual matters may be considered in private and confidential session, when Members of the Public will be required to leave the meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING OF NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL
MONDAY 12TH MAY 2025 AT 6.45PM

The Town Mayor to welcome civic dignitaries and members of public

PRAYERS led by the Mayor's Chaplain

AGENDA

- 1. ELECTION OF COUNCIL CHAIRMAN & TOWN MAYOR (Encs*)**
 - (i) To elect the Chairman of New Romney Town Council and Town Mayor for the ensuing civic year.
 - (ii) Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed and read aloud by the newly elected Town Mayor.
 - (iii) Oath of Allegiance and Official Oath to be read aloud by the newly elected Town Mayor.
 - (iv) Newly elected Town Mayor to convey response to election and to confirm official Mayoress / Consort for the 2025-26 civic year.
- 2. ELECTION OF COUNCIL VICE-CHAIRMAN & DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR (Encs*)**
 - (i) To elect the Vice-Chairman of New Romney Town Council and Deputy Mayor for the ensuing civic year.
 - (ii) Declaration of Acceptance of Office to be signed and read aloud by the newly elected Deputy Mayor.
 - (iii) Oath of Allegiance and Official Oath to be read aloud by the newly elected Deputy Mayor.
 - (iv) Newly elected Deputy Mayor to convey response to election.
- 3. APOLOGIES**

To receive and note the apologies of Councillors unable to attend.
- 4. DISPENSATION TO PARTICIPATE**

To receive and note any applications granted by the Town Clerk, on behalf of the Town Council, for dispensation to participate in Meetings of New Romney Town Council.
- 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Other Significant or Personal Interests they may have in items on the agenda this evening.

6. CONFIRMATION OF MAYOR'S CHAPLAIN

Town Mayor to confirm choice for the role of Mayor's Chaplain for the ensuing civic year.

7. CONFIRMATION OF TOWN COUNCIL STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2025-26

(i) To approve the composition of the Planning and Environment Committee for 2025-26.

(ii) To approve the composition of the Finance & General Purposes Committee for 2025-26.

(iii) To approve the composition of the Health and Wellbeing Committee for 2025-26

(iv) To formally note that the composition of the Personnel Committee shall be approved at the first ordinary meeting of the Full Council following the election of Chairmen of the aforementioned Committees, in accordance with the relevant Terms of Reference.

8. CONFIRMATION OF BANK MANDATE SIGNATORIES

To confirm appointed bank mandate signatories for 2025-26.

9. FINANCIAL CHECKS 2025-26

To appoint two Councillors (non-signatories) to undertake formal monthly financial and procedural checks for the 2025-26 civic year.

10. KALC COMMUNITY AWARD

Presentation of the afore-mentioned award by the Town Mayor.

11. CONFIRMATION OF NEXT ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

The Town Mayor/Chairman to confirm that the next Ordinary Meeting of the Town Council shall be held in the Assembly Rooms, Church Approach on Monday 9th June 2023 commencing at 6.45 pm.

12. CLOSE OF MEETING

The Town Mayor/Chairman to formally close the Meeting.

NB: While the Town Mayor retires to disrobe and make his/her way to the Reception Venue, invited guests, Councillors and members of public will receive a presentation from the guest speaker.



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I, Councillor, having been elected to the office of Town Mayor and Chairman of New Romney Town Council, declare that I take that office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I undertake to observe the code as to the conduct which is expected of Members of New Romney Town Council.

Signed Date:

This Undertaking was made and signed before me:

Signed Date:

Proper Officer of the Council

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

TOWN MAYOR

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Councillor , swear that I will be faithful
and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the Third, His Heirs
and successors according to law. So help me God.

OFFICIAL OATH

I, Councillor do swear that I will well and
truly serve His Majesty King Charles the Third in the office of Town Mayor.
So help me God.



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

I, Councillor, having been elected to the office of Deputy Town Mayor and Vice Chairman of New Romney Town Council, declare that I take that office upon myself and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgement and ability.

I undertake to observe the code as to the conduct which is expected of Members of New Romney Town Council.

Signed Date:

This Undertaking was made and signed before me:

Signed Date:

Proper Officer of the Council

NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL

DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

I, Councillor do swear that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles the third, His Heirs and successors according to law. So help me God.

OFFICIAL OATH

I, Councillor do swear that I will well and truly serve His Majesty King Charles the Third in the office of Deputy Town Mayor. So help me God.



NEW ROMNEY TOWN COUNCIL COMPOSITION OF STANDING COMMITTEES FOR 2025-26



FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Councillor Peter Coe
Councillor Paul Carey
Councillor John Rivers
Councillor John Davies
Councillor Paul Thomas
Councillor Jane Hiscock
Councillor Kirsten Terry
Councillor Paul Peacock

Reserve Member: None

PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor Peter Coe
Councillor Paul Carey
Councillor John Rivers
Councillor John Davies
Councillor Kirsten Terry
Councillor Sarah O'Hare
Councillor John Houston

Reserve Member: None

HEALTH & WELLBEING COMMITTEE

Councillor Peter Coe
Councillor Paul Carey
Councillor John Rivers
Councillor John Davies
Councillor Paul Thomas
Councillor Jane Hiscock
Councillor Sheila Hodges
Councillor Rev Cn Sheila McLachlan

Reserve Member: None

NB: Personnel Committee Composition to be approved by way of a vote at the next ordinary meeting of Full Council due to limitation of 5 Members including Chairman of Council and Chairman of F&GP Committee in accordance with Terms of Reference for this Committee.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Councillor Peter Coe
Councillor John Rivers
Councillor John Davies
Councillor Paul Thomas
Councillor Jane Hiscock
Councillor Sheila Hodges
Councillor Paul Peacock

Reserve Member: TBC

AGENDA ITEM 8

Extract from Annual Council Meeting 2024:

009/2024-25 **FORMAL RE-CONFIRMATION OF BANK MANDATE SIGNATORIES**

It was:

PROPOSED BY: Councillor Carey

SECONDED BY: Councillor Rev Cn McLachlan

RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY – that it be formally confirmed that Councillor Rivers, Councillor Coe, Councillor Thomas, Councillor Hiscock, Councillor Terry and Councillor Rev Cn McLachlan shall continue to act as Town Council bank mandate signatories for 2024-25.

END