

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

Committee Services
Room 29
Town Hall
Station Road
Clacton-on-Sea
Essex
CO15 1SE

17 April 2025

Dear Councillor

I HEREBY SUMMON YOU to attend the annual meeting of the Tendring District Council to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Tuesday 29 April 2025 when the business specified in the accompanying Agenda is proposed to be transacted. The meeting will be held in the Princes Theatre, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Davidson', followed by a horizontal line and a small mark.

Ian Davidson
Chief Executive

To: All members of the
Tendring District Council

TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL

AGENDA

For the annual meeting to be held on Tuesday, 29 April 2025

Prayers

1 Apologies for Absence

The Council is asked to note any apologies for absence received from Members.

2 Retiring Chairman's Announcements

The Council is asked to note any announcements made by the retiring Chairman of the Council.

3 Election of the Chairman of the Council for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 3 and 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council will elect its Chairman for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

4 Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Council for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council will appoint its Vice-Chairman for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.

5 Announcements by the Chairman

Council is asked to note any announcements made by the Chairman of the Council.

6 Announcements by the Chief Executive

The Council is asked to note any announcements made by the Chief Executive.

7 Report of the Chief Executive - A.1 - Change in membership of a Political Group on Tendring District Council (Pages 7 - 8)

To inform Members of a change in membership of the Tendring Independents political group.

8 Size of membership of Committees etc.

Council will formally note the size of membership of the Council's Committees and Sub-Committees as follows:-

<u>Committee/Sub-Committee</u>	<u>No. of Members</u>
Audit	(7)
Community Leadership Overview & Scrutiny	(9)
Human Resources & Council Tax	(7)
Licensing and Registration	(10)
Planning	(9)
Planning Policy & Local Plan	(9)
Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny	(9)
Standards	(7)
Miscellaneous Licensing Sub-Committee	(5)
Town & Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee	(3)

NOTE: Except for the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee, the membership of the above Committees and Sub-Committees are subject to the Rules of Political Proportionality (Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989).

9 Report of the Chief Executive - A.2 - Allocation of seats on Committees and Sub-Committees to the Political Groups formed on Tendring District Council and the Appointment of the Membership of Committees etc. for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year (Pages 9 - 18)

Following a meeting of Group Leaders held to discuss and decide the matter, Council is requested to approve the allocation to the political groups formed on Tendring District Council of seats on those bodies that are subject to the Rules of Political Proportionality (Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989).

In accordance with the wishes expressed by Group Leaders, Council will also appoint Members to serve on those bodies that are subject to the Rules of Political Proportionality (Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989).

10 Appointment of the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

Council will note that the appointment of Members to serve on the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee will take place at the next meeting of the Standards Committee.

NOTE: The Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee's membership **must** be chosen from the membership of the Standards Committee.

11 Election of Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of Committees etc. for the 2025/2026 Municipal Year

Except for the Town and Parish Councils Standards Sub-Committee, Council will formally elect the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the bodies listed under Agenda Item 7 above.

NOTE: Article 6.02(ii) of the Council's Constitution states, inter alia, that the elected Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Resources and Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee must be Members appointed to that Committee who, normally, are also members of a Political Group that is unrepresented on the Council's Cabinet.

12 Report of the Monitoring Officer - A.3 - The Council's Constitution (Pages 19 - 20)

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1 (xi), to formally reaffirm the Council's current Constitution.

13 Reference from Cabinet - A.4 - Timetable of Meetings: 2025/2026 Municipal Year (Pages 21 - 30)

Council will consider the proposed programme of meetings for the 2025/26 Municipal Year.

14 Report of the Corporate Director (Law and Governance) & Monitoring Officer - A.5 - Independent Persons Recruitment (Pages 31 - 36)

To approve the recommendations from the Interview Selection Panel (Standards Committee meeting 24 October 2024 minute no. 25) to appoint Mrs Sue Gallone, Mr David Irvine, Mrs Sheila Murphy and Mrs Jane Watts as the Council's Independent Persons for the purpose of the Standards Framework for a term of four years.

All of the recommended appointments are to be for the period expiring at the Annual Council meeting in May 2029.

15 Appointment of Member Authority Representatives to serve on/at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 1.1 (xiii) the Council will appoint up to four Members, with each Member being a Member Authority Representative to serve on/at the General Assembly of the Local Government Association.

NOTE: Two of the Members appointed must be the Leader of the Council and the Deputy Leader of the Council. Up to two further names can be put forward to Council by the Leader of the Council and/or by other Group Leaders.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting of the Council

Tuesday, 20 May 2025 at 7.30 pm - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

INFORMATION FOR VISITORS

PRINCES THEATRE FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURE

There is no alarm test scheduled for this meeting. In the event of an alarm sounding, please calmly make your way out of any of the four fire exits in the auditorium and follow the exit signs out of the building.

Please follow the instructions given by any member of staff and they will assist in leaving the building.

Please do not re-enter the building until you are advised it is safe to do so by the relevant member of staff.

The assembly point for the Princes Theatre is in the car park to the left of the front of the building as you are facing it. Your calmness and assistance is greatly appreciated.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT TENDRING DISTRICT COUNCIL MEETINGS

Welcome to this evening's meeting of Tendring District Council.

This is an open meeting which members of the public can attend to see Councillors debating and transacting the business of the Council. However, please be aware that, unless you are included on the agenda to ask a public question, members of the public are not entitled to make any comment or take part in the meeting. You are also asked to behave in a respectful manner at all times during these meetings.

Members of the public do have the right to film or record council meetings subject to the provisions set out below:-

Rights of members of the public to film and record meetings

Under The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014, which came into effect on 6 August 2014, any person is permitted to film or record any meeting of the Council, a Committee, Sub-Committee or the Cabinet, unless the public have been excluded from the meeting for the consideration of exempt or confidential business.

Members of the public also have the right to report meetings using social media (including blogging or tweeting).

The Council will provide reasonable facilities to facilitate reporting.

Public Behaviour

Any person exercising the rights set out above must not disrupt proceedings. Examples of what will be regarded as disruptive, include, but are not limited to:

- (1) Moving outside the area designated for the public;
- (2) Making excessive noise;
- (3) Intrusive lighting/flash; or
- (4) Asking a Councillor to repeat a statement.

In addition, members of the public or the public gallery should **not** be filmed as this could infringe on an individual's right to privacy, if their prior permission had not been obtained.

Any person considered being disruptive or filming the public will be requested to cease doing so by the Chairman of the meeting and may be asked to leave the meeting. A refusal by the member of the public concerned will lead to the Police being called to intervene.

Filming by the Council

This meeting will be filmed by the Council for live and/or subsequent broadcast on the Council's website. The whole of the meeting will be filmed, except where there are confidential or exempt items, and the footage will be on the website for up to four years (the Council retains three full year of recordings and the relevant proportion of the current Municipal Year). The Council will seek to avoid/minimise footage of members of the public in attendance at, or participating in, the meeting.