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Dear Councillor

A meeting of the Town Council is to be held in the **TOWN HALL**, Bridport on **Tuesday 21 November 2017 at 7:00 pm**, when it is proposed to transact the following agenda.

Yours sincerely

Town Clerk

The meeting is open to the public

AGENDA

OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

Prior to the start of each ordinary Council meeting, there will be an Open Public Forum of up to 45 minutes for electors or residents in the parish of Bridport or adjoining parishes. This will be in two parts:

- a public discussion on a particular issue of current interest. There will be no time limits on public contributions in this section of the Open Forum. The subject for discussion at this meeting is **feedback on the town centre consultation**.
 - public questions or statements, primarily in respect of items on the agenda of the Town Council meeting but also in the interests of wider public discussion. Each question/contribution under this section will not exceed three minutes in duration.
1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence submitted by Members.
 2. **MINUTES**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Town Council held on 19 September 2017 (copy herewith).

d. **Environment and Social wellbeing** **1 November 2017 (copy herewith)**

Including the following recommendations:

(Min No. 38)

Homelessness and rough sleeping

The Committee received an update on the BLAP Working Group. It also considered the potential impact of universal credit under this item and made a number of proposals:

The following proposals were suggested:

- that the Citizens Advice Bureau be contacted to see what the position was and whether there was any support that the Town Council could provide, in terms of assistance with information for the public.
- check whether there was a need for space for training to assist people in completing forms. It was asked if the Job Centre could be used for this purpose.
- a letter should be sent to the MP raising concerns about the implementation in Bridport and asking if the timescale for the roll out could be reviewed.

RECOMMEND:

that the timescale for the implementation of Universal Credit in Bridport be noted and the proposals be supported.

(Min No. 39)

RECOMMEND:

Rights Respecting – Next Steps

that a formal public launch of the Charter be arranged and local organisations be invited to the launch and to discuss the wider roll out of the Charter.

6. **TOWN CENTRE CONSULTATION - NEXT STEPS**

To consider a report of the Town Clerk, [ENCL: 3261](#).

7. **OPEN PUBLIC FORUM**

To agree the issue for discussion at the next Open Public Forum at the Council meeting to be held on 23 January 2018.

8. **COMMUNICATIONS**

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor, [ENCL: 3259](#), Leader of the Council or the Town Clerk may wish to report.

The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be on 23 January 2018