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Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Town Council to be held in virtually on **Tuesday 19 January 2021 at 7.00pm**, when it is proposed to transact the following agenda.

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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 Local Food.
- 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.





**(Min No. 58)**

RECOMMEND:

**Risk Assessment and Management: Annual Review**

that the Risk Assessment and Management Strategy Policy be approved as tabled.

**d. Environment and Social Wellbeing**

**6 January 2021**

**(copy enclosed)**

Including the following recommendation:

**(Min No. 46)**

RECOMMEND:

**Tree Planting Schemes**

that Bridport Town Council accepts liability for the management of trees planted by the residents group at Wellfields Drive/Acer Avenue, subject to agreement with the group and Dorset Council on the appropriate type of trees.

**6. ELECTION OF TOWN MAYOR, DEPUTY TOWN MAYOR AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL 2021/2022**

In accordance with Standing Order 4(d) (1) all members have been invited to submit nominations for the posts of Town Mayor, Deputy Town Mayor and Leader of the Council. The nominations received will be reported and the Council will be invited to approve its preferred candidates to go forward for election at the Annual Town Council meeting (Mayor Making).

**7. MOTION SUBMITTED BY CLLR ROSE ALLWORK**

To consider the following motion:

Bridport Town Council notes that the chair of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM) Reparations Commission has called on Richard Drax, MP for South Dorset, as the recent inheritor of Drax Hall Estate, an historical slave plantation in Barbados, to pay reparation to people of Barbados and Jamaica, where his family were slaveholders for 200 years.

As a Rights Respecting Town, Bridport entirely supports this initiative and considers it a moral duty of all governments, individuals and organisations who historically benefited from the enslavement and genocide of African people in the Caribbean, to engage with CARICOM in their struggle for justice for the victims of slavery and their descendants.

Bridport Town Council calls on Mr Drax to acknowledge, and apologise for, the historical role of his family in the Trans-Atlantic slave trade and to enter into a constructive discussion with CARICOM Reparations Committee on the subject of reparation.

Bridport Town Council further resolves to add our signatures to the open letter drafted by Stand Up to Racism Dorset, calling on Mr Drax to return Drax Hall Estate in Barbados to the people of that nation, for the benefit of Barbadians and the people of the Caribbean region.



8. OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

To agree the issue for discussion at the next Open Public Forum at the Council meeting to be held on 30 March 2021.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

To receive such communications as the Town Mayor, [ENCL: 3584](#), Leader of the Council or the Town Clerk may wish to report.

**The next meeting of Bridport Town Council will be on 30 March 2021**