

You are hereby summoned to attend a Meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee to be held on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December** 2014, in the Upper Hall, Town Hall, immediately following the meeting of the Planning & General Works Committee.

Dated: 10<sup>th</sup> December 2014



Town Clerk

## MEMBERS OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

### AGENDA

**373/14 Apologies for Absence**

**374/14 Declaration of Interest**

Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests in items on the agenda, **and the nature of that interest**, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and Brackley Town Council's Code of Conduct.

**375/14 Public Participation**

This section of the meeting gives members of the public who are present an opportunity to speak. The session will last up to 15 minutes with each speaker allowed up to 3 minutes to speak on any item which appears on the agenda for this evening's meeting. Please state your name and address before asking your question.

**376/14 Approval of Minutes**

Members are asked to receive and approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Direct Responsibilities and General Purposes Committee held on Monday 17th November 2014.

**377/14 Members Reports**

None received

**378/14 Christmas Lights**

Members are advised that the street lighting columns all passes the structural integrity testing and were all therefore deemed safe. The new lighting arrays were installed on High Street near the Halse Road Junction and have been well received. There have been a number of comments relating to the lack of lights on the High Street from the Buckingham Road Traffic Lights past Winchester House School. This is a particularly difficult area to light given the number and size of the trees, but Members could bear this in mind when planning the lights for future years. The location of the Fire Station provides an opportunity to enhance the lighting in that area.

Members are asked to consider establishing a working group to investigate the possibilities and issues for future Christmas Lighting and to set up a meeting date early in the New Year to begin the work of drawing up the new tender documents.

**379/14 Trees**

Following the agreed crown reduction on the old railway land adjacent to Haymans Road, a request has been received for similar treatment to an adjacent Ash tree on the same basis i.e. costs split between the Council and the resident who has made the request

Members are asked how they wish to proceed.

**380/14 Matters for discussion or information**

Members are advised that the Pre-application meeting in relation to the plans for the Fire Station was positive and that a Grant Application to SNC under the New Homes Bonus Scheme was submitted on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2014.

*Members are reminded that the 'Carols in the Market Place' will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December starting at 6.00pm, with Brackley Carnival Committee providing Santa's Grotto from 4.30pm.*