KEYNSHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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To: All Members of the Consultation Response Group: Councillors D Biddleston, M Burton, D Cooper (Chair), C Fricker (Vice Chair) and A Beaumont

Cllrs C Davis and A Halliday - Substitutes

cc. All Other Town Councillors.

Dear Member

You are requested to attend a meeting of the CONSULTATION RESPONSE GROUP to be held in the Town Council Office, 15 – 17 Temple Street, Keynsham BS31 1HF on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026 at 6.00 p.m.**

The agenda for the meeting appears below.



Dawn Drury
Town Clerk

25th November 2026

EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

When the continuous alarm sounds you must evacuate the building by the exit and proceed to the assembly point: grassed area past St. Cadoc House, Temple Street.

Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

RECOMMENDED:
To receive, note and accept any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any Declarations of Interest under Keynsham Town Council's Code of Conduct (adopted on 16th April 2019) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012, SI No. 1464 and as per Standing Order 3(v).

RECOMMENDED:
To receive and note any declarations of interest.

3. DISPENSATIONS

In accordance with Standing Order 13, to consider any requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to the item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself and to receive any disclosures of decisions as per item 7 of Keynsham Town Council's Dispensations Policy and Procedure Guide.

RECOMMENDED:
To receive requests for dispensations (for disclosable pecuniary interests) prior to an individual item(s) being discussed, that Members may only become aware of during the meeting itself.

4. RECORD OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

RECOMMENDED:
That the Minutes of the Consultation Response Group meeting held on Thursday 29th October 2026 (previously circulated) be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

5. B&NES COUNCIL BUDGET CONSULTATION 2027 – 2028 (Documents attached)

B&NES are asking for views on their draft spending plans for the financial year 2027 to 2028.

Every year, Bath & North East Somerset Council must agree a legal and balanced budget. This sets out how they will use their money to provide services for residents, the income they expect to receive, and the savings or additional income needed to ensure their planned spending matches our available funding.
They face a significant financial challenge in 2027 to 2028. Rising costs, increasing demand for services, particularly support for vulnerable adults and children, and changes to government funding are putting pressure on the Council's finances. Their current Medium Term Financial Strategy identifies a savings requirement of around £14.7 million.

By consulting earlier in the budget-setting process, they are giving residents an early opportunity to influence their plans for 2027/28, focusing particularly on proposals likely to have an impact on services to the public. The budget will continue to develop over the coming months to ensure a balanced and sustainable budget.

They are proposing to increase Council Tax by 4.99%, which is the maximum allowed

without a local referendum. B&NES has the second lowest level of Council Tax in the South West.

They have a strong record of managing the Council's finances responsibly. However, increasing demand and financial pressures mean they cannot continue to do everything in the same way. Their approach focuses on transformation, prevention and productivity, protecting essential frontline services while changing how they work and making the best use of their money and resources.

Consultation closes Tuesday 15th December 2026 at 5.00 p.m.

RECOMMENDED:

(i) To receive and note the paperwork.

(ii) To decide if Council wishes to respond to this consultation and if so consider responses.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RECOMMENDED:

To note that a Doodle Poll will be sent out to ascertain the date and time of the Group's next meeting.