

TOWN COUNCIL OF GRANGE-OVER-SANDS

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Cllr. Peter Endsor

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Mrs. C. Benbow



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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of the Town Council in accordance with Schedule 12 para.10(2) (b) of the Local Government Act 1972, to be held remotely, on Monday 16 November 2020 at 7 pm.

On 4 April 2020, the government brought The Local Authorities (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority Meetings) (England) Regulations 2020 into force to allow local authorities to conduct meetings remotely without it being necessary for any of the participants or audience to be present together in the same room.

This new legislation allows councils to carry out their business lawfully whilst ensuring that the health and safety of officers, councillors and members of the public is protected in accordance with government advice.

This meeting of Grange-over-Sands Town Council will be held remotely, using the Zoom video conferencing system. This system is simple for all participants and members of the public to access.

Access links will be sent to all Councillors.

If you wish to take part in the next meeting as a member of the public, please contact the Town Clerk on townclerk@grangeoversands.net and register if you will be attending and if you would like to speak in the public participation section.

You will then be emailed meeting access details. You can also request to be added to the Agenda Distribution Group which receives the meeting papers each month.

Note: Under the Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 this meeting was advertised as a public meeting and as such could be filmed or recorded by broadcasters, the media or the public.

Signed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'C. Benbow', written over a light blue horizontal line.

C. Benbow, Town Clerk

AGENDA EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2020

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies from members.

2. Public Participation: Have Your Say

Have Your Say: Members of the public are invited to speak.

Please ensure that you have registered your wish to speak prior to the meeting.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To authorise the Chairman to sign the Minutes of the Meeting of the Town Council held on Monday 9 November 2020 as a true record.

Physical signing will take place in due course.

4. Declaration of Interests and Dispensations

Members to disclose their interests in matters to be discussed and to decide requests for dispensations.

5. Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

To consider if any items should be considered without the presence of the press and public, pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 Section 2.

6. Unitary Authority

At a meeting with Town Councillors on 4 November 2020, District Councillor Robin Ashcroft presented SLDC's perspective on the formation of a new Unitary Authority.

County Councillor Bill Wearing has provided the County's perspective.

Members are asked to consider a response to the proposals.

Cllr. Greenway produced notes from the meeting with District Cllr. Ashcroft (*circulated*).

The following documents are circulated for the item:

- (a) South Lakeland District Council - 'The Bay - An outline proposal for a new Morecambe Bay Unitary Authority prepared by Barrow Borough Council, South Lakeland District Council and Lancaster City Council'.
- (b) Cumbria County Council – Independent Analysis of Governance Scenarios and Public Service Reform in County Areas (Sept 2016).
- (c) Cumbria County Council – Appendix 5 – One Cumbria: a proposition for local government reform.
- (d) Cumbria County Council – Appendix 6 – Local Government Reform - Strategic Business Case.
- (e) Cumbria County Council – Scrutiny Committee Workstreams.

7. Next Meeting

To note that the next Full Council Meeting will be held remotely on:

Monday 14 December 2020, 7pm