Chard Town Council

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Mayor: Cllr Victoria Bates
Chief Executive & Town Clerk David Bell

MINUTES

Chard Town Extraordinary **Full Council** meeting held in Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard, TA20 1PP on **Monday 30th April 2026** commencing at 19:00.

Councillors Present: Councillors: Baker (Part), Bates, Bulmer, Crook, Eggins, Hassan, A Kenton, J Kenton, O'Brien, Richter, Tribble, Watson & Williams

Officers Present:
Chief Executive & Town Clerk, David Bell and Operations Manager Kevin Dyer

Public Participation
Two members of the public spoke.

Section 1 Standing Items:

2026/65 **Apologies for Absence**
Council received and accepted apologies from the following Councillors: Hussey and Shortland

2026/66 **Declarations of Interest**
The following Cllrs made declarations:

- Cllr Baker in respect to agenda item 2026/70

2026/67 **Full Council Meeting Minutes**
No minutes were provided for this meeting

Section 2 Confidential Items For Decision

2026/68 **To resolve to exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 as certain items may include the consideration of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act**

Proposed: Councillor Tribble Seconded: Councillor Watson
Unanimous

Resolved: For council to exclude the press and public in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 197 as agenda items 2026/69 & 70 will include the consideration of exempt information as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act

2026/69 **Recruitment of Town Clerk Position**

Council considered the report and recommendations from the Recruitment Panel.

Proposed: Councillor J Kenton Seconded: Councillor Bulmer
Unanimous

Resolved: To recruit the recommended candidate as the new Town Clerk with a start date of 5th July subject to successful references and to give delegated authority to the Chair of the HR Committee and the Mayor to agree an extension of contract for the existing Chief Executive and Town Clerk to run to 5th July 2026 inclusive.

Cllr Baker left the meeting

2026/70 **Outstanding Complaints**

Council considered the presentation and report given by the Chief Executive & Town Clerk

Proposed: Councillor Watson Seconded: Councillor Bulmer
For: 10 Abstain: 2

Resolved: To fully uphold the complaint made by an Officer in respect of the Council Corporate and to partially uphold the complaint by a Councillor in respect to an Officer.

2026/71 **Date Of Next Meeting**

Council noted the next Full Chard Town Council meeting is Monday 18th May 2026. To be held at The Guildhall, Fore Street, Chard TA20 1PP and commence at 7pm

There being no other business, The Mayor thanked all those in attendance for coming and closed the meeting at 20.26 p.m.

Date: 16/7/2026 **Signed:**