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Promotions and Activities Committee

Members of Yeovil Town Council are summoned to attend:

The Meeting... **Promotions and Activities Committee**

The Time... **7.00pm**

The Date... **Tuesday 11 July 2017**

The Place... **Town House, 19 Union Street, Yeovil**

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Amanda Card
Town Clerk

4 July 2017

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To All Members of the Promotions and Activities Committee:

David Recardo (*Ex-officio*) (*Chairman*)

Joe Conway

Wes Read (*Vice-Chairman*)

Pauline Lock

Manny Roper

Sarah Lowery

Darren Shutler (*Ex-officio*)

Evie Potts-Jones

Alan Smith

Faye Purbrick

Equality Act 2010

The *general* public sector equality duty places an obligation on a wide range of public bodies (including town and parish councils) in the exercise of their functions to have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act
- Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not
- Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not

The protected characteristics are:

Age	Race
Disability	Religion or Belief
Gender Reassignment	Sex
Marriage and Civil Partnership	Sexual Orientation
Pregnancy and Maternity	

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Public Comment (15 Minutes)

A G E N D A

9/134. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND TO CONSIDER THE REASONS GIVEN

Council to receive apologies for absence and consider the reasons given. *LGA 1972 s85(1)*

9/135. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members to declare any interests, including Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Town Council's Code of Conduct and to consider any requests from members for Dispensations that accord with Localism Act 2011 s33(b-e). (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

9/136. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings held on 16 May 2017.

9/137. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

To consider the report by the Deputy Town Clerk attached at page 2.

9/138. YEOVIL IN BLOOM MINUTES

To note the minutes of the Yeovil in Bloom Steering Group meeting held on 26 June 2017 attached at pages 3 to 4.

9/139. UNITY IN THE COMMUNITY WORKING GROUP

To receive a verbal update from the Chairman (Cllr Joe Conway)/Vice Chairman (Cllr Faye Purbrick) of the event.

9/140. FINANCIAL STATEMENT – APRIL/MAY 2017

To consider the Financial Statement for the period 1 April to 31 May 2017 attached at pages 5 to 8.

PUBLIC COMMENT (15 Minutes)

9/137. CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The Christmas Lights Competition is an opportunity to recognise the hard work of local people in brightening up the town by decorating their homes or businesses with festive lights during the Christmas period. Nominations are requested for displays in Yeovil and the entrees are judged by a working group who view all of the competition entries in person.

Last year, judging took place on 19th December and the winners were announced just before Christmas. Brismore Gardens sponsored first prize and the winners and runners up were presented with their awards by the Mayor at the first Promotions and Activities meeting in the New Year.

The Western Gazette supported the publicity for the competition and we worked in collaboration with Brympton and Yeovil Without Parish Councils.

Last year, the working group formed to judge the competition included Cllrs S Lowery, W Read, M Roper and D Shutler, and Audrey Spencer, Emma Slee, and representatives from Brympton, West Coker and Yeovil Without Parish Councils were invited.

The Committee is requested to once again nominate Members for the formation of a working group, which will take part in the judging, and decide who should be invited to join the working group to help judge the entrees.

The Committee is **RECOMMENDED** to note the matter and decide who will form the judging working group.

(Sally Freemantle, Deputy Town Clerk - 01935 382424)