

To Councillors: A Baker, M Gemmell Smith, A Layland, M McArthur (Chair), S McGregor, M Stockdale, B Todd.

Notice is hereby given of a Personnel Committee Meeting to be held in Doggetts Barn on 3 March 2026 at 11:00 am, which Councillors are summonsed to attend.

Town Clerk
26 February 2026

To assist in the speedy and efficient dispatch of business members wishing to obtain factual information on items included on the Agenda are asked to enquire of the Town Clerk prior to the day of the meeting.

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Meeting Papers & Report

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4 **Matters arising not covered elsewhere**

Updates below following meeting papers in November which reported:

Appraisals: These were completed over January and February (agenda item 9.1).

Annual contract HR and H&S services: Worknest 3 of the agreement, ends in 2027, committee will be asked to review and consider other options. This is noted as a reminder.

Polices: Recommendation for new polices (and also expected as part of the Quality Council:

- Harassment at work - is included in the Staff Handbook, but a Sexual Harassment policy is presented agenda item 6.6.1.
- Menopause - a Menopause Policy is included in the Staff Handbook, which I believe is sufficient but is present under agenda item 6.6.2.
- Training and Personal Development - agenda item 6.6.3.

Training records: All staff have been issued with new electronic forms to record training from 2025 onwards, with forms held in central folder in SharePoint Council files.

Principles of Internal Auditing Local Councils (PIALC): The Town Clerk started this in February, aiming to complete by end of February.

Worknest: uploading employee records to the HR platform remains outstanding.

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