



Meeting	Full Council
Date	28 September 2022
Report Title	Chippenham Community Town Team - Request for Chippenham Town Councillor representation
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## **1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider the nomination and appointment of a Town Councillor to act as a representative on the Chippenham Community Town Team, a group set up by the Chippenham Community Hub.

## **2.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

2.1 The Chippenham Community Hub Charity set up the Chippenham Community Town Team and outline on their website that, *'the next phase of development is to join with other organisations, businesses, authorities, to begin planning for a future that will enable both this generation and those still to come to thrive and enjoy all the benefits that a good neighbourhood can offer.'*<sup>1</sup>

## **3.0 APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVE**

3.1 On 23 August 2022 the Chair of the Chippenham Community Town Team contacted the Chief Executive of Chippenham Town Council requesting that a Chippenham Town Councillor attend as a representative.

3.2 The Town Team Charter for the Group is included at **APPENDIX A**.

3.3 Due to emphasis on political neutrality in the Town Team Charter, it is recommended that the Mayor of Chippenham be nominated to attend as their role is ceremonial and non-political.

3.4 If supported, this nomination to an outside body will be considered each year at the annual Council meeting.

## **4.0 CONTRIBUTION TO CORPORATE PLAN PRIORITIES**

4.1 The appointment of a Town Councillor to act as a representative on the Chippenham Community Town Team will contribute to the following corporate priority;

- Play an active role in the future development of the town through collaboration with partners, stakeholders, and our community.

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.chippenhamhub.com/about-6>

**5.0 STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no staffing implications.

**6.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 There are no financial implications.

**7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 There are no legal implications.

**8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 It is recommended that Councillors nominate and appoint the Mayor to attend the Chippenham Community Town Team meetings.

## Chippenham Community Town Team Charter

### What is the Community Town Team Charter?

The charter is a shared story of what the Town Team is and how those who are involved are expected to act. It is a summary of the 'Community Town Team Way' that puts what is good for Chippenham at the forefront of all actions and decisions.

This is a positive movement both for the people of Chippenham, and by the people of Chippenham.

The Town Team is a proactive movement led by actions, collaboration, and deeds that improve our local place. It is an inclusive movement for good and positive results that will both enhance and improve the community of Chippenham.

For those involved it is an innovative and creative movement that follows the creed that *if it is good for Chippenham, legal, and possible, then actions should follow.*

*There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about*  
Margaret J Wheatley

### The Guiding Principals

#### 1. Positive

The Town Team is a positive influence in our community and members lead by example. They foster a can-do culture and build beneficial relationships wherever possible.

#### 2. Proactive

The purpose of the team is to actively improve our community and place, helping to deliver actions, events, or projects, by inputting the will of the community into decision making by authorities.

#### 3. Apolitical & Independent

Decisions and actions are beyond political or personal predilection's with no member aligned or advocating for such. Working both closely and constructively with those representing local councils and the government with the purpose of benefiting the community not individual or factional advancement.

#### 4. Inclusive

The Community Town Team is open and inclusive to all and celebrates diversity. It is there to represent everyone in the Chippenham Community.

#### 5. Resilient & Sustainable

The approach of the team will be to create a healthy and vibrant town which is a resilient, ebullient, and sustainable, 'place for people' that promotes and enables positive mental and physical wellbeing.

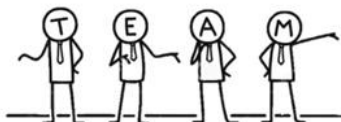
#### 6. Integrity, Honesty & Respect

All members of the town team will operate with integrity, honesty, and respect - at all times putting place before person.



## Chippenham Community Town Team Model

The Chippenham Community Town Team are leaders and facilitators of positive change. They will enable the future development of the town centre influencing from street level.



The partnership between business, influencers, government organisations and the community will be the mortar that enables Chippenham to have a realistic and sustainable future.

*Working together to make the town a better place*