



PRESS RELEASE

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BURGESS HILL TOWN COUNCIL TO HOST ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held at Cyprus Hall on Tuesday 20th May.

Residents will be welcome from 7pm for tea/coffee and an opportunity to speak with Councillors who represent residents of Burgess Hill at the Town, District and County Councils. This informal time is an opportunity to meet local Councillors and ask any questions as to the work of the three Councils.

The meeting will start promptly at 7.30pm with an expected duration of 90 minutes.

The Town Mayor will chair the meeting and give a brief update on the changes to local government due to start in 2026: when a Sussex Mayor will be elected. Through to 2028 when a new Unitary Authority will replace both Mid Sussex and West Sussex Councils. He will also highlight any matters on the Burgess Hill Town Council Annual Report which will be available.

A presentation will be given by the Bluebell Railway as to the activities in place to mark 200 years since the first passenger trains (The Stockton to Darlington Railway).

An open forum will follow with the opportunity to discuss any matters that relate to the Town. For those who cannot attend the meeting in person, it will be broadcast live from just before 7.30pm on Mid Sussex Radio which can be found on 103.8FM or via the internet www.midsussexradio.co.uk/listen

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Notes to editors:

The Annual Town Meeting is not a Council meeting, it is a meeting of the electors of Burgess Hill. The meeting is traditionally called by the Town Council as the Mayor, if present, must preside. The purpose of the meeting is for residents to raise any matters that they wish to that affect the town. However, as there is no mechanism for matters to be “agreed” questions would usually be redirected to the correct Authority.

This year the Town Council has invited all Councillors who are elected to represent Burgess Hill residents for the Burgess Hill Town Council, Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council to attend the meeting, to meet with residents informally over coffee, at the start of the meeting.

Residents are also welcome to attend Council meetings to ask specific questions of the appropriate Councils, meeting schedules are available on the appropriate Council website.

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