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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the;

COUNCIL

on **THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026** at **7.30 pm**

in the **Council Chamber, Maldon District Council Offices, Princes Road, Maldon.**

Please Note: All meetings will continue to be live streamed on the [Council's YouTube channel](#) for those wishing to observe remotely. Public participants wishing to speak remotely at a meeting can continue to do so via Microsoft Teams.

To submit a question in writing or attend in person please complete a [Public Access form](#) (to be received no later than 12noon two clear working days before the Council meeting). All requests will be considered on a first-come, first-served basis.

A copy of the agenda is attached.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive



AGENDA COUNCIL

THURSDAY 26 MARCH 2026

1. **Chairperson's notices**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Minutes - 12 February 2026** (Pages 5 - 28)

To confirm the Minutes of the Council meeting held on 12 February 2026 (copy enclosed).

4. **Declaration of Interest**

To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registrable interests and Non-Registrable Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraph 9 and Appendix B of the Code of Conduct for Members.

(Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).

5. **Public Questions**

To receive questions from members of the public, of which prior notification in writing has been received (no later than noon two clear working days before the day of the Council meeting).

Should you wish to submit a question please complete the online form at www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation.

6. **Chairperson's Announcements**

7. **Meetings of the Council**

To note that since the last Council, up until Wednesday 18 March 2026 (Council agenda dispatch) the following Committees have met, and to receive any questions in accordance with Council and Committee Procedure Rule 6 (2).

South Eastern Area Planning Committee	11 February 2026
District Planning Committee	25 February
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (meeting as the Crime and Disorder Committee)	26 February
Performance, Governance and Audit Committee	12 March

8. **Questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 6(3) of which notice has been given**

9. **Terms of Reference - Strategic Housing Working Group** (Pages 29 - 36)
To consider the report of the Strategic Housing Working Group, (copy enclosed).
10. **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation** (Verbal Report)
To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive.
11. **Culture and Heritage Update** (Pages 37 - 44)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
12. **Exclusion of the Public and Press**
To resolve that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.
13. **Outline Business Case for Maldon Museum Extension Project** (Pages 45 - 48)
To provide Members with confidential information necessary to inform the public report at Agenda Item 15.

This information must be considered in private as it includes commercial sensitive information.
14. **Resumption of Business in Open Session**
To continue in open session with the business of the Council.

Members of the press and public will be readmitted at this point.
15. **Outline Business Case for Maldon Museum Extension Project** (Pages 49 - 198)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

Please note: Background Paper B12 contains exempt information and will be considered in private session at Agenda Item 13 pursuant to Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A.
16. **Questions to the Leader of the Council in accordance with Procedure Rule 1 (3)(m)**
17. **Business by reason of special circumstances considered by the Chairperson to be urgent**
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