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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the fifty fourth;

STATUTORY ANNUAL COUNCIL

on **THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026** at **7.30 pm**

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

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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

Serving Members who are past Chairperson of Maldon District Council are invited to wear their past Chairperson's badges and medals.



**AGENDA
STATUTORY ANNUAL COUNCIL**

THURSDAY 14 MAY 2026

1. **Chairperson's notices**

2. **Election of Chairperson**

To elect the Chairperson of the Maldon District Council for the ensuing municipal year.

3. **Chairperson's Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Chairperson to make the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. **Appointment of Vice-Chairperson**

To appoint the Vice-Chairperson of the Maldon District Council for the ensuing municipal year.

5. **Vice-Chairperson's Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office**

Vice-Chairperson to make the Statutory Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

6. **Apologies for absence**

7. **Minutes - 26 March 2026** (Pages 7 - 14)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 26 March 2026, (copy enclosed).

8. **Declarations 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).

9. **Public Questions**

To receive questions from members of the public, of which prior notification in writing has been received (no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the date of the meeting).

10. **Chairperson's Announcements**

11. **Meetings of the Council**

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

Appointments Board	12 March 2026
Strategy and Resources Committee	19 March
South Eastern Area Planning Committee	8 April
Central Area Planning Committee	15 April
Joint Standards Committee (special meeting)	28 April

12. **Questions in accordance with Procedure Rule 6 (2) of which notice has been given**

13. **Leaders and Composition of Political Groups** (To Follow)

- (i) To consider the report of the Chief Executive on the Leaders and composition of each political group (copy to follow).
- (ii) The Council to consider the ratification of the Leader-designate as Leader or to elect the Leader of the Council.
- (iii) To elect the Deputy Leader of the Council.

14. **Appointment of Membership of Committees of the Council** (To Follow)

To appoint Members to serve on Committees, as required by Procedure Rule 15. (Report of the Chief Executive on the nominations of the Leaders of all Groups to the places allocated to their respective Groups, copy to follow).

15. **Adjournment of meeting**

To adjourn the meeting to allow Committees of the Council and the Area Planning Committees to proceed to elect Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

Special Meeting of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Strategy and Resources Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Licensing Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Joint Standards Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Investigating and Disciplinary Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

**To be followed by:-*

Special Meeting of the District Planning Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the Central Area Planning Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the North Western Area Planning Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

To be followed by:-

Special Meeting of the South Eastern Area Planning Committee

- (a) To elect a Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year
- (b) To appoint a Vice-Chairperson of the Committee for the ensuing Municipal Year

16. **Resumption of Business**

To continue with the business of the Statutory Annual Meeting of the Council.

17. **Appointment to Membership of Committees of the Council - continued**

To appoint Members to serve on the Appointments Board, as required by Procedure Rule 15. (Please see Agenda Item 14 for report of the Chief Executive on the nominations from the Leaders of all Groups to the places allocated to their respective Groups.)

18. **Appointment of Representatives to Local Government and Outside Bodies** (To Follow)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive (copy to follow).
 19. **Appointment of Members to serve on Working Groups of the Council** (To Follow)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive (copy to follow).
 20. **Annual report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee** (Pages 15 - 20)
To consider the report of Director of Legal and Governance, (copy enclosed).
 21. **Devolution and Local Government Reorganisation Update** (Pages 21 - 24)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 22. **Business by Reason of Special Circumstances Considered by the Chairperson to be Urgent**
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