

Scheme of Delegation 2023-24

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Saltash Town Council Scheme of Delegation

1. This scheme of delegation supersedes any extant permanent delegated authorities except where specified and voids any such delegated authorities not referred to. No future permanent delegated authority shall be valid unless referred to in this scheme.
2. None of the authorities or limitations below should be taken as preventing the exercise of duties or authority clearly laid out in the Town Clerk's job description (for example as Line Manager)
3. Temporary delegations of authority to accomplish a particular task do not fall within the purview of this scheme: existing such temporary delegations stand, and further such temporary delegations may be agreed without amending this scheme.
4. This scheme shall lapse after the 1st full meeting of the Town Council following each set of Town Council Elections commencing in May 2013, unless re-approved by the Town Council with or without amendments.
5. Any reference to the Town Clerk in these documents will apply to the Assistant Town Clerk if and only if:
 - a. The Town Clerk is not reasonably contactable due to leave, illness etc.
AND
 - b. The matter is of sufficient urgency that it cannot be reasonably delayed until the return of the Town Clerk.

Section A Financial

The Town Clerk shall have sole delegated authority and in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have sole delegated authority to:

- a. maintain and defray a petty cash float to a limit of **£390** for the purpose of defraying operational and other expenses, in line with Financial Regulation 6.19a.
- b. incur expenditure on behalf of the Town Council which is necessary to carry out any repair replacement or other work which is of such extreme urgency that it must be done at once, whether or not there is any budgetary provision for the expenditure, subject to a limit of **£1,000**, in line with Financial Regulation 4.6. The Town Clerk shall report the action to the appropriate Committee Chairman and Committee as soon as practicable thereafter. Where expenditure required cannot be met from savings made elsewhere within that Committee's approved budget, it shall be subject to the provisions of a budget head approved by the Policy and Finance Committee or the Town Council.

- c. Carry out the dispersal of Section 106 Money held by the Town Council, when authorised according to procedures already agreed by the Town Council.

The Town Clerk or in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have delegated authority to authorise members of staff to disperse other monies with the authority of Full Council, or otherwise under the following restrictions:

- d. If within budget up to **£10,000** with the approval of the appropriate Committee Chairman, or in their absence that of the Committee Vice Chairman and Mayor or in their absence that of the Deputy Mayor. Approval may be verbally or by email initially, with a later signature.

However, in the case of the P&F (Office) budget, no such approval will be necessary.

- e. If within budget, up to **£20,000** only where that item has been resolved by the relevant Committee or Sub-Committee and with the approval of the appropriate Committee Chairman or in their absence that of the Committee Vice Chairman and Mayor or in their absence that of the Deputy Mayor.
- f. Monies over **£20,000** or not within budget only where that item has been resolved by the relevant Committee or Sub-Committee with an agreed spend or maximum spend.

Items spent under d. or e. will be reported back to the following meeting of the relevant Committee or Sub-Committee.

- g. The Town Clerk or in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have delegated authority and delegated authority to authorise members of staff with the agreement of the Chairman of P&F, or in their absence that of the Vice Chairman of P & F, Mayor or Deputy Mayor, to use the Town Credit Card, where the expenditures in question are otherwise acceptable under Town Council regulations and where necessary for the efficient running of the Town Council and for best value. However, in no case may this be used for individual expenses to be reclaimed, or in excess of the credit limit agreed by Full Council.
- h. The Service Delivery Manager shall have delegated authority for the procurement of the Town Council's Service Delivery Department if within budget, up to **£1,000**, reporting back to the Chairman and Vice Chairman of Committee by means of the departments weekly progress report.
- i. Line Managers shall have delegated authority for the procurement of their department if within budget, up to **£200**.
- j. Line Managers shall have delegated authority to authorise staff training for team members up to the value of **£200**, reporting back to the Personnel Committee.

- k. Finance Officer shall have delegated authority to transfer monies in relation to everyday cash flow between Barclays Active Saver to Barclays Current Account. This will be reported to Full Council within the monthly bank account receipts & payments reports.
- l. Finance Officer shall have delegated authority to transfer monies between bank accounts up to a value of £1,000 for day-to-day operations, to be reported to Full Council within the monthly bank account receipts and payments reports.

Section B Personnel

- a. All matters detailed in adopted personnel policies of the Town Council shall be taken as being encompassed with this scheme of delegation. For example, but not limited to:
 - i. The Town Clerk's authority to appoint staff where carried out in line with policy.
 - ii. Resolution of grievance and disciplinary matters.
 - iii. The authorisation of discretionary leave.
 - iv. Appraisal and exit interviews etc.
- b. The following functions shall be delegated to the Personnel Committee:
 - i. The line management of the Town Clerk by the Chairman, or Vice Chairman dealing with routine issue.
 - ii. The confirmation of progression along pay scales, and successful completion of probationary periods and recommendation not to progress staff or to approve completion of probation shall be recommended to Full Council.

Section C Other

- 1. The Town Clerk shall have sole delegated authority to:
 - a. exercise overall responsibility for Health and Safety.
 - b. have fly-posters removed from STC land, or from Cornwall Council land having checked that they do not have authority to be there;
 - c. waive charges for Guildhall room hire;
 - d. approve or reject links for display on the STC website, and items for display on the STC noticeboards;

- e. Approve the use of the town's modern logo, in accordance with the principles outlined in the relevant policy.
2. The Town Clerk or in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have delegated authority in consultation with the Mayor, or in their absence the Deputy Mayor, to:
 - a. Make any temporary arrangements necessary for the good running of the Town Council not falling under the Town Clerk's day to day exercise of duties, where they incur no expenditure, or the expenditure falls under the other delegated powers. These shall be reported back to the appropriate committee or Full Council as soon as possible where they may recommend that they be made permanent or halted if appropriate, or else 'noted'.
 - b. Commence the election or co-option procedure for vacancies in the Town Council in accordance with legislation and Town Council procedures.
3. The Town Clerk or in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have delegated authority in consultation with the Mayor, or in their absence the Deputy Mayor, and the Chairman of P&F, or in their absence the Vice Chairman, to
 - a. Decline bookings for the Guildhall where they consider them inappropriate, or where they are for purposes that might be perceived as prejudicing the neutrality of the Town Council on future developments.
4. The Town Clerk or in their absence the Assistant Town Clerk shall have delegated authority with the agreement with the Mayor or appropriate Committee Chairman, or in their respective absence the Deputy Mayor or Committee Vice Chairman to:
 - a. Send out Press Releases. In all cases the Mayor, or in their absence the Deputy Mayor, must either directly approve the release, or be sent a copy of the release at least 24 hours before it goes out in order to give them chance to object if necessary. No Press Release may be sent out under this authority if the Mayor or Deputy Mayor does object: in that instance they must be authorised by Full Council.

Note: Power C/4a shall also apply to the Chairman/Vice of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group, and any other Sub-Committee or Working Group of the Town Council granted this power by Full Council. However other delegated powers to Committees do not automatically apply.

Appendix 1: Covid-19 Emergency Scheme of Delegation

Saltash Town Council delegates authority to the Town Clerk informed by consultation with Members of the Town Council, to take any actions necessary with associated expenditure up to **£ 5,000** to protect the interest of the community and ensure Town Council business continuity during the period of the coronavirus pandemic where it is deemed inappropriate to meet.