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**SALTASH TOWN COUNCIL ANNOUNCES CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR APPOINTMENTS FOR POLICY & FINANCE COMMITTEE 2026–27**



Saltash Town Council is pleased to confirm the appointment of Cllr Pete Samuels as Chair and Cllr Jane Suter as Vice Chair of the Policy & Finance Committee for the 2026–27 municipal year.

The Policy & Finance Committee plays a key role in overseeing the Council's financial planning, budgets, policies, and governance. Its work helps ensure that services and resources are managed effectively and responsibly for the benefit of residents of Saltash.

## **Role of the Chair and Vice Chair**

The Chair of a Town Council committee is responsible for leading meetings, ensuring that discussions are conducted fairly and in accordance with Town Council procedures, and helping to guide the committee's priorities and alignment with Saltash Town Council's Business Plan.

The Vice Chair supports the Chair in these responsibilities and steps in when required, helping to ensure continuity, effective decision-making, and consistent representation of the interests of the local community.

## **Public involvement**

Saltash Town Council encourages residents to attend Town Council meetings and take an active interest in shaping decisions affecting the town.

Where residents wish to submit questions, representations, or evidence for consideration at a meeting, these must be provided in writing using the appropriate form no later than three working days before the meeting.

## **Meeting information and transparency**

If residents are unable to attend meetings, minutes are published following each meeting on the Council's website and shared through official communication channels, ensuring the community remains informed about discussions, decisions, and plans.



**Cllr Pete Samuels, Chair of Policy and Finance says:**

"I look forward to continuing in my role as Chair of the Policy and Finance Committee, for another year, and thank my colleagues who have put their trust and faith in me, to ensure that we continue to deliver a balanced and fair precept budget, together with sound policies that will ultimately benefit not only residents, but similarly, those who work in our Town.

I also look forward to again working with Vice Chair, Cllr. Jane Suter, who has provided enthusiastic and outstanding support to myself and the Committee during the previous twelve months."

**Cllr Jane Suter, Vice-Chair of Policy and Finance says:**

"I am delighted that the Committee voted for me to be Vice Chair so that I can continue to support the Chair, Cllr Pete Samuels.

It has given me great pleasure to be actively involved in the budget setting process, the review and updating of Council policies, and helping community groups access community grants."

**You can view the schedule of upcoming meetings, and how to submit information, here: <https://www.saltash.gov.uk/council.php>**



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### **Notes To Editor**

Saltash Town Council forms the third tier of local government and works with Cornwall Council who are our Unitary Authority. We are the largest Town Council in the south-east area of Cornwall.

The Town Council is committed to providing excellence in the Services and Facilities which it delivers. We aim to be responsive, accessible, and transparent in our approach and in the work delivered.

There are sixteen Councillors representing three Wards – Essa, Tamar and Trematon. Councillors are elected from the community every four years. Spaces are filled via by-elections, or by means of the Town Council choosing new Councillors via co-option.

The Chairman and Deputy Chairman are elected by Members of the Town Council annually at the Annual Town Council meeting held in May. The Chairman also undertakes the role of Mayor representing the Town Council and community at official engagements, with their consort.



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