

National Council Agenda 27 January 2024



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Chair	Neil Hurford	Time 0900
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Notes by the Chair of National Council explaining the agenda items and papers are attached at the end of this agenda. All reports are posted on the Table Tennis England website as soon as they are available.

<https://tabletennisengland.co.uk/our-sport/national-council-papers/>

If any papers are delayed, they will be sent out / available on the website ASAP.

The meeting will be recorded in order to help ensure an accurate record of the meeting.

No	Item	Who	Approx Time
1	Introduction by the Chair a) Welcome b) Registration of any New Business Interests c) Minute Silence	Chair	0900
2	Approval of the Minutes of Meeting 21 Oct 2023	Chair	0905
3	Actions and Matters Arising (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)	Chair & Various	0910
4	Introduction and welcome to TTE Chair, Nick Donald	Chair & Nick Donald	0920
5	"Table Tennis United" – Update	Adrian Christy	0930
6	Diversity & Inclusion	All	1010
7	Affiliation & Membership – Follow-up to Discussion at October meeting	All	1020
8	Updates to the Articles of Association	Jo Keay-Blyth	1030
	15-min Break		1115
9	Towards a More Autonomous National Council	Alan Ransome on behalf of Select Committee	1130
10	Reports of Select Committees a) Constitution b) Competitions c) Disability	Alan Ransome Alan Ransome Karen Tonge	1150
11	Paper on Standing Orders Committee	Neil Le Milliere	1220
12	Table Tennis England Reports a) Chair of Table Tennis England b) CEO Report c) Finance Report		1235

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	d) Articles & Regulations Index Summary		
13	Dates for Next Two Meetings	Chair	1305
14	Any Other Business	All	1320
15	Meeting Closure	Chair	1345

Annotations to the Agenda by the Chair of National Council

Agenda item 1 – If you would like a member of the table tennis family who has passed away to be formally remembered at Council, please email Sue Wressell before the meeting. The names of those to be remembered are given in the Head of Governance’s section of the CEOs report.

Agenda item 2 – The Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 October were circulated after the last meeting. A few comments and corrections were received which have all been incorporated into the revised version published on the website.

Agenda item 3 – An update on the actions from the last meeting has been posted on the National Council page on the Table Tennis England website.

Agenda item 4 – The new Chair of Table Tennis England will provide a brief introduction. There will be a further opportunity to put questions to the Chair under Agenda item 12(a).

Agenda item 5 – I have asked Adrian Christy to provide an update on progress in implementing the “Table Tennis United” strategy. There will be the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.

Agenda item 6 – Diversity & Inclusion remain important issues for table tennis. I have asked for an update at the next meeting from Table Tennis England on the various initiatives underway. This will provide an opportunity to offer some perspectives on this important issue ahead of the presentation at the next meeting.

Agenda item 7 – We had a useful preliminary discussion on Affiliation & Membership at the October meeting. It strikes me that this a critical issue for all of us. I would like to keep this item on the agenda with a view to a fuller discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Agenda item 8 – Jo Keay-Blyth will provide an update on behalf of the Articles Working Group on the thinking behind various Article changes that will be proposed at the 2024 Annual General Meeting.

Agenda item 9 – At the last meeting there was broad agreement that National Council should move towards being more autonomous and take greater responsibility for its own affairs. The Select Committee on the Constitution will provide some ideas on how we can take this forward.

Agenda item 10 – The Select Committees will present their reports.

Agenda item 11 – Neil Le Milliere will present his paper on the Standing Orders Committee.

Agenda item 12 – These are the standard reports we receive at each National Council meeting. There will be the opportunity to ask questions.

Agenda item 13 – Dates of Next Two meetings. I have suggested Sat 13 April and Sat 6th July as suitable dates. But please have your diaries available so that we can agree mutually convenient dates. If anyone is aware of problems with these dates (eg clashes with other events) that I have missed – please let me know ahead of the meeting. The Table Tennis England AGM is scheduled for Saturday 20th July.