

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 19TH APRIL 2023 at 7.15 p.m.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be held on Wednesday, 19th April 2023 at 7.15 p.m. in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

**Dan Austin
Town Clerk**

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MEMBERS' DISPENSATION

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

4. GUEST SPEAKER

To receive a presentation from Mr. Phil Stephenson from Technology Services Group in relation to Agenda Item 7 regarding the options in relation to the upgrade and modernisation of the Council's information technology infrastructure.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Members of the public are permitted to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

6. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 8th March 2023 for information. (Previously Circulated)

7. INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY – OPTIONS FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE COUNCIL’S SERVER NETWORK AND USE OF CLOUD TECHNOLOGY

. . . To consider the attached report from the Corporate Management Team.

8. ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS

. . . To receive the account control sheets for the period 9th – 23rd February and 9th March 2023 and the General Bank Account for February and March 2023.

9. GRANTS AND DONATION REQUESTS

. . . To receive the attached report from the Town Clerk.

10. VAT ON LEISURE SERVICES

. . . To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT PROVISION

. . . To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

12. DURHAM COUNTY COUNCIL – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT CONSULTATION

. . . To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

13. DRONE AND MODEL AIRCRAFT POLICY

. . . To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

Any questions or queries on agenda items or reports should be raised with officers before meetings by telephone or email.

Please note that this does not preclude members from asking the question at the meeting if this is important to the debate or decision.

Members are requested, during Council Meetings, to observe the Council’s Standing Orders relating to the Business and Proceedings of the Council, with particular reference to the Rules of Debate, as well as the Members’ Code of Conduct and the principles of Civility and Respect Pledge.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Peter Bergg, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, Bob Fleming, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.