

COUNCIL MEETING

WEDNESDAY, 15th MARCH 2023 At 7.15 P.M.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 15TH MARCH 2023** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order.

6. MINUTES

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Council held on the 25th January 2023.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

... To receive any announcements by the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

. . . To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:

- (a) Recreation Committee – 1st March 2023
- (b) Environment Committee – 1st March 2023
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 8th March 2023

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following Motion proposed by Councillor Arun M Chandran and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson:

‘In accordance with the Council’s Code of Conduct and the Civility and Respect Pledge this Council adopted on 27th July 2022, and to help facilitate the smoother running of meetings and effective management of interruptions and disruption, I propose that this Council considers updating Standing Order 6(j) on Points of Order to include the following wording:-

- (j) Points of Order

Members can, at any time, raise points of order.

Points of order relate only to alleged breaches of Standing Orders or statutory provisions and members raising them must specify the Standing Order or statutory provision and why they consider they have been broken.

When a Councillor raises a Point of Order in a meeting, the Chairman will bring in the Town Clerk as the Proper Officer of the Council to immediately decide on the issue.

The Town Clerk will determine if it is a valid Point of Order, and if it is deemed to be valid, advise on how to proceed further in accordance with the Standing Orders.

If it is not a valid point of order, the Town Clerk will state so, and the Chairman will decide in conjunction with the meeting on how to proceed in dealing with the interruption and / or disorderly conduct in accordance with Standing Order 10’.

10. NOTICE OF SPECIAL MOTION

To consider the following Special Motion proposed by Councillor Arun M Chandran and seconded by Councillor Bob Fleming:

‘That in accordance with Standing Order 11(a) the Full Council Minute 83 (c) from the Meeting on 2nd November 2022, with specific reference to the agreement of Minute 62 from the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting on 26th October 2022 that “the 2023/24 Draft Policy and Resources Revenue and Capital Budgets - Appendix 2 Savings Proposals - Works Overtime £823 for Opening and Closing the Council Offices for Political Group Meetings”, be rescinded’.

11. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following motion proposed by Councillor Arun M Chandran and seconded by Councillor Ken Robson

'Having approved the 2023/24 Council Precept and Revenue and Capital Budget, The Council resorts back to normal practice in relation to the consideration and approval of capital spending and that Policy and Resources Minute 48 iv) "in light of the current financial situation, all capital works be reported to committee for approval with the exception of any urgent spending relating to health and safety issues or breakdowns", be rescinded.

12. BUSINESS RISKS FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/23

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

13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL CONTROL

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

14. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) **Youth Council**
Councillors Tony Armstrong, Dorothy Bowman and the Corporate and Policy Officer.
- (b) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Ken Robson and the Town Clerk
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Hall Association**
Councillor Neville Jones.
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Lindsey Aston and Michael Stead.
- (e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran and Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- (f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Martin Ashcroft and the Town Clerk.
- (g) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- (h) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- (i) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillor Ken Robson.

15. EXEMPT BUSINESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

16. ITEM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE; COUNCILLOR ARUN CHANDRAN

To give consideration to the Town Clerk's pay progression for 2023/24.

17. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To re-admit the Press and Public to the meeting.

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

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.