

6th March 2024

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 13TH MARCH 2024 at 7.00PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 13th March 2024 at 7.00pm** 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' DISPENSATIONS

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 Meeting of the Council held on the 31st January 2024.

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 – 28th February 2024
- b) Environment Committee – 28th February 2024
- c) Policy and Resources Committee – 6th March 2024

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

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

10. ANNUAL REVIEW OF RISKS

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

11. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Lindsey Aston and the Town Clerk
- b) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
No representative at present.
- c) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Lindsey Aston and Michael Stead.
- d) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- e) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Lindsey Aston and the Town Clerk.
- f) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- g) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- h) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillor Ken Robson

12. 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.

13. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION SCHEME NOMINATION

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

14. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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

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.