

13th September 2023

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023 at 7.00PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 20th September 2023 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 Council held on the 26th July 2023.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

8. RESIGNATION OF DEPUTY MAYOR

To be advised of the resignation of the Deputy Mayor and consider appointing a replacement.

9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- a) Recreation Committee – 6th September 2023
- b) Environment Committee – 6th September 2023
- c) Policy and Resources Committee – 13th September 2023

10. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

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

11. WAR MEMORIAL OWNERSHIP

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

12. ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR ACTION PLAN

... To receive and consider the attached information from the Durham Police and Crime Commissioner's Office via CDALC.

13. OUTCOME OF THE ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT

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

14. NOTICE OF MOTION

To consider the following motion from Councillor Lindsey Aston, seconded by Councillor Michael Stead:

This Council agrees that in order to prevent opposing political parties submitting retaliatory motions to a meeting agenda, the following requirements are incorporated into Standing Order 4 – Motions Requiring Written Notice;

a) the deadline for the submission of a motion to the Town Clerk be set at 12 noon, seven clear days before the meeting.

b) no chairman, vice-chairman or other committee member shall be made privy to any details of any submitted motion prior to the submission deadline.

c) Standing Order 4 d) is amended to read: If the wording or nature of a proposed motion is considered unlawful or improper, the Proper Officer shall consult with the Chairman *and Vice Chairman* of the forthcoming meeting or, as the case may be, the Councillors who have convened the meeting, *after the motion submission deadline and in advance of papers being published*, to consider whether the motion shall be included or rejected in the agenda.

(d) all councillors must follow the correct protocol of the Standing Orders by proposing an amendment during the debate on the original motion to ensure that the Proper Officer is protecting the Standing Orders, ensuring confidentiality and remaining an unbiased impartial authority.

15. 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, Lindsey Aston and the Town Clerk
- c) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
No representative at present.
- d) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Lindsey Aston and Michael Stead.
- e) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Peter Bergg and the Town Clerk.
- f) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Arun M. Chandran, Lindsey Aston 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**
Councillors George Gray and Ken Robson

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.