

24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**COUNCIL MEETING**

**WEDNESDAY, 31<sup>ST</sup> JANUARY 2024 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> January 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. ITEM TO BE RAISED BY COUNCILLOR ARUN M CHANDRAN – TOWN CENTRE FREE CAR PARKING**

To discuss the intention of the town centre owners to change the car parking arrangements in Newton Aycliffe Town Centre, whereby they monitor and fine people using ANPR cameras, limiting parking to two hours in three of the town centre car parks.

A statement received from the Town Centre Manager regarding the issue along with answers to questions raised by councillors is attached.

**6. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

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

**7. MINUTES**

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## 8. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

## 9. COMMITTEE MINUTES

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

- a) Recreation Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- b) Environment Committee – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024
- c) Policy and Resources Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## 10. SETTING OF THE 2024/25 COUNCIL PRECEPT

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

## 11. LEAVE OF ABSENCE – COUNCILLOR ANITA SPARROW

To consider approving a leave of absence until further notice, from attending Council Meetings for Councillor Anita Sparrow. Please note that Councillor Sparrow will not be claiming Members Allowance for the period of the absence.

## 12. 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

*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.*