

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JULY 2023 at 7.00 p.m.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 at **7.00p.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' 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.

**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. 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.

**5. MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023 for information. (Previously Circulated).

**6. SERVICE REVIEW WORKING GROUP NOTES**

... To receive the notes and recommendations of the meeting of the Service Review Working Group held on the 21<sup>st</sup> June 2023.

**7. ASSET MANAGEMENT MEMBER WORKING GROUP NOTES**

... To receive the notes and recommendations of the meeting of the Asset Management Member Working Group held on the 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

**8. PRE-SCHOOL SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES**

... To receive the minutes of the Pre-School Sub-Committee held on the 5<sup>th</sup> July 2023.

**9. ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS**

. . . To receive the account control sheets for the period 1<sup>st</sup> June to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2023 and the General Bank Account for May and June 2023.

**10. GRANTS AND DONATION REQUESTS**

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

**11. 2023/24 REVENUE AND CAPITAL BUDGET POSITION TO 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk and Finance Manager.

**12. LOCAL COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME FUNDING**

. . . To consider the attached briefing note and correspondence from Durham County Council advising of a review of the Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme (LCTRS) and a proposal for generating budget savings by making a 50% reduction in LCTRS grants paid to parish and town councils, staggered over a two-year period.

**13. USE OF VAT WINDFALL RESOURCES**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk and Finance Manager.

**14. PLAY AREA SAFETY SURFACING REPLACEMENT**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

**15. SUPPORTED INTERNSHIP – WORKS DEPARTMENT**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

**16. NOTICE OF MOTION**

To consider the following motion from Councillor Arun M. Chandran, seconded by Councillor Ken Robson:-

*" That the Council ask the Corporate Management Team to look into the feasibility of having solar panels fitted to the Sports Complex and Works Depot and anywhere else suitable and secure with the view of discovering the likely costs and likely incomes returns, and practicalities, to assess if the Council can introduce a new income stream and help reduce its carbon footprint ."*

**17. ADDITIONAL CAPITAL BUDGET APPROVAL**

To agree the additional capital budget approval of £5,400 towards the Byerley Park play area upgrade, as agreed at the Recreation Committee on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

*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, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Mrs. Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Simon Hocking, Sandra Kirby, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Anita Sparrow, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.