

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 24TH APRIL 2024 at 7.00PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 24th April 2024 at 7.00pm** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

Prior to the meeting, there will be a presentation, by the Mayor, of a Community Recognition Scheme Certificate to Mr. Brian Rendell.

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 13th March 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 – 10th April 2024
- b) Environment Committee – 10th April 2024
- c) Policy and Resources Committee – 17th April 2024

9. COUNTY DURHAM ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (CDALC) – REQUEST TO HOST THE LARGER AND SMALLER COUNCIL FORUM MEETINGS

To consider a request from CDALC seeking to host the meetings of the Larger and Smaller Council Forums on 18th July at the Oak Leaf Sports Complex, with the Council meeting, the cost of the room hire with lunch and refreshments from its Civic Hospitality Budget (but with an income to the Sports Complex Budget).
The Council previously hosted these events in November 2023.

10. OUTSIDE BODY REQUEST – CORNFORTH PARTNERSHIP

... To consider a letter received from the Cornforth Partnership requesting the Council consider the appointment of a Town Council representative to sit on their Board of Trustees. *If agreed, the Cornforth Partnership would be added to the Council's official list of Outside Bodies and a representative appointed at the Annual Council Meeting.*

11. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE

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

12. STANDING ORDERS FOR CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT UPDATE

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

13. 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.