

5th March 2025

COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH 2025 at 7.00PM.

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 12th March 2025 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 29th January 2025.

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 – 26th February 2025
- b) Environment Committee – 26th February 2025
- c) Policy and Resources Committee – 5th March 2025

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. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT DECISION NOTICE

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

12. THE COUNTY RESTAURANT - REQUEST FOR A FURTHER LICENCE TO USE A SECTION OF AYCLIFFE VILLAGE GREEN FOR OUTSIDE DINING

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

13. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors: Ken Robson and Jed Hillary, and the Town Clerk
- b) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
Councillor Carl Robinson.
- c) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors: Michael Stead and Lindsey Aston.
- d) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors: Peter Bergg, Jed Hillary and the Town Clerk.
- e) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors: Martin Ashcroft and Jed Hillary 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**
Councillors: Arun Chandran and Ken Robson.
- i) **Cornforth Partnership**
Councillors: Eddy Adam and Brian McAnaney.
- j) **Community Hub Development Group**
Councillor Dorothy Bowman

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.