

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 11TH JUNE 2025 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 11th June 2025 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 to the recent recipient of a Community Recognition Award

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. Members of the public are also 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.

6. MINUTES

- ... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Council held on the 14th May 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 (AGM) – 14th May 2025
- (b) Environment Committee (AGM) – 14th May 2025
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee (AGM) – 14th May 2025
- (d) Recreation Committee – 28th May 2025
- (e) Environment Committee – 28th May 2025
- (f) Policy and Resources Committee – 4th June 2025

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

- ... To consider the following Notice of Motion proposed by Councillor Tony Beddard and seconded by Councillor Jaci Beddard:

“That the Town Council considers putting in place arrangements, including the required video conferencing technology, to facilitate the holding of hybrid Council Meetings, allowing councillors and members of the public who have difficulties attending meetings due to ill health, disabilities, work commitments or caring responsibilities to attend and take part in meetings remotely, and that officers are requested to investigate the feasibility and costs of implementing appropriate arrangements”.

Please note that notice of an amendment to the above Motion has been received and is attached, with copies of some background information relating to the amendment for Members’ information.

10. APPROVAL OF THE 2024/25 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

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

11. APPROVAL OF THE 2024/25 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

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

12. APPROVAL OF THE 2024/25 ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS

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

13. REPLACEMENT WORKS VEHICLE

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

14. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and Carl Robinson and the Town Clerk
- (b) **Aycliffe Village Hall Association**
Councillor Carl Robinson
- (c) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors Lisa Conners and Jackie McFadden
- (d) **Local Network (Aycliffe North and Middridge, Aycliffe South and Sedgefield) Committee**
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and Carl Robinson and the Town Clerk
- (e) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and Carl Robinson and the Town Clerk
- (f) **Newton Aycliffe Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Dorothy Bowman
- (g) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Brian Haigh
- (h) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillors Dorothy Bowman and Tracey Williams
- (i) **Cornforth Partnership**
Councillors Jackie Beddard and John Woodward
- (j) **Community Hub Development Group**
Councillor Jackie McFadden
- (k) **Oak Leaf Golf Club**
Councillors John Moore and Tony Beddard and the Town Clerk

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.