

15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

**COUNCIL MEETING**  
**WEDNESDAY, 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2026 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 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. GUEST SPEAKERS – ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR IN NEWTON AYCLIFFE**

Mr Graham Hall, Deputy County Durham Police and Crime Commissioner and Inspector Simon Peele and Sergeant Michael Clarkson from Newton Aycliffe Police will be in attendance to provide an update on actions being taken to deal with the ongoing ASB problems in the town and answer questions from councillors and members of the public.

## **6. 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.

## **7. MINUTES**

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

## **8. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

... To receive any announcements from 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 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

(b) Environment Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2026

(c) Policy and Resources Committee – 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026

## **10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS UPDATE**

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

## **11. STANDING ORDERS FOR CONTRACTS AND PROCUREMENT UPDATE**

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

## **12. COUNCILLOR DBS CHECKS**

... To consider the attached report from the Corporate and Policy Officer.

## **13. MAYOR'S CADET POLICY AND PROTOCOL**

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

## 14. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- (a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)**  
Councillors Martin Ashcroft and Carl Robinson and the Town Clerk
- (b) **CDALC Executive Committee Meetings**  
Councillor Arun Chandran
- (c) **Aycliffe Village Hall Association**  
Councillor Carl Robinson
- (d) **Woodham Village Community Association**  
Councillor Jackie Mcfadden-Lewis
- (e) **CDALC 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 Jaci Beddard and John Woodward
- (j) **Community Hub Development Group**  
Councillor Jackie Mcfadden Lewis
- (k) **Oak Leaf Golf Club**  
Councillors John Moore and Tony Beddard and the Town Clerk

## 15. COUNCILLOR VACANCY – WOODHAM WARD

To be advised that Durham County Council Elections Services have confirmed that the councillor vacancy in the Woodham Ward has not been called to by-election by the local electorate and that the Council can now proceed to co-option. In accordance with the requirements of the Co-Option Policy, the Town Clerk will advertise the vacancy for a period of four weeks on the Council notice boards and website and forward a copy of the notice to the local press.

***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.***