

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER 2025 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 29th October 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. 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 meeting of the Full Council held on the 17th September 2025.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

... To receive any announcements from the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

... To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

- (a) Environment Committee – 15th October 2025
- (b) Recreation Committee – 15th October 2025
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 22nd October 2025

9. CLIMATE EMERGENCY PROGRESS UPDATE

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

10. REQUEST FROM 1407 NEWTON AYCLIFFE SQUADRON AIR CADETS – ESTABLISHMENT OF A MAYOR'S CADET

... To consider the attached request from the 1407 Newton Aycliffe Squadron regarding the establishment of a Mayor's Cadet role and agree to authorise officers and the Mayor to hold further discussions with a view to working together to establish this initiative.

11. WRITE OFF OF OUTSTANDING DEBT

To agree the write-off of the outstanding AJX Academy debt as approved at the Policy and Resources Committee Meeting on 22nd October 2025.

12. 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 Sedgfield) 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

13. EXEMPT BUSINESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

14. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AND AWARDS SCHEME NOMINATION

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

15. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To re-admit the Press and Public to the meeting.

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.