

**POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026 at 7.00p.m.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be held on **Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 7.00p.m.** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

**Dan Austin  
Town Clerk**

**AGENDA**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are 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.

**5. MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2026 for information. (Previously Circulated).

**6. SERVICE REVIEW SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Service Review Sub Committee held on the 4<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for information.

**7. AUDIT, RISK AND G.D.P.R. SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES**

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Risk and G.D.P.R. Sub Committee held on the 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 for information.

**8. ACCOUNTS CONTROL SHEETS**

. . . To receive the account control sheets for the period 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 5<sup>th</sup> February and 17<sup>th</sup> February and the General Bank Account for January 2026.

**9. GRANTS AND DONATION REQUESTS**

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

**10. HEALTH AND SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT**

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

**11. 2025/26 STRATEGIC AIMS AND TARGETS OUTTURN REPORT**

. . . To consider the attached briefing note from the Corporate Management Team.

**12. 2026/27 DRAFT STRATEGIC AIMS AND TARGETS**

. . . To consider the attached report from the Corporate Management Team.

**13. ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE**

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

***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.***

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:**

Councillors: Tunde Akinsanya, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, Lisa Conners, Neil Collinson, Luke Ellis, Jordan Gill, George Gray, Brian Haigh, Phil Hawkins, Andy Hill, Richard Hutchinson, Sandra Kirby, Jacqui McFadden Lewis, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Ken Robson, Brian Sowerby, Michael Stead, Tracey Williams, Anne Woodward and John Woodward