

27th August 2025

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Environment Committee will be held on Wednesday, 3rd September 2025 at 7pm 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' DISPENSATION

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. GUEST SPEAKER – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

Mr Gary Wallace (Area Environment Manager) and Paul Whitehill (Waste Team Leader) from the Environment Agency will be in attendance to provide a short presentation on the actions taken to address the nuisance and noxious smells in Newton Aycliffe and to answer questions from councillors and public. A representative from DCC Environmental Health will also be in attendance.

5. 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.

6. MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 9th July 2025. (previously circulated)

7. PLANNING SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

. . . To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Sub-Committee held on the 22nd July 2025.

8. ALLOTMENTS REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2025.

9. ENVIRONMENT REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2025.

10. CEMETERIES REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Grounds Maintenance Services Co-ordinator for the eight weeks ended the 24th August 2025.

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 ENVIRONMENT 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, John Moore, Carl Robinson, Kyle Robinson, Ken Robson, Brian Sowerby, Michael Stead, Tracey Williams, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.