

24th February 2026

SANTA TOURS SUB COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 3RD MARCH 2026 at 7pm

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a Meeting of the **SANTA TOURS SUB COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **TUESDAY 3RD March 2026** commencing at **7.00pm**.

Yours faithfully,

Daniel Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Chairman of the Santa Tours Sub Committee for the municipal year 2025/26.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice-Chairman of the Santa Tours Sub Committee for the municipal year 2025/26.

3. OPENING STATEMENT BY THE CHAIRMAN AND TOWN CLERK

To receive an opening statement from the Town Clerk and Chairman on the purpose of the meeting and meeting protocol.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

5. 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.

6. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which councillors may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the members Register of Interests.

7. SANTA TOURS – INITIAL PLANNING FOR THE 2026 EVENT

.... To consider the attached report from the Head of Leisure and Events and Senior Management Team.

The Santa Tours Sub-Committee is made up of all 28 members of the Recreation Committee, plus up to 10 volunteers and 10 members of the public.

The volunteer and public representatives will be able to speak and participate throughout the meetings of the Santa Tours Sub-Committee (not just under Public Questions) but may not make proposals or vote on any decisions (only councillors can do this under the law).

Members of the public who are not members of this Sub-Committee may also attend the meetings, as they can any other Council Meeting, and may ask questions and make comments, but only under the Public Questions Section of the Meeting.

Council 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 SANTA TOURS SUB COMMITTEE:

Councillors Tunde Akinsanya, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jaci Beddard, Tony Beddard, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, Lisa Connors, Neil Collinson, Luke Ellis, Jordan Gill, George Gray, Brian Haigh, Phillip 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.

Public and Volunteer Members

David Bussey, Chris Clement, Beverley Gurney, John Heywood, Jed Hillary, Peter Jarps, Andrew Johnson, Matthew Lane, Corey Mason, Liz Mawson, Stuart Mawson, Ian Neale, Shay Reid, Emma Selby and Stephen Smith.