

22nd April 2026

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY 29TH APRIL 2026 at 7.00PM**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 29th April 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. CO-OPTION CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Each candidate will be given five minutes to introduce themselves to members, give information on their background and experience, and explain why they wish to become a member of the Council:

Chris Clement
Sharon Hutchinson
Katie Kent
Stephen Smith
Paul Symons

After these presentations, there will be an opportunity for members to ask candidates questions

7. CO-OPTION OF TWO COUNCILLORS

. . . To receive and consider the attached co-option application forms for the office of Town Councillor, and covering report from the Town Clerk, and to co-opt a candidate for each vacancy:-

- a) Byerley Park, Horndale and Cobblers Hall Ward
- b) West Ward

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.