

RECREATION COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 27TH MAY 2026 AT 7PM

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am to inform you that a meeting of the Recreation Committee will be held on Wednesday, 27th May 2026 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' 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 Recreation Committee held on the 8th April 2026. (previously circulated)

6. SANTA TOURS SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Santa Tours Sub Committee held on the 28th April 2026.

7. OAKLEAF GOLF COMPLEX REPORT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Head of Leisure and Events for the seven weeks ended the 17th May 2026.

8. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX USAGE COMPARISONS

. . . To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager setting out the Sports Complex usage comparisons for March and April.

9. OAKLEAF SPORTS COMPLEX NEW DEVELOPMENTS

. . . To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager.

10. PARKS UPDATE

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

11. SANTA TOURS CONSULTATION

. . . To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk and Head of Leisure and Events.

12. REQUEST FOR JUNIOR FOOTBALL PITCHES AT SIMPASTURE PARK

. . . To consider the attached report from the Works and Environment Manager.

13. SPORTS COMPLEX BAR CARPET REPLACEMENT

. . . To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager.

14. 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.

15. GENERAL APPEALS SUB COMMITTEE MINUTES

. . . To receive the minutes of the meeting of the General Appeals Sub Committee held on the 21st April 2026.

16. 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.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE RECREATION COMMITTEE

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