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To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

You are hereby invited to attend a meeting of **ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at the Council Chamber, Ashington Town Hall, 65 Station Road, Ashington NE63 8RX on **Tuesday 3 November 2015 at 7:00pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter  
Clerk to the Town Council

29 October 2015

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## **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair to invite members of the public present to put questions to, or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council, prior to commencement of business. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

## **OPEN AGENDA**

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest, (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest), they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on the 3 July 2012.

Members are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room. Any member needing clarification must contact the Town Clerk.

### **3. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

To receive a verbal report from the Chair.

### **4. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 8 September 2015.

- 5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS**  
To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
- 6. LEADER'S REPORT**  
To receive a verbal report from the Leader of the Council.
- 7. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2014/15 (Appendix 1)**  
To receive a report from the Town Clerk on the completion of the External Audit for the year ended 31 March 2015.
- 8. 2016/17 DRAFT BUDGET**  
To consider and discuss the 2016/17 budget timetable and arrangements.
- 9. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN CORE STRATEGY: PRE SUBMISSION DRAFT CONSULTATION.**  
To discuss and consider the arrangements for drafting and approving a formal Town Council response by 25 November 2015.
- 10. NORTH EAST DEVOLUTION AGREEMENT – NORTHUMBERLAND CONSULTATION (Appendix 2)**  
To consider and discuss a formal response to the North East Devolution Agreement proposals.
- 11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**
- 12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**  
Date and time to be agreed.

**ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:**

**Ely Turnbull (Chair), Avril Chisholm (Vice-Chair), Les Alderson, Victor Bridges, Louis Brown, Vicky Brown, Keith Chambers, Marjorie Chambers, Glyn Davies, Stephen Fenwick, Lawrence Henderson, Maggie Lang, Kris Lavery, Liam Lavery, Mark Purvis, Wyn Stewart, Pauline Thompson, Bob Walkinshaw.**