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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 2 February 2016 at 7:00pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter
Clerk to the Town Council

28 January 2016

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 3 November 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. BUDGET AND PRECEPT 2016/2017 (Appendix 1)

To consider and discuss the Town Council Annual Budget and Precept requirement for 2016/17.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT AND EFFECTIVE CONTROLS (Appendix 2)

To consider and review the Council’s Risk Assessment Register.

9. NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES SCRUTINY GROUP

To agree appointment of elected members to the new Scrutiny Group to represent the Town Council in consideration and discussion of all matters related to the effective operation of Neighbourhood Services in Ashington.

10. LOCAL COUNCILS: FUTURE AUDIT ARRANGEMENTS (Appendix 3)

To consider and discuss the procurement of External Auditors post 2016/17 and the role of the new national company “Smaller Authorities’ Audit Appointments Ltd”.

11. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive verbal reports from Members formally representing the Town Council on outside bodies.

- Arch – Stakeholder Group for Town Centre Regeneration (Cllrs.Stephen Fenwick & Marjorie Chambers)

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Full Council was arranged for Tuesday, 8 March 2016 to be held at 7:pm in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall, Ashington.

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.