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ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

You are hereby invited to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING** of **ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to held at the **Council Chamber, Ashington Town Hall, 65 Station Road, Ashington NE63 8RX** on **Tuesday 3 May 2016, at 7-00 pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter
Clerk of the Town Council

27 April 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 Committee, 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. ELECTION OF CHAIR

The newly-elected Chair will make a declaration of acceptance of Office in the prescribed form and will assume the Chair.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

The newly-elected Vice-Chair will make a declaration of acceptance of Office in the prescribed form.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

4. 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.

5. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

6. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY-LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

7. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To sign, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016.

8. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

To consider any matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

9. COMMITTEE AND SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS (Appendix 1)

To agree the Council's Committee Structure and to formally appoint, elected members to Committees and Sub-Committees.

10. REPRESENTATION ON OUTSIDE BODIES (Appendix 2)

To consider and formally appoint Council representatives to outside bodies.

11. DRAFT ACCOUNTS 2015/16 (Appendix 3)

To consider and discuss the 2015/16 Draft Accounts and to agree the proposed use of the General Reserves Balance.

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Full Council is arranged for Tuesday 7 June 2016.

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, Liam Lavery, Kris Lavery, Mark Purvis, Wyn Stewart, Pauline Thompson, Bob Walkinshaw.