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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, Aashington NE63 8RX on Tuesday 8 November 2016 at 7:00pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter
Clerk to the Town Council

3 November 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 13 September 2016.

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. TOWN COUNCIL CO-OPTIONS.

To properly consider and discuss formal applications for Co-option to current Town Council vacancies in the following wards:

- Haydon Ward (1 Member)
- Seaton Ward (1 Member)

8. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2015/16 (Appendix 1)

To receive a report from the Town Clerk on the completion of the External Audit for the year ended 31 March 2016.

9. 2017/18 DRAFT BUDGET (Appendix 2)

To consider and discuss the 2017/18 budget timetable and the establishment of a Budget Working Group.

10. MEMBER REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS.

To receive update reports from members formally representing the Town Council on outside bodies:

- Arch – Stakeholder Group for Town centre Regeneration (Cllrs.S.Fenwick & M.Chambers).
- Hirst Park Revival Project (Heritage Lottery Fund) (Cllr.M.Chambers)

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS.

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Date and time to be agreed.

ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:

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