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To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

You are hereby invited to attend the **ANNUAL MEETING of ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at the **Council Chamber, Ashington Town Hall, 65 Station Road, Ashington NE63 8RX on Monday 22 May 2017 at 7:00pm**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Mike Slaughter  
Clerk to the Town Council

15 May 2017

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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. 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 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. REVISION OF COUNCIL STANDING ORDERS (Appendix 1)**

To discuss and consider the revision of Standing Orders to enable and establish a new structure of the Town Council.

**6. ELECTION OF CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON.**

To receive formal nominations for the position of Civic Head of Ashington.

**7. ELECTION OF DEPUTY CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON.**

To receive formal nominations for the position of Deputy Civic Head of Ashington.

**8. APPOINTMENT OF LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.**

**9. APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY LEADER OF THE COUNCIL.**

**10. NEW COMMITTEE STRUCTURE (Appendix 2).**

To consider and discuss the proposal to establish a single monthly Committee "*Finance and General Services Committee*" to effectively manage and progress the work programme of the Town Council.

**11. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVES TO OUTSIDE BODIES (Appendix 3)**

To consider and formally appoint Council representatives to outside bodies and funded organisations.

**12. DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2016/17 (Appendix 4).**

To consider and discuss the 2016/17 Draft Annual Accounts.

**13. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Full Council to be scheduled for Tuesday 13 June 2017 for to formally consider and approve the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement and Accounting Statements.

**ASHINGTON TOWN COUNCILLORS:**

**Victor Bridges, Marjorie Chambers, Nicola Chambers, Avril Chisholm, Mathew Cuthbert, Stephen Fenwick, Brian Gallacher, Lynne Grimshaw, Lawrence Henderson, Jim Lang, Kris Lavery, Liam Lavery, Ken Parry, Mark Purvis, Pauline Thompson, Ely Turnbull, Tom Wilson, Bob Walkinshaw.**