



Ashington Town Council
Town Hall, 65 Station Road
Ashington, Northumberland
NE63 8RU

26th September 2024

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RU**, on **Tuesday 8th October 2024 at 6:00pm**.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with associated papers. If you have any questions about any of the items on the agenda, please contact the office.

The meeting is open to the press and public. As per the agenda and our standing orders, any resident wishing to speak should contact us prior to the meeting.

Sarah Eden
Executive Office/RFO

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

4. DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider any dispensations.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair to receive any items put forward by members of the public and to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

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Please email/telephone the office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 7th October 2024.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th September 2024 (enc)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (enc)ⁱⁱ

8. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget report, noting this is prior to the September bank reconciliation (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid (including Bank Reconciliation)

To receive a schedule of accounts paid and to be paid; to endorse those accounts paid and agree those to be paid, since 3rd September 2024 (enc)^{iv}

9. SMALL GRANT FUNDING – OCTOBER 2024

a) Ashington Girl Guiding Division

To receive an application from Ashington Girl Guiding Division, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^v

b) Ashington RVS Social Centre

To receive an application from Ashington RVS Social Centre, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{vi}

c) The South East Northumberland Rail User Group (SERUG)

To receive an application from SENRUG, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{vii}

d) Climate Action Wansbeck

To receive an application from Climate Action Wansbeck, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{viii}

e) Other Small Grant Applications

To consider any further small grant applications, received prior to the closing date of 27th September, and agree any awards (to follow)^{ix}

10. PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 17th September 2024

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to Board Members (enc)^x

11. NCC DRAFT RIGHTS OF WAY IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To receive and agree any comments before the end of the 12-week consultation, closing 18th October 2024 (enc)^{xi} Full plan is available online using the link below

<https://www.northumberland.gov.uk/NorthumberlandCountyCouncil/media/About-the-Council/Public%20Rights%20of%20Way%20Orders/DRAFT-ROWIP-for-consultation-2024.pdf>

12. NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (NALC)

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the County Committee held on Saturday 13th July (enc)^{xii}

13. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 12th November 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

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ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 25th June 2024 (to follow)
- ii Clerk and Officer Update, October 2024 (to be further updated/tabled)
- iii Updated Budget Report 2024/25
- iv Schedule of Accounts paid/to be paid
- v Ashington Girl Guiding Division (redacted)
- vi Ashington RVS Social Centre (redacted)
- vii SENRUG (redacted)
- viii Climate Action Wansbeck (redacted)
- ix (to follow)
- x Partnership Meeting, 17th September 2024
- xi NCC Draft Rights of Way Improvement Plan Summary
- xii NALC County Committee minutes of meeting, Saturday 13th July

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