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12th September 2023

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX**, on **Tuesday 19th September at 6:15pm**.

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. Our Risk Assessment requires that anyone wishing to attend the meeting, reads the risk assessment and meeting guidelines in advance. These are available on request, or via the Town Council website.

Sarah Eden
Clerk to the Town Council

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY 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.

Please email/telephone the Clerk with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 18th September 2023.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 (enc)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive a verbal update on items actioned since the previous meeting

8. REVITALISING OUR ESTURIES (*Becky Vickers, Community Project Manager, Groundwork, in attendance*)

To receive presentation and update on this 18-month project and further planned improvements (enc)ⁱⁱ

9. DEFRA FUNDED TREE PLANTING PROJECTS ACROSS ASHINGTON

To receive an update provided by Kirsten Johnson, Woodlands Officer, Great Northumberland Forest, on the tree planting schemes put forward for consideration by Ashington Town Council (to follow)ⁱⁱⁱ

10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

In accordance with Financial Regulation 11(g) to approve that a single quote is sourced for this work (agenda item 11) as it is of a 'specialist nature' with the provider chosen by Northumberland County Council, in view that works are expected on their land, and suspending Financial Regulation 11(f) which requires three quotations.

11. WILDFLOWER PLANTING AND BULB PLANTING

To receive the report and costs associated with potential schemes, and agree those schemes to take forward; to agree to place orders for work to be carried out in October (enc)^{iv}

12. SOCIAL HOUSING DECARBONISATION AND RETROFITTING PROPERTIES

To agree to invite Social Housing providers with housing stock in Ashington to a future meeting of the Climate Change Committee, to update on plans to improve the energy efficiency of their housing stock, and to update on delivery of domestic retrofit in compliance with the UK Government's PAS 2035 standard. (*Suggested reading below*)

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/retrofit-for-the-future-a-guide-to-making-retrofit-work>

<https://socialhousingretrofit.org.uk/>

<https://retrofitacademy.org/social-housing-toolkit/>

13. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

TBA

ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the Climate Change & Environment Committee, 20th June 2023
- ii Revitalising our Estuaries – River Wansbeck
- iii Defra Funded tree planting projects
- iv Bulb & Wildflower Planting – Potential Schemes and Costs