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## To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, in HIRST WELFARE CENTRE, ALEXANDRA ROAD, NE63 9HN, on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023, commencing 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, except where the item is agreed confidential. 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 Town Clerk/RFO 14<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## AGENDA

### 1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Cllr Sophie Robinson to welcome everyone to the meeting.

### 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 office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

### 6. MINUTES OF CLIMATE CHANGE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2022

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday  $18^{th}$  October 2023 (enc)<sup>i</sup>

## 7. CLERK & OFFICER UPDATES

To receive update on items actioned since the previous meeting (enc)<sup>ii</sup>

## 8. GROUNDWORK NORTHEAST - Rebecca Vickers, Community Project Manager (in attendance)

To receive information relating to '<u>Revitalising our Estuaries</u>' and the Barrage Project on the River Wansbeck at Ashington/Choppington, and to seek ways the Town Council can become involved.

# 9. THE GREAT NORTHUMBERLAND FOREST - Kirsten Johnson, Woodlands Officer (in attendance)

To hear presentation regarding the Defra-funded woodland creation partnership hosted by NCC, ask any questions about tree planting across the County, and seek ways the Town Council can become involved.

## **10. PARISH & TOWN COUNCIL, CARBON LITERACY COURSE**

To agree those members and officers who would like to complete the course, and progress booking (enc)<sup>iii</sup>

# 11. KEEP BRITAIN TIDY/GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN CAMPAIGN: 17<sup>th</sup> March – 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2023

To propose that Ashington Town Council host/support litter picking events as part of the 2023 campaign, and agree the dates and venues.

## 12. GREAT BIG GREEN WEEK: 10th – 18th JUNE 2023

## a) Big Green Week Actions

To consider how the Council can take an active part in Great Big Green Week and agree the actions to be taken forward.

## b) Budget

To agree a budget for Great Big Green Week, with spending delegated to the Clerk, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Committee.

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

- <sup>i</sup> Draft Minutes of the Climate Change & Environment Committee, 18<sup>th</sup> October 2023
  <sup>ii</sup> Clerk and Officer Update
  <sup>iii</sup> Carbon Literacy Training