



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

28th August 2026

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the **FINANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE** in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX**, on **Tuesday 8th September 2026, commencing at 6:00pm.**

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with supporting documents. 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.

Regards

Sarah Eden
Executive Officer/RFO

AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE FINANCE AND GENERAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Welcome by Cllr Lynne Grimshaw.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive.

3. 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 7th September 2026.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 14th July 2026 (enc)ⁱ

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5. OFFICER'S UPDATES

To receive an update and address any questions to Officers (enc)ⁱⁱ

6. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2026/27

a) Budget Report 2026/27 (September)

To receive an updated budget and expenditure report (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Bank Reconciliation

To receive the latest Bank Reconciliation, month ending 31st July 2026 (enc)^{iv}

c) Schedule of Accounts Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts and endorse those accounts paid since 30th June 2026 (enc)^v

7. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (YAC)

a) YAC Meeting, 17th August 2026

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to Committee Members (enc)^{vi}

b) Wansbeck Community Links – Youth Hub Base Proposal

To consider a proposal from Wansbeck Community Links for funding of £2,760 to establish a staffed base within Ashington YMCA for a 12-month pilot, providing wellbeing support and early intervention for neurodivergent young people and young people experiencing mental health difficulties. The proposal was considered and supported by the Youth Advisory Committee at its meeting (see 7a above), and is referred to the Committee for a decision on funding

8. SMALL GRANTS SUMMARY – ROUND TWO – JULY 2026

To receive and note the Small Grants Summary Report for Round Two, setting out the applications received, awards made totalling £5,898, and the position year to date, including early indications of increased interest following the Council's decision to raise the maximum award to £1,000 (enc)^{vii}

9. NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS PICNIC 2026

To receive and note the report, to agree any questions to North East Museums, Woodhorn and to agree to make funding payment of £5,000 set aside in support of the event costs for 2026 (enc)^{viii}

10. THE JOINT TOWN & PARISH COUNCIL AUTUMN CONFERENCE, THURSDAY 8TH OCTOBER 2026

To agree two Cllr delegates to attend the above. There will be a marketplace with refreshments available from 5pm where representative(s) will be able to meet with officers from various departments of the Council, plus a small number of invited organisations. The plenary session in the Chamber will begin at 7pm and conclude no later than 8.10pm.

11. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Members are invited to consider passing the following resolution:

That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, permitted under Section 1 (2) LGA 1960, due to the confidential nature of the business being transacted.

12. STAFFING MATTERS

To receive update on recruitment.

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ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the FGS – 14th July 2026
- ii Officers Update
- iii Updated Budget & Expenditure Report
- iv Bank Reconciliation, 31st July 2026
- v Accounts Schedule (September)
- vi Youth Advisory Committee, 17th July 2026
- vii Small Grants Summary Report, Round 2 – July 2026
- viii Northumberland Miners Picnic, North East Museums