



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

7<sup>th</sup> July 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Eden".

**Sarah Eden**  
**Executive Officer/RFO**

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**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 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026.*

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026 (enc)<sup>i</sup>

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## **5. OFFICER'S UPDATES**

To receive an update and address any question to the Executive Officer (enc)<sup>ii</sup>

## **6. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2026/27**

### **a) Budget Report 2026/27 (July)**

To receive an updated budget and expenditure report (enc)<sup>iii</sup>

### **b) Bank Reconciliation**

To receive the latest Bank Reconciliation, month ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (enc)<sup>iv</sup>

### **c) Schedule of Accounts Paid**

To receive a schedule of accounts and endorse those accounts paid since 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026 (enc)<sup>v</sup>

## **7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT – INVESTMENT OF COUNCIL FUNDS**

To consider a report of the Executive Officer/RFO that seeks the approval of the FGS Committee to recommend to Full Council the adoption of an Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Policy 2026/27, an initial investment of £625,000 in the CCLA Public Sector Deposit Fund, and a consequential amendment to Financial Regulations (enc)<sup>vi</sup>, (enc)<sup>vii</sup>

## **8. ENHANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 24<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2026**

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to Committee Members (enc)<sup>viii</sup>

## **9. YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING, 15<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026**

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to Committee Members (enc)<sup>ix</sup>

## **10. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: ROAD CONDITION RATINGS**

To receive the conditions ratings information shared by NCC Highways following their presentation on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2026 (enc)<sup>x</sup>

## **11. LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN: REQUEST FOR FURTHER INFORMATION FROM NCC HIGHWAYS (placed on the agenda by Cllr David Coyle) (enc)<sup>xi</sup>**

To agree that the Council writes to Northumberland County Council requesting:

- The Green, Amber and Red condition ratings for each of the other areas of the county;
- Confirmation of the date and survey period to which the current ratings for Ashington apply;
- The confirmed 2026/27 works programme by named location for those schemes presented in the Local Transport Plan Programme 2026–2029 as countywide or "Various";
- The outcome of the North East Combined Authority report on the £9.4m Reserve Schemes (Highway Maintenance Incentive Fund) referred to in the presentation, and details of how these schemes will be allocated.

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## **12. 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.

## **13. STAFFING MATTERS - DEPUTY TOWN CLERK POST**

Following the Personnel Committee meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> June, to receive the recommendation following the failure to recruit to the Deputy Town Clerk post, and to agree the next steps to be carried out by the Executive Officer (enc)<sup>xii</sup>

## **ENCLOSURES**

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- <sup>i</sup> Draft Minutes of the FGS – 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2026
  - <sup>ii</sup> Officers Update
  - <sup>iii</sup> Budget & Expenditure Report
  - <sup>iv</sup> Bank Reconciliation, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026
  - <sup>v</sup> Accounts Schedule, from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026 to date
  - <sup>vi</sup> Public Sector Deposit Fund (PSDF) Investment Report
  - <sup>vii</sup> Draft Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Policy 2026/27
  - <sup>viii</sup> Partnership Meeting, 24<sup>th</sup> March 2026
  - <sup>ix</sup> Youth Advisory Committee, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2026
  - <sup>x</sup> NCC Highways, Condition Ratings Ashington Roads
  - <sup>xi</sup> Cllr David Coyle Proposal – Further Information from NCC Highways
  - <sup>xii</sup> **Deputy Town Clerk Post — Recommendation of Personnel Committee**

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