



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

9th October 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 20th October 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 19th October 2026.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 8th September 2026 (enc)ⁱ

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5. OFFICER'S UPDATES

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

6. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2026/27

a) Budget Report 2026/27 (October)

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

b) Bank Reconciliation

To receive the latest Bank Reconciliations, month ending 31st August 2026 (enc)^{iv}, and 30th September 2026 (enc)^v

c) Schedule of Accounts Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts and endorse those accounts paid since 24th August 2026 (enc)^{vi}

7. PUBLICATION OF COUNCILLOR ATTENDANCE (*Placed on the agenda by Cllr David Coyle*)

That the Council agrees to formally record and publish attendance by Councillors at all Council and Committee meetings that qualify as constituting member attendance (enc)^{vii}

8. NORTHUMBERLAND COMMUNITY & VOLUNTARY ACTION (NCVA)

To receive the Clerk's report on NCVA's request for emergency stabilisation funding, first received as correspondence at the July 2026 Full Council meeting. To consider whether any Member wishes to propose that a motion to support one-off funding, and the level of that funding, be placed on the agenda of the next FGS Committee meeting (enc)^{viii}

9. CCTV MEETING, 19th AUGUST 2026

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

10. ENHANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 15th SEPTEMBER 2026

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

11. SOUND FUTURES FESTIVAL 2026 REVIEW REPORT AND YOUTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

To receive a report from the Clerk on the Sound Futures Festival (enc)^{xi}, with recommendation, and the further recommendation of the Youth Advisory Committee from its meeting on 19th September (to follow)^{xii}

The Council is asked to support YMCA Northumberland to deliver the Sound Futures Festival again, and to review the budget for the event as a whole to see whether it could be increased.

12. LITTER BIN UPGRADE PROGRAMME

To consider a report that seeks approval for the phased upgrade of the town's litter bins to the Glasdon Jubilee, a rust-free, longer-lasting model bought at a negotiated 10% discount. The report covers a review of bin sizes and locations and a request for County Councillors' MLIS funding, and notes that a Town Council budget contribution may be needed in future years (enc)^{xiii}

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ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the FGS – 8th September 2026
- ii Officers Update
- iii Updated Budget & Expenditure Report
- iv Bank Reconciliation, 31st August 2026
- v Bank Reconciliation, 30th September 2026
- vi Accounts Schedule (October)
- vii Proposal (Cllr David Coyle) Publication Of Councillor Attendance At Meetings
- viii Clerk Report – NCVA Stabilisation Funding
- ix CCTV Meeting, 19th August 2026
- x Partnership Meeting, 15th September 2026
- xi Clerk's Report – Sound Futures Festival
- xii Note from YAC Meeting, 19th October 2026
- xiii Litter Bin Upgrade Programme

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