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To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX**, on **Tuesday 12th April 2022 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. 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

5th April 2022

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Welcome by Cllr Lynne Grimshaw.

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 11th April 2022.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022 (enc)ⁱ

7. CASUAL VACANCIES

To agree to declare a casual vacancy for the seat of Town Councillor for Seaton Ward, following the death of Cllr Avril Chisolm (enc)ⁱⁱ

8. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

9. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2021/22

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget report and address any questions to the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (enc)^{iv}

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts; to endorse those accounts paid via delegated authority, and approve those accounts to be paid, since 15th March 2022 in the current Financial Year (enc)^v

10. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2022/23

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget report and address any questions to the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (enc)^{vi}

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts; to endorse those accounts to be to be paid, since 1st April 2022 (enc)^{vii}

11. PARTNERSHIP MEETING

To receive a report of the meeting held on 22nd March 2022, and note any questions to be taken to the next quarterly meeting (enc)^{viii}

12. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL (NCC) - PLANNING VALIDATION CHECKLIST RE-CONSULTATION APRIL 2022

To agree to respond to the formal public consultation of the local information requirements within the NCC draft Validation Checklist (also known as a 'local list'), which is open from 4th April - 17th April 2022 midnight (see pages 15-81 of the document linked below)

[NCC-Validation-Checklist-2022_Consultation_2-1.pdf \(northumberland.gov.uk\)](#)

13. LITTER BIN REPLACEMENT

a) Litter Bin Purchase

To agree to purchase twenty-four Broxap Derby litter bins at a cost of £322 each (total cost £7,728), using the 2022/23 annual budget for litter bins, with bins delivered in two stages taking advantage of free carriage (enc)^{ix}

b) Replacement Bins

To agree to delegate to the Assets and Facilities Manager, in consultation with the Neighbourhood Services Officer, the order of litter bins to be replaced, depending on their condition.

14. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th May 2022, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

15. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Town Council is 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 Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the Local Authorities (Access to Information) (Exempt Information) (England) Order 2006) Act as the matter is confidential (3) Information relating to business affairs

16. ASHINGTON GATEWAYS

To receive Planting Designs and Maintenance Plans for the four Ashington Gateways from Garden Narratives, and agree to accept the designs, to prepare the areas for planting, and source the plants (enc)^x *Please note that designs and maintenance plans for Station Road will be brought to the June FGS Meeting*

ENCLOSURES

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- i Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 15th March 2022
 - ii Notice of Vacancy – Seaton Ward
 - iii Clerk and Officer Update, February/March 2022
 - iv Updated Budget Report, March 2022
 - v Schedule of accounts paid and to be paid, since 15th March 2022
 - vi Updated Budget Report, April 2022
 - vii Schedule of accounts paid and to be paid, since 1st April 2022
 - viii Minutes of Partnership Meeting held on 22nd March 2022
 - ix Broxap Litter Bin Quotation
 - x P&C Gateway Designs (sent by email only with copies being brought to the meeting)