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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 17th January 2023 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
Clerk to the Town Council

10th January 2023

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 office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 16th January 2023

6. MINUTES OF FGS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER 2022

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 13th December 2022 (enc)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive verbal update on items actioned since the previous meeting (to be tabled)ⁱⁱ

8. TOWN TWINNING – REMSCHEID, DAY OF ASSOCIATIONS

To receive an invite to the above on Sunday 3rd September 2023, and agree to respond to the visit invite from 1st – 4th September 2023 (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

9. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2022/23

a) Updated Budget Report

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

b) Accounts Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts paid since the December FGS Meeting; and to endorse those accounts paid according to the Council's Financial Regulations (enc)^v

10. DRAFT BUDGET 2023/24

To consider and discuss the Annual Budget and Precept requirement of Ashington Town Council for the 2023/24 and, and to agree to recommend a level of Budget and Precept to Full Council at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 31st January 2023

11. NCC PLANNING ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY

To receive the 2022 NCC Planning Enforcement Strategy, and agree to respond with views, comments and suggestions (enc)^{vi}, (enc)^{vii}

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 14th February 2023, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 13th December 2022

ⁱⁱ Clerks and Officers Update (to be tabled)

ⁱⁱⁱ Letter from Remscheid

^{iv} Updated Budget Report 2022/23

^v Schedule of Accounts paid and to be paid

^{vi} Cover Letter from Rob Murfin

^{vii} Strategy for the Monitoring and Enforcement of Planning Control