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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 8th November 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, 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

1st November 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 office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 31st October 2022.

6. MINUTES OF FGS MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 11th OCTOBER 2022

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 11th October 2022 (enc)¹

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

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

8. ESCAPE FAMILY SUPPORT

To receive verbal update on work this year to date, and agree to release 2nd instalment of annual funding

9. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2022/23

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget report, and address any questions to the RFO (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Accounts Paid

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

10. REPORT OF THE ENHANCED NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP BOARD MEETING HELD ON 22ND SEPTEMBER 2022

To receive the report for information only (enc)^v

11. REPORT OF THE HIRST PARK MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2022

To receive the report for information only (enc)^{vi}

12. WARM HUB FUNDING

To receive a summary of applications and agree any funding awards (enc, and to be tabled)^{vii}

13. MAINTENANCE OF LANDSCAPING AT JACK CHARLTON STATUE AND ASHINGTON'S FOOTBALLING HERITAGE

To receive the cost of 12 month's maintenance by installing contractor, and agree to commit to costs from November 2022 – November 2023 (enc)^{viii}

14. NEW BUS SHELTER – WOODHORN ROAD

a) Location

To consider a proposal from Cllr Pauline Thompson to install a bus shelter on Woodhorn Road, outside Abbey Tandoori (enc)^{ix}

b) Permission and Consultation

To agree that the Assets and Facilities Manager further consults with NCC Technical Services as to the appropriateness of a shelter in this location. Subject to NCC permission, to agree that NCC proceed with consultation with those residents and businesses who would be affected

15. ALLOTMENT CLEARANCE AND IMPROVEMENT WORKS – WOODHORN ROAD

a) Update on work agreed at the September FGS Meeting

To receive an update on further fly tipping that renders the quotes previously agreed invalid, and to pose any questions to the Assets and Facilities Manager (enc)^x

Note: the second part of this item is suggested to be confidential, as is commercially sensitive.

b) Revised Quotes

To receive revised quotes for plot clearance work at Woodhorn Road, and agree action to be taken

16. NCC CONSULTATION – Northumberland Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling Showpeople – Local Plan

To think about and agree to put forward for consideration, any land that might have potential to help meet the accommodation needs of gypsies and travellers, particularly for transit sites in the priority areas identified by the Gypsies, Travellers, and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Needs Assessment (GTTSANA) (enc)^{xi}

17. COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE REVIEW PANEL

To agree the four members that will make up the Council's Complaint's Review Panel to deal with complaints in accordance with the Council's Complaints Procedure (enc)^{xii}

18. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 13th December 2022, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

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- ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 11th October 2022
 - ⁱⁱ Clerks and Officers Update (to be tabled)
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Updated Budget Report 2022/23
 - ^{iv} Schedule of Accounts paid and to be paid
 - ^v Draft Report of Partnership Meeting, 22nd September 2022
 - ^{vi} Draft Report of Hirst Park Maintenance Meeting, 5th October 2022
 - ^{vii} Summary of Warm Funding request
 - ^{viii} Maintenance Costs for Works in Hirst Park
 - ^{ix} Location of new shelter
 - ^x Note on further fly tipping
 - ^{xi} Consultation letter from NCC Rob Murfin
 - ^{xii} Complaints Procedure