



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

25th March 2025

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 8RU**, on **Tuesday 8th April 2025 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. As per the agenda and our standing orders, any resident wishing to speak should contact us prior to the meeting, before 5pm on Monday 7th April 2025.

Sarah Eden
Executive Office/RFO

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

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.

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Please email/telephone the office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 7th April 2025.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

The FGS Committee Meeting scheduled for Tuesday 11th March 2025, was inquorate and, therefore, no minutes were produced.

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (to follow)ⁱ

8. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget and expenditure report and to agree those commitments carried forward (to be tabled to allow end of year)ⁱⁱ

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid (including Bank Reconciliation)

To receive a schedule of accounts paid and to be paid; to endorse those accounts paid and agree those to be paid, since 28th February 2025 (to be tabled)ⁱⁱⁱ

9. NCC NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 18th February 2025

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

10. DOG FOULING IN ASHINGTON

Following concerns raised by former Cllr Gemma Hemsley and Cllr Mark Purvis, to receive a report on dog fouling and the enforcement measures in place as provided by NCC, and to consider actions to address dog fouling in Ashington, including engagement with NCC to improve enforcement and awareness efforts (report was sent out in March)^v

11. NORTH SEATON COLLIERY PLAY AREA REDEVELOPMENT

To receive draft documents for North Seaton Colliery Play Area Redevelopment (preferred supplier), and agree to advertise the opportunity, with updated timescale following deferment (information was sent out in March)^{vi}

12. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV) MEETING, 5th March 2025

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to members (enc)^{vii}

13. 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. The matter is commercially sensitive.

14. FESTIVE LIGHTING PROCUREMENT

To consider the outcome of the tender evaluation process and agree on the appointment of a preferred supplier for the supply, installation, maintenance, and storage of festive lighting displays for Ashington Town Council (to follow)^{viii}

15. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th June 2025, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

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ENCLOSURES

- i Clerk and Officer Update, March (to be further updated/tabled)
- ii Updated Budget and Expenditure Report 2024/25 (to be tabled)
- iii Schedule of Accounts paid/to be paid (to be tabled)
- iv **Draft Report of the Enhanced Services meeting held on 18th February 2025 (enclosed)**
- v Report on Dog Fouling in Ashington (sent in March)
- vi **North Seaton Colliery Play Area Redevelopment (enclosed as updated timeline)**
- vii **CCTV Meeting, 5th March 2025 (enclosed)**
- viii Festive Lighting Evaluations Report (to follow)

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