



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

6th October 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 14th October 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 13th October 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 8th September 2025.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th September 2025 (enc)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

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

8. CASUAL VACANCY - HIRST WARD

To formally note a casual vacancy in the office of Councillor, following the resignation of Councillor Pauline Thompson. Members will note that the formal Notice of Vacancy was published on 29th September 2025. In accordance with statutory requirements, electors of the ward have until 17th October 2025 to request an election. If no such request is made, the vacancy may be filled by co-option (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

9. NORTHUMBERLAND MINERS PICNIC (*Jo Raw and Liz Ritson, North East Museums, in attendance*)

To receive a presentation on the 2025 Northumberland Miners Picnic, consider any questions and feedback, and agree the release of the Council's pledged £5,000 funding towards event costs (enc)^{iv}

10. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2025/26

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget and expenditure report (enc)^v

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid

To receive a schedule of accounts paid; to endorse those accounts paid since the last meeting (enc)^{vi}

c) Bank Reconciliation

To receive the bank reconciliation dated 30th September 2025 (enc)^{vii}

11. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2026/27 TO 2028/29

To consider the information provided, and to agree on three priority issues to be submitted to Northumberland County Council for consideration in the 2026/27 to 2028/29 LTP Capital Programme (enc)^{viii}

12. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT FGS MEETING

FGS on Tuesday 11th November 2025

ENCLOSURES

ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 9th September 2025

ⁱⁱ Clerk and Officer Update (October) (to follow)

ⁱⁱⁱ Clerks Report – Casual Vacancy

^{iv} Northumberland Miners Picnic

^v Updated Budget and Expenditure Report, October 2025

^{vi} Schedule of Accounts paid (October)

^{vii} Bank Reconciliation (30th September 2025)

^{viii} LTP 2026/2/-28/29