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

19th January 2026

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX**, **on Tuesday 27th January 2026, commencing at 6:00pm. This is the Full Council meeting that will agree the budget for 2026/27 and set the precept.**

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with supporting documents. 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, 5:00pm on Monday 26th January 2026 is the cut-off point.

Regards

Sarah Eden
Executive Officer/RFO

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR
Welcome by Cllr John Tully.

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 Executive Officer with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 26th January 2026.

6. DRAFT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS FULL COUNCIL MEETING
To agree as a true record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 25th November 2025 (enc)[i]

7. VACANCIES ON COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND MEETINGS
To agree an additional member for the following committees, due to vacancies having arisen and deferment from the November Full Council meeting:

- Partnership Board
- Climate & Environment Committee
- CCTV Meeting
- Allotment Liaison Meeting

8. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE – MEMBERSHIP *(placed on the agenda by Cllr David Coyle*)

The Full Council is asked to receive the attached proposal (enc)[ii] and:

a) Agree to amend the Personnel Committee Terms of Reference now, rather than waiting until the Annual Meeting in May.
b) Agree to add two additional members to the Personnel Committee, from the Reform Party.
c) Appoint Councillor Kerry Davison and Councillor David Coyle as the additional members.
d) Agree to review the committee membership again ahead of the Annual Meeting in May 2026.

9. NORTHUMBERLAND TOWN AND PARISH COUNCIL CONFERENCE
To receive invitation to Northumberland Town and Parish Council Conference at County Hall on Thursday 5th March, commencing 5:00pm, and agree two Council representatives to attend (enc)[iii]

10. FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT
To receive the updated document and to note new/altered risks included by the Executive Officer (to follow)[iv]

11. BUDGET AND ANNUAL PRECEPT 2026/27

a) Budget 2026/27

To receive an updated draft budget report with recommendations from the FGS Committee, and consider the Council's expenditure, commitments and plans for 2026/27 and formally approve the budget for 2026/27 (enc)[v], (enc)[vi]

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b) General Reserves and Contingency

To receive and agree the provision towards 'General Reserves and Contingency' for 2026/27 (enc vi), (enc)[vii]

c) Earmarked Reserves

To receive the Asset Management Budget, and agree the provision to earmarked reserves in 2026/27 to accumulate funds towards longer term asset management and replacement (enc)[viii]

d) 2026/27 Precept Demand

To agree the 2026/27 Precept Demand to be submitted to Northumberland County Council, based on the current financial position, and to note the resulting Band D (equivalent) Precept payment (as enc vi)

12. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 31st March 2026, 6:00pm at Town Hall.

ENCLOSURES

[i] DRAFT Full Council Minutes, 25th November 2025
[ii] Personnel Committee Terms of Reference - Membership (Cllr D Coyle)
[iii] Northumberland T&P Council Conference – Draft Agenda
[iv] Financial and Management Risk Assessment, January 2026
[v] Updated Draft Budget Report 2026/27
[vi] Draft Budget 2026/2027
[vii] Updated Reserves Policy, January 2026
[viii] Asset Management Budget 2026/27 onwards