



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

20th November 2023

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council Meeting, at **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX, on Tuesday 28th November 2023, commencing at 6:00pm.**

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. 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.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Eden".

Sarah Eden
Executive Officer

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Welcome by Cllr Mark Purvis.

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.

Tel: (01670) 624521

E-mail: sarah.eden@ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/ashingtontowncouncil>

<https://www.instagram.com/ashingtontc/>

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 Clerk with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 27th November 2023

6. REPORT FROM THE CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON (CLLR VICTOR BRIDGES)

To receive a verbal report from the Civic Head of Ashington on engagements since the last meeting.

7. REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (CLLR JOHN TULLY)

To receive a verbal report from the Leader of the Town Council.

8. DRAFT MINUTES OF PREVIOUS FULL COUNCIL MEETING, 26TH SEPTEMBER 2023

To receive and sign as a true record, the draft minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th September 2023 (enc)ⁱ

9. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE, 19TH SEPTEMBER 2023

To receive draft the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 19th September 2023 (enc)ⁱⁱ
For information only, these minutes will be presented for agreement as a true record at the next meeting of the CCE Committee

10. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE, 24TH OCTOBER 2023

To receive draft the minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2023 (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ *For information only, these minutes will be presented for agreement as a true record at the next meeting of the Personnel Committee.*

11. ASHINGTON REGENERATION

To agree to write to Cllr Glen Sanderson, Leader of Northumberland County Council, to request an update on the status of the Ashington Town Centre Regeneration Project. Specifically, the Council notes that the £600,000 project to revitalize the town centre, Ashington North-East Quarter Redevelopment (Phase 2), appears to now be behind schedule and funding has been temporarily reallocated to other strategic projects in 2023/24 (enc)^{iv}

The Council agree to seek clarity from Cllr Sanderson on:

- a) The specific delays that have impacted on the project timeline.
- b) The reasons and contributing factors for these delays.
- c) A promise that the funding will be protected in the Strategic Regeneration Projects budget 2024/25.
- d) Reassurance that delays will not impact on external funding achieved.
- e) A revised project timeline and expected completion date.

12. NEXT FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Tuesday 30th January 2024 – this will include the agreement of the 2024/25 budget and precept.

Tel: (01670) 624521

E-mail: sarah.eden@ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/ashingtontowncouncil>

<https://www.instagram.com/ashingtontc/>

ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes Full Council, 26th September 2023
- ii Draft Minutes Climate Change and Environment Committee, 19th September 2023
- iii Draft Minutes Personnel Committee, 24th October 2023
- iv Ashington Regeneration

Tel: (01670) 624521

E-mail: sarah.eden@ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

Website: www.ashingtontowncouncil.gov.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/ashingtontowncouncil>

<https://www.instagram.com/ashingtontc/>