



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

22nd January 2024

To all Members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend the Full Council Meeting of Ashington Town Council, at **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RX, on Tuesday 30th January, 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

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.

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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 28th January 2024.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023 (enc)ⁱ

7. REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING TEAM

To receive a report from Inspector Wayne Daniels (enc)ⁱⁱ

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

To receive a report from the Civic Head of Ashington (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

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

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

10. LEAVE OF ABSENCE DUE TO HEALTH

To receive a leave of absence request from Cllr Vicki Brown and agree in accordance with Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972, to agree a dispensation that constitutes approval by the authority to accept non-attendance outside of the expected 6-month period for reason of ill health and recovery (enc)^{iv}

11. FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT RISK ASSESSMENT

To receive the updated document and to note new/altered risks included by the Executive Officer (enc)^v

12. BUDGET AND ANNUAL PRECEPT 2024/25

a) Budget 2024/25

To receive a draft budget, consider the Council's expenditure, commitments and plans for 2024/25 and formally approve the budget for 2024/25 (enc)^{vi}

b) General Reserves and Contingency

To receive and agree the provision towards 'General Reserves and Contingency' for 2024/25 (enc)^{vii}

c) Earmarked Reserves

To receive the Asset Management Budget, and agree the provision to earmarked reserves in 2024/25 to accumulate funds towards longer term asset management and replacement (enc)^{viii}

d) 2024/25 Precept Demand

To agree the 2024/25 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)

13. ASHINGTON REGENERATION

To receive update and agree any further action, following the Council's request for information relating to Ashington Town Centre Regeneration Project (enc)^{ix}

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14. PLANNING APPLICATION [23/04733/FUL](#) | [Full planning application for development of three college blocks including external workshops, energy centre and PV canopies, as well as associated hardstanding, parking and landscape works, including creation of MUGA and football pitch | Site E Wansbeck Business Park Ashington Northumberland NE63 8QW](#)

To agree a response to the above planning application and submit response and any comments to Northumberland County Council Planning Department (enc)^x

15. DATE, TIME, AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 26th March 2024, 6:00pm at Town Hall

ENCLOSURES

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- ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th November 2023
 - ⁱⁱ Report from Northumbria Police, Inspector Wayne Daniels
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Civic Head Report, November 23 – January 24
 - ^{iv} Leave of Absence Note
 - ^v Financial and Management Risk Assessment, January 2024
 - ^{vi} Draft Budget 2024/2025
 - ^{vii} Budget Calculations
 - ^{viii} Asset Management Budget 2024/25 onwards
 - ^{ix} Ashington Regeneration update
 - ^x Material and Non-Material Planning Considerations

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