



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

17th September 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 29th September 2026**, 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. As per the agenda and our standing orders, any resident wishing to speak should contact us prior to the meeting.

Regards

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

Sarah Eden
Executive Officer/RFO

AGENDA FOR FULL COUNCIL MEETING

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

Welcome by Vice-Chair, Cllr Melanie Fox

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 Executive Officer with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 28th September 2026.

6. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS FULL COUNCIL MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2026 (enc)ⁱ

7. WANSBECK WAY PRESENTATION – Lesley Silvera in attendance

To receive the presentation by Lesley Silvera, Groundwork North East & Cumbria (GWNE) on work along the River Wansbeck, including the proposed Wansbeck Way route. To agree to appoint a Cllr to represent the Council on the project (enc)ⁱⁱ, (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN (AGAR), YEAR ENDING MARCH 2026

a) External Auditor Report/Certificate

To receive the External Auditor Report/Certificate (to follow)^{iv}

b) Notice of Conclusion of Audit

To receive and endorse the publication of the Notice of Conclusion of Audit, on the Town Council's website, alongside the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, year ending March 2026, and to agree any other action required (to follow)^v

9. NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPO) – CONSUMPTION OF ALCOHOL: CONSULTATION

To consider Northumberland County Council's consultation on a proposed countywide PSPO relating to the consumption of alcohol in public places, which would replace the existing Order upon its expiry in October 2026, and to determine whether the Council wishes to submit a response before the consultation closes at 12 noon on Friday 9th October 2026. Written Request (enc)^{vi}, Notice (enc)^{vii} Proposed PSPO (enc)^{viii}

10. 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.

11. CLIMATE, EVENTS AND ENGAGEMENT MANAGER – APPOINTMENT

Following the conclusion of interviews on Monday 21st September, to receive a verbal report from the Personnel Committee Chair following interviews for the post of Climate, Events and Engagement Manager, and for Full Council to endorse the decision of the interview panel to offer the appointment.

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ENCLOSURES

- i Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th July 2026
- ii Clerk's Note
- iii GWNE Presentation
- iv Completed AGAR, External Auditor Report 25/26
- v Statement confirming Notice of Conclusion of Audit 2025/26
- vi PSPO - Consultation Request
- vii PSPO Consultation Notice
- viii Proposed PSPO – Alcohol Consumption

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