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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 31st January 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

Sarah Eden
Clerk to the Town Council

24th January 2023

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.

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 30th January 2023.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th November (enc)ⁱ

7. REPORT FROM THE CIVIC HEAD OF ASHINGTON (CLLR BOB WALKINSHAW)

To receive a verbal report from the Civic Head of Ashington.

8. REPORT FROM THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL (CLLR MATTHEW CUTHBERT)

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

9. PLANNING APPLICATION 18/00779/FUL | Application for 99no. dwellings incorporating new site access and internal access road, provision of SUDS, open space and landscaping. Land South West Of Portland Terrace Ellington Road Ashington Northumberland

To agree a response to the above planning application and submit response and any comments to Northumberland County Council Planning Department

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10. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Town Council is 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 Part I (1) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended by the section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960) as the matter is confidential and relates to employment matters

11. CONFIDENTIAL – RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

a) Employment Budget

To receive and agree the recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting, held on 29th November, and agree employment costs to be included in the 2023/24 budget (enc)ⁱⁱ

b) Training Budget

To receive and agree the recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting, held on 29th November, and agree training costs to be included in the 2023/24 budget (enc, as above)

c) Policies

To receive and agree the recommendations from the Personnel Committee meeting, held on 29th November, relating to a Homeworking Policy and Officer Code of Conduct (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ, (enc)^{iv}

12. BUDGET AND ANNUAL PRECEPT 2023/24 (CLLR LYNNE GRIMSHAW)

a) Proposed Budget 2023/24

To receive and agree the budget for 2023/24 (enc)^v

b) Earmarked Reserves

To receive the Asset Management Budget, and agree the provision to earmarked reserves in 2023/24 to accumulate funds towards longer term asset management and replacement (enc)^{vi}

c) General Reserves and Contingency

To receive and agree the provision towards 'General Reserves and Contingency' for 2023/24 (as enc v)

d) 2023/24 Precept Demand

To agree the 2023/24 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 v)

13. ALLOTMENT LIAISON GROUP

a) New Allotment Liaison Group

To agree to form an Allotment Liaison Group to provide a forum to enable a mutual exchange of information, and to enhance the provision and management of allotments (enc)^{vii}

b) Membership

To agree those members and officers who will be part of the Allotment Liaison Group

14. EVENTS GROUP

To agree to enable a meeting of members and officers to support the formation of an Events Working Group or Sub-Committee; to note those members interested and agree to schedule the first meeting (enc)^{viii}

15. ENHANCED SERVICES – PARTNERSHIP NEGOTIATION GROUP

To receive and consider a suggested approach to facilitate focused, informed, productive discussions about enhanced service delivery in the town and how that could look in the future, via the formation of a specific negotiating group; to agree members and agree to proceed (enc)^{ix}

16. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28th March 2023, 6:00pm at Town Hall

ENCLOSURES

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- i Draft Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on Tuesday 29th November 2022
 - ii Recommendations from the Personnel Committee, meeting held 29th November 2022
 - iii Homeworking Policy
 - iv Officer Code of Conduct
 - v Draft Budget 2023/24
 - vi Asset Management Budget 2023/24
 - vii Allotment Liaison Group
 - viii Events Working Group or Sub-Committee
 - ix Enhanced Services – Future Partnership Agreement