

**COUNCIL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 30TH OCTOBER 2024 at 7.00PM.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are summoned to a Meeting of the Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 30th October 2024 at 7.00pm** in attendance at the Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, DL5 6QF.

Yours faithfully,

Dan Austin
Town Clerk.

AGENDA

1. NOTICE OF MEETING

Public Notice of the Meeting has been given in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

3. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

To consider written requests for dispensations from members who have declared interests under Disclosable or Non-Disclosable Pecuniary Interests – Section 33 of the 2011 Localism Act.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To notify of any items that appear in the agenda in which you may have an interest, including those that have previously been recorded in the Members Register of Interests.

5. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To take questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with the appropriate Standing Order. Members of the public are also permitted to make representations, ask questions, and give evidence in respect of any item of business included in the agenda. Questions will not be received by the Council which are in furtherance of a person's individual circumstances, or which are about a matter where there is a right of appeal to the courts, a tribunal or government minister. A question will not be received by the Council where the issue it concerns has been the subject of a decision of the Council in the last six months.

6. MINUTES

... To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Full Council held on the 18th September 2024.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

... To receive any announcements from the Mayor and the Town Clerk.

8. COMMITTEE MINUTES

... To confirm for approval and adoption the reports and recommendations of the undermentioned Committees:-

- (a) Recreation Committee – 16th October 2024
- (b) Environment Committee – 16th October 2024
- (c) Policy and Resources Committee – 23rd October 2024

9. COMMUNITY HUB OUTSIDE BODY REPRESENTATIVE

To consider appointing a replacement outside body representative to the Community Hub following the resignation of Councillor Neville Jones.

10. WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE LEVEL ARRANGEMENT WITH DCC

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

11. OUTCOME OF THE ANNUAL EXTERNAL AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN

... To consider the attached report from the Finance Manager.

12. OUTSIDE BODIES

To receive reports from representatives on the following Outside Bodies:

- a) **County Durham Association of Local Councils**
Councillors: Ken Robson and Jed Hillary, and the Town Clerk
- b) **Aycliffe Village Community Association**
Councillor Carl Robinson.
- c) **Woodham Village Community Association**
Councillors: Michael Stead and Lindsey Aston.
- d) **Great Aycliffe and Middridge Local Councils' Committee**
Councillors: Peter Bergg, Jed Hillary and the Town Clerk.
- e) **Larger Local Councils' Forum**
Councillors: Martin Ashcroft and Jed Hillary and the Town Clerk.
- f) **Aycliffe and District Bus Preservation Society**
Councillor Ian Gray.
- g) **Friends of Stockton and Darlington Railway**
Councillor Jim Atkinson.
- h) **Western Area Partnership**
Councillors: Arun Chandran and Ken Robson.
- i) **Cornforth Partnership**
Councillors: Eddy Adam and Brian McAnaney.
- j) **Community Hub Development Group**
Councillor Neville Jones

13. EXEMPT BUSINESS

That under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 (as extended by s.100 of the Local Government Act 1972), the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

14. LEISURE MANAGEMENT BOOKING SYSTEM UPGRADE

... To consider the attached report from the Sports Complex Manager.

15. COMMUNITY RECOGNITION AND AWARDS SCHEME NOMINATION

... To consider the attached report from the Town Clerk.

16. COUNCIL MEETING SAFETY ARRANGEMENTS

... To consider the attached Near Miss Report completed following an incident at a recent Events Sub Committee Meeting, and the proposed remedial actions to mitigate against the risk of a reoccurrence. Members' views on the current Council Meeting safety arrangements and any suggestions for improvements would be welcomed.

17. RE-ADMISSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To re-admit the Press and Public to the meeting.

Any questions or queries on agenda items or reports should be raised with officers before meetings by telephone or email.

Please note that this does not preclude members from asking the question at the meeting if this is important to the debate or decision.

Members are requested, during Council Meetings, to observe the Council's Standing Orders relating to the Business and Proceedings of the Council, with particular reference to the Rules of Debate, as well as the Members' Code of Conduct and the principles of Civility and Respect Pledge.