

**SPECIAL POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 13<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

Dear Sir/Madam, I am to inform you that a Special meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee will be held on **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 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. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

**2. 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.

**3. 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.

**4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS**

Members of the public are 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.

**5. EMPLOYERS' NATIONAL INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS INCREASE**

... To consider the attached briefing note from the Finance Manager highlighting the financial implications for the Council arising from the recently announced increase in employers' national insurance contributions in the Government Budget.

**6. COUNCIL FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2025/26**

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

***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.***

**MEMBERSHIP OF THE POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE:**

Councillors Eddy Adam, Tony Armstrong, Martin Ashcroft, Lindsey Aston, Jim Atkinson, Dorothy Bowman, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark, Neil Collinson, George Gray, Ian Gray, Brian Haigh, Sandra Haigh, Phillip Hawkins, Andy Hill, Jed Hillary, Wendy Hillary, Simon Hocking, Joanne Jones, Neville Jones, Sandra Kirby, Brian McAnaney, John Moore, Peter Musa, Carl Robinson, Ken Robson, Michael Stead, Anne Woodward and John Woodward.