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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held Committee Room 1,
County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF, on **TUESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2019 at 10.00 AM.**

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To Cabinet members as follows:-

Leader, Deputy Leader, C. Homer, V. Jones, N. Oliver, J.R. Riddle, H.G.H. Sanderson, R. Wearmouth

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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 15 January 2019, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required to disclose any personal interest (which includes any disclosable pecuniary interest) they may have in any of the items included on the agenda for the meeting in accordance with the Code of Conduct adopted by the Council on 4 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature (as defined under paragraph 17 of the Code Conduct) they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room

NB Any member needing clarification must contact Liam Henry, Legal Services Manager, on 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(1) Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2019-20

The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet to make formal budget recommendations to the County Council.

The report provides the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget for 2019- 20, following the Government's Autumn Budget of 29 October 2018 and the publication of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 13 December 2018.

It is important to note that there may need to be some revisions to the figures following receipt of the Government's February 2019 final Local Government Finance Settlement figures. It is proposed that any changes to the figures as a result of this announcement, which impact on the 2019-20 budget and 2019-22 Medium Term Financial Plan are delegated to the Council's Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services (**Budget document enclosed with this agenda**).

(2) Potential Loan to Alnwick Youth Hostel

The report provides details of a potential loan facility to Alnwick Youth Hostel for up to £100,000 for the repair and maintenance of the building (**Appendix A**).

The report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC on these matters will be circulated when the Committee has met.

(3) Financial Performance 2018-19

To inform the Cabinet of the current financial position for the Council against the Budget for 2018-19 (**Appendix B**).

5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

(1) The Outline Business Case for the replacement of school buildings for Hadrian Learning Trust schools

To request Cabinet's approval of the Outline Business Case (OBC) to provide new school buildings for Hexham Queen Elizabeth High School and Hexham Middle school.

An outline capital allocation for investment in Education has already been made within the Council's medium term capital programme. The Outline Business Case seeks to confirm the estimate of capital required for the construction of the proposed scheme, being £37.1m (**Appendix C**).

(2) School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2020/21 Academic Year

This report informs Cabinet of the outcomes of the consultation on School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2020/21 Academic Year as required by the School Admissions Code 2014. Approval (determination) of these admission arrangements is also sought. It also requests permission from Cabinet to undertake informal consultation on proposed accommodation expansions at Horton Grange Primary School, New Delaval Primary School and Whytrig Community Middle School to provide additional pupil places in the light of increasing births and housebuilding in Blyth and the Seaton Delaval area (**Appendix D**).

The report of the FACS OSC on these matters will be circulated when the Committee has met.

(3) Charges for Care and Support Services for Adults

To report on comments received during the recent consultation about proposed changes to the Council's charging policy for care and support services, and to ask

Cabinet to make recommendations to the Council about what changes to approve **(Appendix E)**.

6. REPORTS OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

(1) Review of Waste Strategy - Kerbside Collection of Household Waste

To outline the modelling and options appraisal work undertaken in 2018 in order to review and update the Council's Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2003 - 2020. The modelling work evaluates the current kerbside collection service delivered to Northumberland residents, and identifies and evaluates alternative approaches in order to 'shortlist' options for further, more detailed modelling and evaluation.

The Council currently sends residual (non-recyclable) waste to an Energy from Waste facility where it is burned to generate electricity for supply to the National Grid. This has helped to significantly reduce the Council's reliance on landfill disposal, with only 14.69% of all household and commercial waste being disposed of to landfill last year. However, the amount of household waste being reused, recycled or composted by the Council has plateaued in recent years, dropping slightly to 36.2% in 2017/18. As part of its waste strategy review the Council is therefore keen to progress improvements in its waste recycling services, such as consideration of kerbside glass recycling and food waste collections with an ambition to achieve a +50% recycling rate

On 17th December 2018 the Government released '*Our waste, our resources, a strategy for England*' which sets out how England will minimise waste, promote resource efficiency and move towards a circular economy. The Council must align its proposals with the actions that will be taken now and the longer-term policy direction set out by Government. This report outlines the key issues in the new Government waste strategy that are of most interest to the Council's review of future waste collection and disposal arrangements **(Appendix F)**.

(2) Proposed Introduction of Charges at Tourism and Railway Station Car Parks - Consultation Response

The purpose of this report is to provide feedback on the outcome of the consultation exercise regarding the proposed increase to some existing car parking charges and introduction of parking charges at selected tourism/coastal, railway station car parks and at Tyne Riverside Country Park car park in Prudhoe. The report summarises the main issues raised during the consultation exercise and the Council's response to these issues and makes recommendations for refinements to the proposals in light of the consultation feedback **(Appendix G)**.

The report of the Communities and Place OSC on these matters will be circulated when the Committee has met.

(3) Northumberland Line Develop Stage - Finance

To provide Cabinet with:

- An update on progress in relation to the reintroduction of passenger services along the rail line between Ashington and Newcastle;
- Detail on the scope and cost of the next stage of the project and how this can be funded (**Appendix H**).

7. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Acomb Neighbourhood Plan

To seek approval to formally 'make' the Acomb Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination on the 10 October 2018. A local referendum held in the Parish of Acomb on 10 January 2019 returned a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations (**Appendix I**).

8. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name (please print):
Meeting:
Date:
Item to which your interest relates:
Nature of Registerable Personal Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Annex 2 to Code of Conduct or other interest (as defined by Annex 3 to Code of Conduct) (please give details):
Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?

1. Registerable Personal Interests – You may have a Registerable Personal Interest if the issue being discussed in the meeting:

- a) relates to any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (as defined by Annex 1 to the Code of Conduct); or
- b) any other interest (as defined by Annex 2 to the Code of Conduct)

The following interests are Disclosable Pecuniary Interests if they are an interest of either you or your spouse or civil partner:

- (1) Employment, Office, Companies, Profession or vocation; (2) Sponsorship; (3) Contracts with the Council; (4) Land in the County; (5) Licences in the County; (6) Corporate Tenancies with the Council; or
- (7) Securities - interests in Companies trading with the Council.

The following are other Registerable Personal Interests:

- (1) any body of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management) to which you are appointed or nominated by the Council; (2) any body which (i) exercises functions of a public nature or (ii) has charitable purposes or (iii) one of whose principal purpose includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member (or in a position of general control or management); or (3) any person from whom you have received within the previous three years a gift or hospitality with an estimated value of more than £50 which is attributable to your position as an elected or co-opted member of the Council.

2. Non-Registerable Personal Interests - You may have a non-registerable personal interest when you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are, or ought reasonably to be, aware that a decision in relation to an item of business which is to be transacted might reasonably be regarded as affecting your well being or financial position, or the well being or financial position of a person described below to a greater extent than most inhabitants of the area affected by the decision.

The persons referred to above are: (a) a member of your family; (b) any person with whom you have a close association; or (c) in relation to persons described in (a) and (b), their employer, any firm in which they are a partner, or company of which they are a director or shareholder.

3. Non-Participation in Council Business

When you attend a meeting of the Council or Cabinet, or one of their committees or sub-committees, and you are aware that the criteria set out below are satisfied in relation to any matter to be considered, or being considered at that meeting, you must : (a) Declare that fact to the meeting; (b) Not participate (or further participate) in any discussion of the matter at the meeting; (c) Not participate in any vote (or further vote) taken on the matter at the meeting; and (d) Leave the room whilst the matter is being discussed.

The criteria for the purposes of the above paragraph are that: (a) You have a registerable or non-registerable personal interest in the matter which is such that a member of the public knowing the relevant facts would reasonably think it so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest; **and either** (b) the matter will affect the financial position of yourself or one of the persons or bodies referred to above or in any of your register entries; **or** (c) the matter concerns a request for any permission, licence, consent or registration sought by yourself or any of the persons referred to above or in any of your register entries.

This guidance is not a complete statement of the rules on declaration of interests which are contained in the Members' Code of Conduct. If in any doubt, please consult the Monitoring Officer or relevant Democratic Services Officer before the meeting.