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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in the **Council Chamber**, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF, on **TUESDAY 9 APRIL 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 12 March 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 ADULT AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

(1) Outcome of the Local Authority Special Free School Bid

To advise Cabinet of the outcome of the Local Authorities bid for a Special Free School **(Appendix A)**

(2) Proposed Consultation on Extending the Age Ranges of Whitley Memorial CE and Bedlington West End First Schools

This report sets out a request from the Governing Bodies of Whitley Memorial CE First School and Bedlington West End First School to carry out a consultation on a proposal to extend the age ranges of these two schools to become primary schools with effect from 1 September 2020. A recommendation is set out in this report to request that Cabinet agree to permit an informal consultation on this proposal.

Cabinet may be requested to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal at a future date following the outcome of consultation **(Appendix B)**.

The report of the Family and Children's Services OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met.

5. REPORTS OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

(1) Establishment of a Regeneration Development Reserve

To seek endorsement for the establishment of a £2.55 million revenue Regeneration Development Reserve fund to be used for the development of priority regeneration and economic growth projects **(Appendix C)**.

The report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC is enclosed.

(2) Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy for Northumberland 2019-21

The following report presents members with the refreshed Homelessness & Rough Sleeper Strategy for Northumberland 2019 - 2021, updated following changes to legislation and requirements by Government to recognise and support the needs of Rough Sleepers. The strategy provides updated details of the strategic objectives for the Council's Homelessness & Housing Options Service for the following three years **(Appendix D)**.

The report of the Communities and Place OSC is attached to the back of the report.

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Recommendation from Audit Committee

To provide members with the minuted recommendation from a meeting of the extraordinary Audit Committee which took place on 22nd March 2019 which considered the report of the Chief Internal Auditor regarding Arch Group (dated October 2017) under the County Council's framework of governance, risk management and control.

To request that members 'as those charged with governance' make a formal decision whether to approve the recommendation put forward by the Council's Audit Committee *"that another Police Force investigates the allegations and that simultaneously, Northumbria Police be asked whether anyone has been interviewed in relation to these matters and whether there has been any referral to the Crown Prosecution Service"*. **(Appendix E)**.

7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HR/OD AND DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Northumberland Cultural Fund to Support Great Northumberland 2019

To present the proposed application process for a Northumberland Cultural Fund, which will be open for all Northumberland organisations and groups to apply for support as part of Great Northumberland 2019 (GN2019); an arts and cultural programme which will take place across Northumberland this summer.

The Cultural Fund will be aimed at Northumberland groups who can sustain a programme of engagement in arts and culture to benefit health and wellbeing throughout the proposed 2019 programme and also beyond this. It is anticipated that the Cultural Fund will be used for small projects, aimed at supporting the programme of County wide activities and is not intended to fund large scale events (**Appendix F**).

The report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC is attached to the report.

7. REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC COMMISSIONING AND FINANCE

Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

The report summarises proposed amendments to the Capital Programme considered by the officer Capital Strategy Group at its meeting held on 8 March 2019 (**Appendix G**).

8. REPORT OF THE LEGAL SERVICES MANAGER

Haltwhistle and District Joint Burial Committee

To consider whether there should be a change to the arrangements under the provisions of Part VI of the Local Government Act 1972 for the discharge of functions by the respective burial authorities collectively forming the Haltwhistle & District Joint Burial Committee, in accordance with the County Council's powers under Schedule 26, paragraph 4 of the 1972 Act to make such a change (**Appendix H**).

9. DECISION UNDER FINANCE AND CONTRACT RULES

To report a decision taken under Finance and Contract Rule 2.5 (**Appendix I**).
Relevant extract from Finance and Contract rules is included below:-

2.4 Limits for Executive Members and Corporate Directors

Corporate Directors and the relevant Executive Member together have the power to make decisions within the context of the agreed Budget and Policy Framework where the contractually committed expenditure will not exceed £1,000,000 unless the decision has been the subject of examination under the Council's Business Case and Risk Appraisal Processes [see Appendices 3 and 5] in which case the limit shall be £2,000,000.

2.5 *Reports to the Executive*

A schedule of proposed decisions over these limits shall be presented to the monthly meetings of the Executive although in the case of urgency, the Leader may consent to the decision being taken and then reported to the Executive for information with reasons for the urgency being given.

10. 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.