



# Northumberland County Council

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF, on **TUESDAY 9 JULY 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**

**Agenda letter only for information to all other members of the Council**



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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 11 June 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 SOCIAL CARE AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

##### **(1) Outcomes of Consultation on a proposal to extend the age ranges of Whitley Memorial CE and West End First Schools**

This report sets out the results and analysis of the informal consultation process undertaken by the Council at the request of the Governing Bodies of West End and Whitley Memorial First Schools on a proposal to extend the age ranges of the schools with effect from 1 September 2020. The request of the Governing Bodies of the two schools was in turn prompted by the proposal of the Governing Body of Meadowdale Middle Academy to become a primary school with effect from 1 September 2020. The report also includes a request to Cabinet to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal (**Appendix A**).

##### **(2) Update of School Organisation Plan and other school organisation matters**

In June 2018, Cabinet approved the publication of the School Organisation Plan 2018-2021 for Northumberland. It was agreed that the plan would be subject to an

update on an annual basis in order to include the latest data and information on schools relevant to school place planning, and Cabinet are now asked to approve the updated version of the plan for publication.

This report also sets out other school organisation matters requiring Cabinet approval. These relate to:

- following completion of informal consultation approved by Cabinet in February 2019, a request for approval to publish a statutory proposal to make permanent the expansion of the capacities at Whytrig Middle School in the Seaton Valley Partnership, and Horton Grange and New Delaval Primary Schools in the Blyth and Bede Partnerships;
- The request from the federated Governing Body of Otterburn First and West Woodburn First Schools, to expand the age range of West Woodburn First school to a 4-11 primary school. If approved this would result in the publication of a statutory proposal to expand the age range of West Woodburn First School in the Haydon Bridge Partnership following extensive informal and formal consultation on the structure and management of the school in 2018 and early 2019;
- The request of the Governing Body of Mowbray Primary School, to carry out consultation in line with the Admissions Code on a proposal to reduce the Planned Admission Number (PAN) of Mowbray Primary School in the Bedlington Partnership from 45 to 30 with effect from September 2020 as a result of falling pupil numbers in the school's catchment area (**Appendix B**).

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

## **5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

### **Blyth Relief Road**

To provide Cabinet with:

- An overview of progress to date on the development of the business case for a new relief road for Blyth;
- A recommendation for the preferred route for more detailed development based on the outcome of appraisal to date and an extensive stakeholder consultation exercise;
- An update on the emerging opportunity to fund the scheme as part of the Major Road Network (**Appendix C**).

The report of the CSEG OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met.

## **6. REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

### **Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2019**

To advise Cabinet about the commencement of the review of polling districts and polling places and to note the terms of reference of this review (**Appendix D**).

**7. REPORT OF THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - IMPROVING HEALTH AND FITNESS TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

To present the findings of the Task and Finish Group to Cabinet for consideration. The Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed at their meeting on 4 June 2019 to recommend the findings to Cabinet for agreement (**Appendix E**).

**8. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL FEEDBACK**

To receive feedback from recent Local Area Council meetings (**Appendix F**).

**9. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE**

**Advance Northumberland Limited**

The purpose of this report is to update members on the transition of the Council's wholly owned company Arch (Corporate Holdings) Ltd. to Advance Northumberland Limited and advise of progress with the operating agreement between the Council and Advance Northumberland Limited (**Appendix G**). This report is supplemented by two confidential appendices which will be circulated at the meeting and considered in private.

The report of the CSEG OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met.

**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.

<b>Name (please print):</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>
<b>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):</b>
<b>Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):</b>
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>

**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.**