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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a virtual meeting of the **CABINET** to be held on **TUESDAY 12 JANUARY 2021** at **10.00 AM**.

Please note this will be a “virtual meeting” that will be streamed live on our Youtube channel at [youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV](https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV)

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To Cabinet members as follows:-

**Leader, Deputy Leader, V. Jones, N. Oliver, G. Renner-Thompson, J.R. Riddle, J.G. Watson, R. Wearmouth
W. Pattison, Equality and Diversity Champion**

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

Any member of the press or public may view the proceedings of this virtual meeting live on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV>. Members of the press and public may tweet, blog etc during the live broadcast as they would be able to during a regular Committee meeting. However, the only participants in the virtual meeting will be the Councillors concerned and the officers advising the Committee.



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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 8 December 2020, 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.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact Legal Services 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

Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2020-21 – Council Tax and Business Rates

To advise members of the estimated year end balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates for the year ending 31 March 2021 (**Appendix A**).

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

National Funding Formula & School Funding 2021/22

To update Cabinet regarding the National Funding Formula (NFF) and the implications for 2021/22 School Funding in Northumberland (**Appendix B**).

The report of the FACS OSC on this matter will be circulated when the

Committee has met.

6. 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 on 3 December 2020 (**Appendix C**).

7. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

Decision under Finance and Contract Rules - Acquisition of Car Park at Bunker Site, Hexham

A decision was taken by the Interim Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Environment and Local Services under Rule 2.4 of the Council's Finance and Contract Rules (Spending Limits for Corporate Directors and Executive Members), to approve an increase of £0.402 million to the existing £1.5 million capital budget provision made for the acquisition of the Bunker site car park in Hexham, from the £10 million capital allocation made in the MTFP for car park improvements (recommended to County Council on 19 February to be reduced to £8.477m in the revised MTFP).

In accordance with Rule 2.5 of Finance and Contract Rules, the decision of the Leader to agree with the urgency of this matter is now reported to Cabinet for information.

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.

PART II

It is expected that matters included in this part of the Agenda will be dealt with in private. Reports referred to are enclosed for members and officers only, coloured pink and marked "Not for Publication".

9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is invited to consider passing the following resolution:

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the Agenda as they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and

- (b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

| Agenda Item | Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A |
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| 10 | 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). |
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| AND | The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure would prejudice Advance Northumberland's ability to negotiate with partners and give its competitors a commercial advantage. |
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10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMY

Bedlington Town Centre Redevelopment

To provide details of the revised proposals and costs for the redevelopment of Bedlington Town Centre, which are required due to the impact the COVID 19 pandemic has had on the commercial viability of the original proposals, and to approve the Council's financial contribution as part of a wider funding package which is required to enable the redevelopment of the town centre to be undertaken by Advance Northumberland **(Appendix D)**.

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

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.

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| 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.