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Date: 23 August 2018

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE** to be held in **Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth** on **MONDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER 2018** at **10.00 a.m.**

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally

Chief Executive

To the members of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC comprising:

Councillors D. Bawn, J. Beynon, G. Castle, L. Grimshaw, K. Parry, M. Robinson, G. Roughead, E. Simpson, M. Swinburn and T. Wilson.



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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC held on 4 July 2018, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

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.

N.B. Any member needing clarification must contact the Legal Services Manager, Liam Henry on Tel: 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this Agenda letter.

4. FORWARD PLAN

To note the latest Forward Plan of key decisions (September - November 2018). Any further changes made to the Forward Plan will be reported to the Committee. (Schedule enclosed as Appendix A).

5. CABINET REPORTS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

To advise members of Cabinet decisions regarding issues previously commented on and been subject of report by this Committee. (Circulated for information only as Appendix B).

6. CALL-IN: PROVISION OF INDEMNITIES IN RESPECT OF LEGAL COSTS

Cabinet considered the report of the Head of Legal Services - Provision of Indemnities in Respect of Legal Costs on 24 June 2018. The Democratic Services Manager subsequently received a Member's request to 'Call In' the decision of the Cabinet (call in notice, call in form setting out that decision and the reason for the call in, and an extract from the Cabinet minutes are enclosed as Appendix C).

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for the following item is Councillor Nick Oliver - Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary

7. SCRUTINY OF CABINET REPORTS

The following report will be considered by the Cabinet on 10 September 2018. The Committee are asked to comment on the proposals contained in the report. Those comments will be presented to the Cabinet by the Chairman.

The Cabinet Members requested to attend for the following item is Councillor Peter Jackson - Leader of the Council and Cath Homer - Culture, Arts, Leisure and Tourism

7.1 Replacement of Berwick Leisure Centre

To seek agreement to the development of improved leisure facilities in Berwick. (Report enclosed as Appendix D).

The following reports will be considered by the Cabinet on 11 September 2018. The Committee are asked to comment on the proposals contained in the report. Those comments will be presented to the Cabinet by the Chairman.

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for the following item is Councillor Peter Jackson - Leader of the Council

7.2 Proposed Transfer of 5 Palace Street East, Berwick upon Tweed

To seek approval to the Council acting in its capacity as a trustee to transfer 5 Palace Street East (including the Mansion House and Hall) to Berwick Youth Project and to appoint an additional trustee, in an administrative position, to enable the Property to be transferred. (Report enclosed as Appendix E).

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for the following items is Councillor Richard Wearmouth - Economic Development

7.3 Hexham Business Improvement District (BID) Termination

To advise Cabinet of the legislative process required to terminate the Hexham Business Improvement District (BID). (Report enclosed as Appendix F).

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for the following items is Councillor Nick Oliver - Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary

7.4 Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2019-20

This report provides an update on the development of the 2019-20 budget and the Medium Term Financial Plan covering the period 2019 to 2022. (Report enclosed as Appendix G).

7.5 Council Tax Support

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to carry out statutory consultation with council taxpayers, claimants and other stakeholders to reduce the level of council tax support to claimants from 1 April 2019. (Report enclosed as Appendix H).

7.6 Update on Shared Services Due Diligence

To update Cabinet on due diligence and appropriate consultation, including consultation with staff, and the completion of an economic impact assessment of the proposals with regard to Shared Services. (Report enclosed as Appendix I).

7.7 Current Status of Active Northumberland Terms and Conditions/Job Evaluation Negotiations

To inform members of the progress to date regarding negotiations with the Trade Unions in relation to the proposed new Payline, Terms and Conditions and Job Evaluation process; the proposed 'next steps' to the process; the short term financial commitment required, and to make members aware of the potential risk of claims for breach of TUPE rights which may arise from the process and may require formal support to be given to Active Northumberland by Northumberland County Council. (Report enclosed as Appendix J).

8. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

To present the Committee's Work Programme for 2018/19. (Report enclosed as Appendix K).

9. INFORMATION REPORT - POLICY DIGEST

This report gives details of the latest policy briefings, government announcements and ministerial speeches which may be of interest to members.

NB Reports have not been reproduced/circulated. They can be accessed through the service finder element of County Council's web site at www.northumberland.gov.uk.

10. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman, 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.