

NORTHUMBERLAND

Northumberland County Council

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Date: 21 December 2017

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on **WEDNESDAY, 3 JANUARY 2018** at **3.00 PM** to transact the business mentioned in the accompanying agenda paper.

Yours faithfully,



Daljit Lally

Chief Executive

To the members of the County Council

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

3 JANUARY 2018

AGENDA PAPER

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 3rd day of January 2018

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 1 November 2017, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, signed by the Business Chair and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council (**see pages 9-34**).

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. ANNOUNCEMENTS by the Business Chair, Leader and Head of the Paid Service.

5. CORRESPONDENCE (if any) to date of meeting.

6. QUESTIONS to be put to the Business Chair, a member of the Cabinet or the Chair of any Committee or Sub Committee, in accordance with the Constitution's Rules of Procedure No.10.

7. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON:-

- (1) Tuesday 7 November 2017 (see pages 35- 42)
- (2) Thursday 23 November 2017 (see pages 43-50)
- (3) Tuesday 12 December 2017 (see pages 51-62)

8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES from the following Committees:-

- (1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 63-70)
- (2) Family and Children’s Services OSC (see pages 71-86)
- (3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 87-90)
- (4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 91-120)
- (5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 121-126)
- (6) Audit Committee (see pages 127-138)
- (7) Devolution Working Group (see pages 139-146)

9. NOTICES OF MOTION

Motion No.1

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor G. Davey to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager on 18 December 2017:-

“This Council notes the emergence of various strands of social media as both a positive and negative way of communicating the role of councillors and the policies of council. Many local authorities have specific policies to explain and regulate the use of social media and this Council supports the proposal to form a cross-party councillor group to bring forward a 'social media policy' which will provide transparency and certainty in the use of social media across the council and its partners. Currently, there is no overarching policy to provide a framework for the authorised use of social media in developing and communication policies and actions of the county council which creates a significant risk for the authority”.

10. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

(1) Revisions to the Council’s Constitution - LGPS

This report recommends two amendments to the NCC Constitution to update it for changes in relation to administration of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) (see pages 147-154).

(2) Treasury Management Mid Year Review Report for the Period 01 April to 30 September 2017

This report provides a mid-year review of the activities of the Treasury Management function for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017, and performance against the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2017-2018 - as approved by the County Council on 22 February 2017. The report provides a review of borrowing and investment performance for the period set in the context of the general economic conditions prevailing so far during the year. It also reviews specific Treasury Management prudential indicators defined by the (CIPFA) Treasury Management Code of Practice and CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities, (the Prudential Code), and approved by the Authority in the TMSS **(see pages 155-170)**.

11. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

Appointment of Parish Council Representatives to the Standards Committee

To apprise members of the progress made with the appointment of the three Parish Council representatives to the Standards Committee and to seek agreement to make the relevant appointments **(see pages 171-174)**.

12. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PLANNING SERVICES

Proposed Changes to the Strategic Planning Committee Terms of Reference and Powers

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a change in the terms of reference for Strategic Planning Committee to allow for planning applications linked to the Council's statutory duties under non-planning legislation, where issues of strategic importance are raised in terms of allowing the Council to fulfil its statutory duties, to be considered at a County-wide level rather than by Local Area Councils **(See pages 175-180)**.

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".

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Council 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 item on the Agenda as it involves 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
14	3 - Information relating to any individual, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in seeking this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure would adversely affect the Authority's ability to conduct its affairs.

14. PRESENTATION FROM THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To receive a presentation from the Chief Executive on the recent review of Arch.

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.