

## Northumberland County Council

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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**, **21 FEBRUARY 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

#### **21 FEBRUARY 2018**

#### **AGENDA PAPER**

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 21st day of February 2018

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of the County Council held on Wednesday 3 January 2018, 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 9-30).

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

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

- (1) Tuesday 19 December 2017 (see pages 31-38)
- (2) Tuesday, 9 January 2018 (see pages 39-44)

**AND TO APPROVE** the following resolution as it involves budget and policy framework matters requiring Council approval:-

(i) Minute No. 58 of the 9 January 2018 meeting relating to the new capital proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

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

(1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 45-58)

(2) Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 59-76)

(3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 77-82)

(4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 83-92)

(5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 93-100)

(6) Audit Committee (see pages 101-118)

(7) Standards Committee (see pages 119-124)

#### 9. REPORTS OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

(1) Corporate Plan 2018-21

To seek Council approval of the Corporate Plan 2017-21 as the basis for informing the preparation of the forthcoming Medium Term Financial Plan (see pages 125-140).

(2) Strategic Review of Active Northumberland

To consider the final summary report (see pages 141- 174)

#### 10. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

(1) Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-22 and Budget 2018-19

The report provides the Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-22 and Budget for 2018-19, following the Government's Autumn budget of 22 November 2017 and the publication of the provisional Local Government Finance Settlement on 19 December 2017.

It is important to note that there may need to be some revisions to the figures following receipt of the Government's February 2018 final Local Government Finance settlement figures. It is proposed that any changes to the figures as a result of this announcement, which impact on the 2018-19 budget and 2018-22 Medium Term Financial Plan are delegated to the Director of Finance in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services (bound report and appendices included with this agenda).

#### (2) Council Tax 2018-19

To provide Council members with the financial information to enable the Council to calculate and set the Council Tax for 2018-19 (see pages 175-194).

# 11. REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 24 JANUARY 2018

# Policing and Crime Act 2017 - Request from Police & Crime Commissioner for Northumbria

Council, at its meeting on 1 November 2017, referred a request from the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria to be co-opted as a member of the authority for the purposes stated in the report under statutory amendments brought into effect last year by the provisions of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, to the Communities and Place OSC for consideration. The Committee considered that request at their meeting on 24 January 2018 (see pages 195-200).

#### 12. ANNUAL TIMETABLE OF MEETINGS 2018-19

Council is asked to approve a timetable of meetings for 2017-18 (see pages 201-204).

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

1 - Information relating to any individual
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. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

#### **Strategic Management Appointments Update**

Report to be circulated at the meeting.

### 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?
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.

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