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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at the Annual Meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in

the Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on WEDNESDAY 2 MAY 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

2 MAY 2018

AGENDA PAPER

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 2nd day of May 2018

1. **TO ELECT** a business Chair and Deputy Business Chair for the ensuing year.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. TO APPOINT a Civic Head and Deputy Civic Head for the ensuing year.

4. MINUTES

Minutes of the following meetings of County Council, 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 9-44).

- (a) Wednesday, 21 February 2018 (budget)
- (b) Monday 19 March 2018

5. 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.

6. **APPOINTMENTS**

TO NOTE the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members, and their portfolios.

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(1) **TO APPOINT** the Chairs and Vice Chairs to the Committees and Working Groups listed in **Appendix One** at page 167 (to the rear of this agenda), where this is required.

(2) APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEES

Council is asked to appoint the Committees and Working Groups listed in **Appendix One**, and to confirm their terms of reference and delegated powers.

(Last year's Chairs, Vice Chairs and memberships have been shown for information)

8. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

Council is asked to nominate its representatives to the outside bodies listed below. Cabinet and Local Area Councils will consider their own nominations in due course.

Organisation	Cllr Appointed	
Combined Authority - Economic Development &	Portfolio Holder for economic development, plus	
Regeneration Advisory Board	sub	
	One member, plus sub (must be members of	
Combined Authority - Governance	Standards or Audit Committee)	
Combined Authority - Leadership Board	Leader plus sub	
	Two members, plus two subs (must not be	
	members of the Leadership Board, Transport	
	North East Cttee, or Transport North East (Tyne	
Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny	and Wear) Sub Cttee)	
	Two members, plus one sub (at least one	
	member must have portfolio responsibility for	
Combined Authority - Transport NE Committee	transport)	
Env. Agency's Northumbria Regional Flood & Coastal		
Cttee	One, plus one deputy	
Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust	One	
National Park Authority	Six	
Newcastle Royal Grammar School	One	
NNTS Joint Committee	Two	
North of England Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	Reserve Forces & Cadets Association One	
North Pennines AONB Partnership	One	
	Four, (one to be portfolio holder for economic	
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership	development)	
Northumberland College Board of Governors	One	
Northumberland Inshore Fisheries & Conservation		
Authority	Six	
Northumbria Police and Crime Panel	Тwo	
NTC Touring Theatre Company	One	
Pupil Referral Unit Management Committee	One	

- 9. **ANNOUNCEMENTS** by the Business Chair, Leader or Head of Paid Service.
- **10. CORRESPONDENCE** (if any) to date of meeting.
- **11. 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.

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

- (1) Tuesday, 8 February 2018 (see pages 45-50)
- (2) Tuesday, 13 February 2018 (see pages 51-64)
- (3) Tuesday, 20 February 2018 (see pages 65-68)
- (4) Tuesday, 13 March 2018 (see pages 69-74)
- (5) Monday, 19 March 2018 (see pages 75-76)
- (6) Tuesday, 10 April 2018 (see pages 77-84)

AND TO APPROVE the following resolutions as they involve budget and policy framework matters requiring Council approval:-

(i) Minute No. 69 of the 13 February 2018 meeting relating to the new capital proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

(ii) Minute No. 75 of the 13 March 2018 meeting relating to the new capital proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

(iii) Minute No. 82 of the 10 April 2018 meeting relating to the new capital proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

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

(1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 85-88)

(2)	Family and Children's Services OSC	(see pages 89-100)
(3)	Communities and Place OSC	(see pages 101-106)
(4)	Health and Wellbeing OSC	(see pages 107-118)
(5)	Health and Wellbeing Board	(see pages 119-130)
(6)	Audit Committee	(see pages 131-144)
(7)	Devolution Working Group	(see pages 145-150)

14. DELEGATED DECISIONS

To receive details of delegated decisions taken since those last reported to Council (see pages 151-152)

15. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Active Northumberland Financial Position 2017-18

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the 2017-18 financial position of Active Northumberland and its impact on the charity's financial position. The report is requesting that additional funding up to a maximum of £2.635 million is made available from Council balances to fund the 2017-18 projected deficit for Active Northumberland (see pages 153-160).

16. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Governance Review

To consider the outcome of a community governance review in the County (see pages 161-166).

17. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL REPORTS (Appendix Two (page 205) to the rear of this agenda)

- (1) **Overview and Scrutiny**
- (2) Standards Committee
- (3) Pension Fund Panel
- (4) Armed Forces and Veterans' Champions

18. 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

 3 - 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 prejudice the Port of Blyth's ability to negotiate with partners and give its competitors a commercial advantage.

19. REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Enterprise Zone - Bates Terminal, Blyth - Infrastructure Works

The purpose of this report is to consider a contribution of £1.2 million towards the Port of Blyth, Bates Terminal, Enterprise Zone Infrastructure works (see pages 237-248).

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.