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County Council

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Date: 23 April 2019

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 1 MAY 2019** 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



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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

1 MAY 2019

AGENDA PAPER

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 1st day of May 2019

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 meeting of County Council held on Wednesday 20 February 2019, 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 9-38**).

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 (**see pages 39-40**).

7. COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

(1) **TO APPOINT** the Chairs and Vice Chairs to the Committees and Working Groups listed in **Appendix One** (pages 167-206) to the rear of the 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.

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	Representation
Environment Agency's Northumbria Regional Flood & Coastal Cttee	One
Kielder Water & Forest Park Development Trust	Two
National Park Authority	Six
Newcastle Royal Grammar School	One
North East Joint Transport Committee (Overall - 4 members from NECA and 3 members from NoT)	One member plus one sub
North East Joint Transport Committee - Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Overall - 8 members from NECA and 6 members from NoT)	Two members and two substitutes
North East Joint Transport Committee - Audit Committee (Overall - 4 members from NECA and 3 members from NoT)	One member and one sub
North of England Reserve Forces & Cadets Association	One
North of Tyne Combined Authority Audit and Standards	Three plus three subs
North of Tyne Combined Authority Cabinet	Two plus two subs
North of Tyne Combined Authority Housing and Land Board	Two (One to be portfolio holder for Housing)
North of Tyne Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny	Three plus three subs
North Pennines AONB Partnership	One
Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership	Four, (one to be portfolio holder for economic development/planning)
Northumberland College Board of Governors	One TBC
Northumberland Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority	Six
Northumbria Police and Crime Panel	Two
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, 12 February 2019 (see pages 41-58)**
 - (2) **Tuesday, 12 March 2019 (see pages 59-64)**
 - (3) **Tuesday, 9 April 2019 (see pages 65-76)**

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

- (i) **Minute No. 86(3)(c)** of the 12 February 2019 meeting relating to the Northumberland Line Develop Stage - Finance.

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

- (1) **Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 77-80)**
- (2) **Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 81-92)**
- (3) **Communities and Place OSC (see pages 93-104)**
- (4) **Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 105-124)**
- (5) **Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 125-134)**
- (6) **Audit Committee (see pages 135-152)**
- (7) **Brexit and Devolution Working Group (see pages 153-158)**

14. **DELEGATED DECISIONS**

To receive details of delegated decisions taken since those last reported to Council
(see pages 159-60)

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

Equalities Education

To explore the current offer of equalities education within Northumberland Schools.
(report considered by Cabinet on 29 April 2019 enclosed at pages 161-166).

16. UPDATE ON PREVIOUS COUNCIL MOTION

To provide members with an update on Council's motion from January 2019 to write to the NELEP, Transport for the North, all Northumberland MP's and the Chief Executive and Chair of Northern Rail opposing the proposal to remove on-board conductors and to contact the DfT and relevant Government Ministers to ensure on-board conductors are retained within the service specification.

17. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING ANNUAL REPORTS (Appendix Two (see pages 207-240)).

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

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".

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
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| 19 | 3 - Information relating to (the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because of the importance of ensuring that the Council is able to make use of commercially sensitive information relating to the contract. |
| 20 | 1, 3 and 4 - Information relating to any individual, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information), and information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because disclosure would adversely affect the Authority's ability to conduct its affairs. |

19. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE

Street Lighting Modernisation Project

To inform Council of the current status of the Council's Streetlighting Modernisation Project in terms of progress towards completion of works, forecast budget outturn position and areas of contractual dispute. The report also seeks approval for an additional capital budget allocation to meet on-going payments up to contract completion (**report considered by Cabinet on 29 April 2019 enclosed at pages 241-252**).

20. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Changes to the Executive Management Arrangements of Northumberland County Council.

To consider a report on the above (report will 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?

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.