



Northumberland

County Council

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Date: 27 August 2019

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 4 SEPTEMBER 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

4 SEPTEMBER 2019

AGENDA PAPER

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 4th day of September 2019

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held on Wednesday 26 June 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 7-18)**.

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 or Head of 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 9 July 2019 (see pages 19-30)**
- (2) Tuesday 6 August 2019 (see pages 31-40)**

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

(i) **Minute No. 31(c) of the 6 August 2019 meeting relating to the Outcome of the Tender for the Hexham New Build Schools for Hadrian Learning Trust**

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

- (1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 41-48)**
- (2) Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 49-68)**
- (3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 69-74)**
- (4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 75-94)**
- (5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 95-102)**
- (6) Audit Committee (see pages 103-112)**
- (7) Standards Committee (see pages 113-116)**

9. MOTIONS

Motion No.1

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor S. Dungworth to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager on 21 August 2019:-

"This Council notes that Neighbourhood Services are essential to the health, well-being and viability of local communities. Neighbourhood Services are those delivered at a neighbourhood level by local councils; services such as refuse and recycling collections, highways maintenance and repairs, parks and street cleansing, local leisure services and even school meals. These are all services highly valued by the public.

This Council further notes that:

- *Over 80% of the public want to see more money spent in their local area by their local council. This shows the value that the public place on the services that councils provide.*
- *Whilst just 11% of the public trusting private companies to deliver our public services there is real support for councils with near half of the population placing their trust in local councils.*
- *Whilst the public rate social services highly as a local public service they would also like to see extra funds spent on other services including road maintenance (which ranked marginally higher than social care) alongside support for affordable housing, waste and recycling services, footpath maintenance, street cleaning, school meals, winter gritting, parks, leisure centres, and street lighting.*
- *Since 2010 decisions made by government(s) on how local councils are funded*

has resulted in a loss of around £6 billion in Neighbourhood Services spending by UK councils.

Therefore this Council:

- *Agrees to adopt a neighbourhood services champion to act as a voice in support of neighbourhood services*
- *Agrees to endorse the APSE campaign for fair treatment and fair funding for Neighbourhood Services.*
- *Commits to raising awareness amongst the local community and local businesses about the neighbourhood services provided by this council and how we are working to preserve them for future generations.*
- *Recognises that the consequences of Neighbourhood Services being lost to communities and delivered at the most minimal level is ultimately damaging to communities and a false economy.*
- *Calls upon Government administrations across the UK to ensure that funding settlements to local councils reflect the need for adequately funded Neighbourhood Services and agrees that this can only be achieved if funding to local councils is fair and provides the resources they need to support their local communities.*
- *Commits to raising awareness amongst the local community and local businesses about the neighbourhood services provided by this council and how we are working to preserve them for future generations”.*

10. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Community Governance Reviews

To consider the outcome of two community governance reviews in the County (**see pages 117-128**).

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.