



# 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 8 JANUARY 2020** 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**

**8 JANUARY 2020**

## **AGENDA PAPER**

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 8th day of January 2020

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **2. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held on Wednesday 6 November 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 9-34**).

### **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 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 12 November 2019 (see pages 35-42)**
- (2) Tuesday 2 December 2019 (see pages 43-48)**
- (3) Tuesday 10 December 2019 (see pages 49-60)**

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

- (1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 61-64)**
- (2) Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 65-80)**
- (3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 81-88)**

**Members are asked to consider the recommendation detailed at Minute No.35.1 relating to Empty Homes in Northumberland**

- (4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 89-102)**
- (5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 103-114)**
- (6) Audit Committee (see pages 115-132)**
- (7) Standards (see pages 133-136)**

**9. REPORTS OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OR REGENERATION, COMMERCIAL AND ECONOMY**

**(1) Northumberland Climate Change Action Plan 2020-21**

To provide an update on the actions taken by the County Council since declaring a Climate Change Emergency in June 2019 and to seek member approval to the proposed Climate Action Plan for 2020/21 attached as Appendix A, and the associated additional capital and recurring revenue expenditure **(see pages 137-174)**.

**(2) Devolution of Development Control Powers on a Cross Boundary Planning Application in respect of land to the north of Throckley Interchange on A69 and north and east of Dewley Farm, south of Stamfordham Road (B6324) and east of Ponteland Road (B6323), Newcastle upon Tyne**

To seek Council's approval to devolve the Council's planning control functions to Newcastle City Council to determine a cross boundary planning application for a Surface Coal Mine at land to the north of Throckley Interchange on the A69 and north and east of Dewley Farm, south of Stamfordham Road (B6324) and east of Ponteland Road (B6323), Newcastle upon Tyne **(see pages 175-184)**.

## **10. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER**

### **Appointment of Independent Chair of the Standards Committee and Independent Person**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council's agreement to appoint to the position of Independent Chair of the Standards Committee and the position of Independent Person under the relevant provisions of the Localism Act 2011 **(see pages 185-188)**.

## **11. REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR:FINANCE**

### **Treasury Management Mid Year Review Report for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019**

This report provides a mid-year review of the activities of the Treasury Management function for the period 1 April to 30 September 2019, and performance against the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS) 2019-20 - as approved by the County Council on 20 February 2019. 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 Council in the TMSS **(see pages 189-204)**.

## **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".**

## **12. 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**

- 13                    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 the supplementary documents contain the independent experts' intellectual property and their confidentiality must be respected.
- 14                    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.

**13.      REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR: FINANCE**

**Proposed Merger of Northumberland County Council Pension Fund with Tyne and Wear Pension Fund**

This report seeks approval from Council for the merger of Northumberland County Council Pension Fund ("NCCPF") with Tyne and Wear Pension Fund ("TWPF") (**see pages 205-306**).

**14.      REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**Senior Management Arrangements**

To consider a report from the Chief Executive regarding proposed changes and appointments to the Senior Management arrangements of the Council which include the approval of the appointment of the Executive Director of Finance (and Section 151 officer) (**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.

<b>Name (please print):</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>
<b>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):</b>
<b>Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):</b>
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>

**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.**