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Dear Sir or Madam

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON, AND SEATON VALLEY LOCAL AREA COUNCIL** to be held in **Seaton Delaval and Holywell Community Centre, Elsdon Avenue, Seaton Delaval, NE25 0BW** on **WEDNESDAY, 17 January 2018 at 6:00 pm.**

Yours faithfully



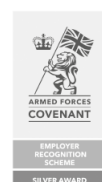
Daljit Lally  
Chief Executive

To members of the Cramlington, Bedlington & Seaton Valley Local Area Council:

**C Dunbar (Chair), M Robinson (Vice Chair), B Pidcock (Planning Vice Chair), W Crosby, W Daley, S E Dungworth, B M Flux, A Hepple, M E Richards, M D Swinburn, I C F Swithenbank, R J Wallace**



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## AGENDA

**It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public**

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

### **2. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of the Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley Local Area Council held on 22 November 2017, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

### **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.

**N.B.** Any member needing clarification must contact the Legal Services Manager, Liam Henry on Tel: 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this Agenda letter.

### **4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

To reply to any questions received from members of the public, which may be received in writing in advance of the meeting or asked at the meeting. Questions can be asked about issues for which the Council has a responsibility.

As agreed by the County Council in February 2012, the management of public question time is at the discretion of the chair of the committee. Please note however that a question may possibly be rejected if:

- it is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the county; is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the committee in the past six months;
- it requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information;
- the cost of providing an answer is disproportionate;
- it relates to staffing or industrial relation matters;

- it relates to planning, licensing and/or other regulatory applications.

If the Chair is of the opinion that a question is one which for whatever reason, cannot properly be asked in an area meeting, he/she will disallow it and inform the resident of his/her decision. The committee can request for written answers to be provided after the meeting if appropriate.

## 5. PETITIONS

This item is to:

- (a) **Receive any new petitions:** to receive any new petitions. The lead petitioner is entitled to briefly introduce their petition, and a response to any petitions received will then be organised for a future meeting;
- (b) **Consider reports on petitions previously received:**  
  
No reports to consider.
- (c) **Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered:** any updates will be verbally reported at the meeting.

## 6. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

To raise any issues about services provided by the Local Services Group with the Area Managers from Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services present. The Area Managers have principal responsibility for highway services and environmental services, such as refuse collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance, within the geographic boundaries of the Area Committee.

## DISCUSSION ITEMS - CORPORATE

### 7. REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - FINANCE

#### **Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-21 and Budget 2018-19**

This report and presentation will outline the Council's strategy to its Medium Term Financial Plan within the context of the emerging Corporate Plan for the new administration and the continued period of public sector funding austerity. On this basis, it will highlight the approach that will be taken to setting the Budget for the next financial year and the broad impact this will have on the delivery of services. **(Appendix A)**

## **8. REPORTS OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - PARTNERSHIPS AND DEVOLUTION**

### **(a) North of Tyne Devolution**

This presentation will outline the content of the North of Tyne devolution deal recently announced by Government and detail the processes for the subsequent creation of a North of Tyne Combined Authority and the election of a Mayor in May 2019. The subsequent discussion will focus on exploring the implications of this approach in promoting economic growth across Northumberland and the wider North of Tyne.

### **(b) Northumberland Community Bank**

The Northumberland Community Bank has recently been formed following a merger of the Credit Union for South East Northumberland (CUSEN) and Tynedale Community Bank to create a genuine countywide entity. It provides a range of financial products and advice in an ethical way and, as such, plays a significant role in promoting financial inclusion. This report and presentation will showcase these products and how all residents can access them.

**(Appendix B)**

## **9. STREET LIGHTING**

Members of the Street Lighting section and colleagues from our main contractor Galliford Try will be in attendance to deliver a quick presentation and Q&A session on the Street Lighting Modernisation Project. The presentation will cover the following:-

- recent issues with the supply chain whereby the main sub-contractor went into administration;
- an introduction to the new sub-contractor AA Lighting;
- an overview of the main sub-programmes of work and how they fit with the overall programme;
- detailed look at the remaining works programme and the key dates that works will reach each area or main town;
- how we will communicate information to the members, town and parish councils, residents, etc;
- questions and answers session.

## **ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

### **10. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME**

To note the latest version of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings (any suggestions for new agenda items will require confirmation by the Business Chair after the meeting). **(Appendix C)**

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **TUESDAY**, 20 February 2018 at Netherton Social Club, Bedlington (time to be confirmed).

**12. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)**

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.



**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.**