



# Northumberland County Council

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**Date:** 5 July 2019

- *PLEASE NOTE VENUE AND CHANGE OF DATE*
- *THIS MEETING BEGINS AT 6.00PM AS THERE IS NO PLANNING BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED*

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COUNCIL** to be held in **Northern View Limited (previously known as the Jubilee Club), Highcliffe, Spittal, Berwick-Upon-Tweed, TD15 2JL** on **TUESDAY, 16 JULY 2019 AT 6.00PM.**

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally  
Chief Executive

**To: Members of the NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COUNCIL  
G. Castle (Chair), S. Bridgett (Vice-chair), T. Thorne (Planning Vice-chair), T. Clark,  
G. Hill, R. Lawrie, R. Moore, A. Murray, W. Pattison, G. Renner-Thompson, G.  
Roughead, C. Seymour, J. Watson**



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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 North Northumberland Local Area Council held on 20 June 2019, 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. If questions are received in advance of meetings, it will increase the likelihood of an answer being provided at the meeting. (Public question times take place on a bimonthly basis at Local Area Council meetings: in January, March, May, July, September and November each year.)

As agreed by the County Council in February 2012, the management of local public question times is at the discretion of the chair of the committee.

Please note however that a question may possibly be rejected if it requires the disclosure of any categories of confidential or exempt information, namely information:

1. relating to any individual;
2. which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual;
3. relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person
4. relating to any labour relations matters/negotiations;
5. restricted to legal proceedings
6. about enforcement/enacting legal orders
7. relating to the prevention, investigation of prosecution of crime.

And/or:

- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of this or another County Council committee in the past six months;
- the request repeats an identical or very similar question from the same person;
- the cost of providing an answer is disproportionate;
- it is being separately addressed through the Council's complaints process;
- it is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the county;
- it relates to planning, licensing and/or other regulatory applications
- it is a question that town/parish councils would normally be expected to raise through other channels.

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.

Copies of any written answers (without individuals' personal contact details) will be provided for members after the meeting and also be publicly available.

Democratic Services will confirm the status of the progress on any previously requested written answers and follow up any related actions requested by the Local Area Council.

***Please note that as this meeting is taking place during purdah, no questions relating to the Police and Crime Commissioner role/related issues can be accepted on this occasion.***

## **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;** none are due for this meeting;
- (c) Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered.**

## **6. LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES**

**To receive a verbal update from the Area Managers from Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services in attendance about any key recent, ongoing and/or future planned Local Services work for the attention of members of the Local Area Council, who will also then have the opportunity to raise issues with the Area Managers.**

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 Local Area Council.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **7. TOUR OF BRITAIN**

To receive an overview of Stage 3 of the 2019 Tour of Britain, including the route and opportunities for communities and schools to be involved.

### **8. HOLY ISLAND CAUSEWAY**

To acknowledge concerns about recent cases of vehicles stranded by the tide on the causeway and discuss current arrangements in place and any possible further actions.

The Director of Local Services and the North Northumberland Coastguard from the Maritime and Coastguard Agency will also be in attendance.

### **9. NORTHUMBERLAND COAST & LOWLANDS LEADER PROGRAMME**

Members will receive a presentation which aims to give an overview of the 2014 - 2020 LEADER programme, a community-led, rural development fund designed and delivered to support rural communities and businesses in the Northumberland Coast and Lowlands area - covering projects supported, funding awarded and outcomes achieved and provide an opportunity to highlight the benefits a continuing Community Led Rural Development Initiative within Northumberland. (Summary note attached as **Appendix A.**)

The presentation will be delivered by Ross Lowrie, Chair of Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER Local Action Group attending and Ivan Hewitt, Northumberland Coast and Lowlands LEADER Programme Officer.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **10. MEMBERS' LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEMES 2017/19 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To receive a progress update on Members' Local Improvement Schemes for 2017/19 as at 1 July 2019. (Report attached as **Appendix B.**)

### **11. BERWICK REGENERATION COMMISSION**

This is a standing item on the agenda for verbal updates, if any.

### **12. 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). (List attached at **Appendix C.**)

**13. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME RESPONSES**

Details about questions asked at a previous North Northumberland Local Area Council meeting about Berwick Hospital and the responses provided are attached (**Appendix D**).

**14. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will take place on Thursday, 22 August 2019 at St. James' Church Centre, Alnwick.

**15. 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 discussion 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.**