



Northumberland County Council

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Date: 23 May 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE** to be held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF** on **Tuesday, 4 June 2019 at 4.00 pm.**

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To: **Members of the STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

CW Horncastle (Chair), TN Thorne (Vice-Chair), E Armstrong, L Bowman, B Flux, RM Gibson, JJ Gobin, A Hepple, J Lang, D Ledger, RP Moore, J. Reid, G. Renner-Thompson, M Robinson, G Stewart, ICF Swithenbank



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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. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

To note the membership and terms of reference for the Strategic Planning Committee.

16 members (8:6:1:1)

Quorum - 4

Chair: C.W. Horncastle

Vice Chair:T. Thorne

Conservative	Labour	Bedlington Independents	Liberal Democrat	Independents Non-grouped
E. Armstrong	L. Bowman	M. Robinson	J. Reid	
B. Flux	J.J.Gobin			
R.M. Gibson	A. Hepple			
C.W. Horncastle	J. Lang			
R. Moore	D. Ledger			
G. Renner-Thompson	I.C.F. Swithenbank			
G. Stewart				
T.N. Thorne				

Terms of Reference and Powers

(a) To exercise the powers and duties of the Council as Planning Authority in relation to development management under the Town and Country Planning Acts and other associated/related legislation and in particular, but not limited to, those functions listed in Schedule 1 to the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000, including the following matters which specifically require a decision by the Strategic Planning Committee:

- minerals and waste planning;
- development concerning major energy and physical infrastructure proposals such as wind farms;
- planning applications involving more than 100 houses and/or more than 1,000 sq metres of commercial floorspace;
- planning applications involving less than 100 houses and/or less than 1,000 sq metres of commercial floorspace which raise significant strategic planning policy issues;

- planning applications linked to the Council's statutory duties under separate legislation where issues of strategic importance are raised in terms of allowing the Council to fulfil its statutory duties; and
- any other planning applications which represent a significant departure from the Development Plan.

Functions of the Planning Committee should include all decisions involving formal enforcement action.

All applications are to be determined by the Chief Planning Officer in accordance with the powers set out in the internal scheme of delegation except for the following which fall to the Committee to determine:

- Applications submitted by or on behalf of elected members of the Council or by their spouses/partners;
- Applications involving land and/or premises in the ownership or under the control of elected members of the Council or their spouses/partners;
- Applications in which any senior officer* of the Council has a personal and prejudicial interest;
- Determination of applications submitted by or on behalf of the Council (or by or on behalf of companies controlled by the Council); or of applications relating to land in which the Council (or company) has a significant interest (NB council to refuse such applications is delegated);
- Approval of applications where, in the opinion of the Relevant Officer, such an approval would constitute a departure from the approved Development Plan and would require a reference to the Secretary of State;
- Any application which an elected member of the Council requests should be considered by the Committee, provided the request is in writing, is received within 21 days of the application appearing on the weekly list, and is supported by bona fide planning reasons (which will be reported to the Committee together with the Councillor's name);
- Any application which the Relevant Officer considers should be determined by the Committee because of special planning issues or considerations it raises including significant local interest; and
- Determination of applications where there are contrary comments received within the consultation period given raising bona fide planning issues from statutory consultees as defined in National Planning Practice Guidance.

*For the purposes of the Scheme of Delegation, Senior Officer is defined as Director or Head of Service (or equivalent title)

(b) Those functions prescribed by the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 as not being executive functions and not elsewhere allocated by this Constitution.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Strategic Planning Committee held on Tuesday 7 May 2019, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.
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4. 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.

DEVELOPMENT CONTROL

5. DETERMINATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To request the committee to decide the planning applications attached to this report using the powers delegated to it. *(Page 15)*

Please note that printed letters of objection/support are no longer circulated with the agenda but are available on the Council's website at <http://www.northumberland.gov.uk/Planning.aspx>

6. 19/00247/FUL

**Construction of a publicly accessible landmark, commissioned to commemorate Queen Elizabeth II and the Commonwealth.
Land At Cold Law, Kirkwhelpington, Northumberland *(Page 19)***

7. PLANNING APPEALS

To provide the Committee with information on the progress of planning appeals.
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8. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

To consider such other business, as in the opinion of the Chair, should, be 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.

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.