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County Council

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Date: 29 November 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in the meeting space, Floor Two, Block One, County Hall, Morpeth on **TUESDAY, 7 DECEMBER 2021 at 10.00 AM.**

Yours faithfully

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To Cabinet members as follows:-

G Renner-Thompson, J Riddle, G Sanderson (Chair), J Watson, R Wearmouth (Vice-Chair), B Flux, C Horncastle, W Pattison and W Ploszaj

Deputy Cabinet Members: C. Seymour, G. Stewart

Agenda letter only for information to all other members of the Council

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members requested to self-test twice a week at home, in line with government guidelines.

AGENDA

PART I

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

(Pages 1
- 12)

Minutes of the following meetings of Cabinet, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair:-

- (a) Tuesday 9 November 2021
- (b) Thursday 18 November 2021

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 monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER

(Pages
13 - 24)

Setting the Council Tax Base 2022-23

The purpose of this report is to advise Cabinet of the tax base calculation for 2022-23 for all domestic properties liable to pay council tax. The tax base must be set by the statutory deadline of 31 January 2022 (Appendix A).

5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER

(Pages
25 - 76)

Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of September 2021

The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial position for the Council against the Budget for 2021-22 (Appendix B).

- 6. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE** (Pages 77 - 106)

Opportunity for expansion of Northumberland HEE Project Choice

To communicate to members the opportunity to develop a wider scope of delivery for Health Education England's Project choice within Northumberland in order to more rapidly deliver on Northumberland County Councils education priorities and SEND priorities (Appendix C).

- 7. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE** (Pages 107 - 126)

Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25 (March 2021, updated October 2021)

To share with Cabinet Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25, a document designed to guide skills planning and the approach in designing impactful vocational skills provision within the county to yield greatest impact for residents and the local economy (Appendix D)

- 8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** (Pages 127 - 150)

Household Support Fund

The report provides an overview of Northumberland County Council's proposed response and delivery of the Household Support Fund (HSF) for the period 06th October 2021 to 31st March 2022 (Appendix E).

- 9. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 151 - 240)

Wooler Neighbourhood Plan

To seek approval to formally 'make' the Wooler Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in May 2020. A local referendum held in the Parish of Wooler on 10 June 2021 returned a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach retained European Union obligations (Appendix F).

- 10. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER** (Pages 241 - 262)

Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group

The report summarises proposed amendments to the Capital Programme considered by the officer Capital Strategy Group via email on 5 November 2021 (Appendix G).

11. URGENT BUSINESS

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.

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

The Committee 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 Items	Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A
10	3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
AND	The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure would adversely affect confidentiality requirements with external partners.
11	3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
AND	The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure because disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person / organisation,

and could adversely affect commercial revenue.

13. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF CULTURAL SERVICES

Destination Management - Structure and Future Funding Arrangements

This report provides an overview of the current, and proposed management, arrangements for the strategic management and marketing of tourism in Northumberland (Appendix H).

14. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER

Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of September 2021

The report informs Cabinet of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2021-22 (Appendix I).

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.

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.