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Date: 28 February 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in the meeting space, Floor 2, Block 1, County Hall, Morpeth on **TUESDAY, 8 MARCH 2022 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), C Horncastle, W Pattison and W Ploszaj

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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 meeting of Cabinet held on 8 February 2022, 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. 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 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

(Pages
13 - 108)

Final Decision on the Statutory Proposals for Atkinson House

This report sets out an analysis of the representations (responses) received from interested parties during the four-week statutory consultation, which began on 13 January and closed on 10 February 2022, on proposals for Atkinson House Special School, Seghill, the secondary provision for boys with Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) in Northumberland. The published statutory proposal set out the following proposed prescribed changes to the school: -

1. To relocate Atkinson House Special School from its current site in Seghill, Northumberland to the former Richard Coates school site in Ponteland, Northumberland with effect from 1 September 2022;
2. To change the designation of the school from single sex to co-educational with effect from 1 September 2022, thus enabling the enrolment of girls onto the school roll;
3. Increasing the planned pupil places at the school from 80 to 100

with effect from 1 September 2022.

Cabinet is asked to make a final decision on whether or not to approve the prescribed changes as set out in the Statutory Proposal for implementation with effect from 1 September 2022 (Appendix A).

The report of the FACS OSC on this matter will be circulated when the Committee has met.

- 5. REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE** (Pages 109 - 124)

Climate Change Update

To provide an update on progress against the Climate Change Action Plan 2021-23, published in January 2021 (Appendix B).

The report of the Communities and Place OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met.

- 6. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT** (Pages 125 - 130)

Household Support Fund Update

To provide members with an update of Northumberland County Council's progress for delivery of the DWP Household Support Fund (HSF) for the period 06th October 31st December 2022 (Appendix C).

The report of the CSEG OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met.

- 7. REPORT OF INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND LOCAL SERVICES** (Pages 131 - 138)

Development of the Potland Burn Biodiversity Net Gain Site and Approval of Capital and Revenue Expenditure

To seek approval for the capital and revenue expenditure that will be incurred in the development of the first phase of the Potland Burn biodiversity net gain site and which is fully funded by a S.106 contribution by Britishvolt, and for the capital and revenue budgets to be amended. To set out the likely need for further habitat creation at this site to meet the biodiversity net gain requirements for future strategic scale inward investment (Appendix D).

8. REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE (Pages 139 - 198)
Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan

To seek approval to formally 'make' the Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in October 2021. A local referendum held in the Parish of Longframlington on 20th January 2022 returned a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations (Appendix E).

9. REPORTS OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER (Pages 199 - 268)

(1) Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of December 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 F).

(2) 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 4 February 2022 (Appendix G).

10. 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".

11. 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
12-13	1, 2 and 3 (item 12) - Information relating to an individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual, and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and para 3 (item 13) - 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 the authority's ability to conduct its affairs (Item 12), and disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person / organisation and could adversely affect commercial revenue (Item 13).

12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF ADULTS AND CHILDREN'S SERVICES

RDA Relocation from Tranwell (Pegasus Centre) to Kirkley Hall Campus (Northumberland College)

To consider a report on the above (Appendix H).

13. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

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

The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed 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.