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Date: 4 April 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in **MERETING SPACE, FLOOR TWO BLOCK ONE, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH** on **TUESDAY, 12 APRIL 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
- 6)

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 29 March 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 INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE AND REGENERATION

(Pages 7
- 16)

Blyth Relief Road

To provide Cabinet with:

An overview of progress to date on the development of the business case for a new relief road for Blyth which will significantly improve access to the town by all modes.

A recommendation for the preferred route alignment to be taken forward to a public engagement exercise.

An update on the business case which includes emerging costs, benefits and programme for the scheme (Appendix A).

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

5. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE

(Pages
17 - 54)

(1) Berwick Partnership Organisation

This report sets out the findings of the meetings that have taken place with schools in the Berwick Partnership since April 2021 to discuss the organisational issues facing the partnership and to identify potential models of organisation that could address those issues. The results of an informal survey with parents and the wider community in the area served by Berwick Partnership are also included in the report.

Cabinet is also asked to permit a first stage of informal consultation with wider stakeholders in the area served by Berwick Partnership schools to establish whether any models of organisation that may be brought forward at a later date for consultation should consist of only 3-tier models of organisation or include 3-tier and 2-tier (primary/secondary) models of education. Other key areas such as Special Educational Needs, post-16 and early years provision would also be included as part of this first stage of wider phase of consultation (Appendix B).

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

(2) Specialist Dementia Service

To inform Cabinet of current issues in relation to supporting people with challenging dementia needs, and to seek Cabinet approval for a measure which could be adopted to help provide more capacity within Northumberland to assist adult social care clients with this level of need (Appendix C).

6. REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

(Pages
55 - 88)

Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service (NFRS): Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP) 2022-26

This report presents the final Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 Plan prior to publication, following a period of consultation (Appendix D).

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

(Pages
89 - 98)

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 March 2022 (Appendix E).

8. 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.

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.

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