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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH** on **WEDNESDAY, 4 MAY 2022** at **3.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To County Council members

Members are asked to note that the Chamber can only be accessed via the restaurant at the current time.

Any member of the press or public may view the proceedings of this meeting live on our YouTube channel at <https://www.youtube.com/NorthumberlandTV>.

Members are referred to the risk assessment, previously circulated, for meetings held in County Hall. Masks should be worn when moving round but can be removed when seated, social distancing should be maintained, hand sanitiser regularly used and members requested to self-test twice a week at home, in line with government guidelines.



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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. TO ELECT A BUSINESS CHAIR AND DEPUTY BUSINESS CHAIR FOR THE ENSUING YEAR.**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. TO ELECT A CIVIC HEAD AND DEPUTY CIVIC HEAD FOR THE ENSUING YEAR**

4. MINUTES

(Pages 1
- 48)

Minutes of the following meetings of County Council, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, signed by the Business Chair and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council:-

- (1) Wednesday 23 February 2022 3.00 pm (see pages 9-36)
- (2) Wednesday 23 February 2022 (extraordinary meeting) (19.56 pm) (see pages 37-40)
- (3) Wednesday 30 March 2022 (extraordinary meeting) (see pages 41-56).

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS BY THE BUSINESS CHAIR, LEADER OR HEAD OF PAID SERVICE

6. 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.

7. APPOINTMENTS

TO NOTE the appointment of the Deputy Leader and Cabinet members appointed by the Leader, and their portfolios. This will be circulated at the

meeting.

8. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

(Pages
49 - 92)

(1) Establishment of Committees

To make arrangements for the discharge of the non-executive functions of the County Council through the appointment of committees, appointing Members to those committees in accordance with the proportionality of the council and to agree their terms of reference.

In order to hear and determine grievances raised by the Chief Executive and Chief Officers and also grievances made against the Chief Executive and Chief Officers, the Council must appoint a Grievance Committee.

In order to clarify roles and responsibilities and comply with the Council's legal obligations, it is necessary to make consequential amendments to the Terms of Reference to the Staff and Appointments Committee and the Employment (Appeals) Committee (see pages 57- 68 and APPENDIX A to the rear of the agenda).

(2) Appointment of Chairs and Vice Chairs

To appoint Chairs and Vice Chairs to the following Committees and Working Groups:

Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC

Family and Children's Services OSC

Communities and Place OSC

Health and Wellbeing OSC

Audit Committee (Chair is a non-Councillor)

County Emergency Committee

Dismissal Advisory Committee

Disputes Panel - Fire and Rescue Service

Employment (Appeals) Committee

Governing Body of Netherton Park (Vice Chair is a Trustee Manager)

Health and Well-being Board (Vice Chair is a Board Representative)

Joint Consultative Committee (Chair is a TU Representative)

Licensing Committee

Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Local Area Councils:

Ashington and Blyth; Castle Morpeth; Cramlington, Bedlington and Seaton Valley; North Northumberland; Tynedale.

Petitions Committee

Staff and Appointments Committee

Standards Committee (Chair is a non-Councillor)

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (Vice Chair is a faith representative)

Strategic Planning Committee

Climate Change Working Group

Constitution Working Group

Food Poverty Working Group

Local Area Councils' Chairs Briefing

Local Plan Working Group

Member Services Working Group

Northumberland Cycling and Walking Board

Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Group

Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group

VCS Liaison Group

9. REPORT OF THE INTERIM SENIOR SERVICE DIRECTOR

(Pages
93 - 96)

Appointments to Outside Bodies 2022-23

Council is asked to agree its nominations to outside bodies (see pages 69-72).

10. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER

(Pages
97 - 104)

Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

To consider the report of the recently convened Independent Remuneration Panel and decide if any or all of its recommendations should

be adopted (see pages 73-80).

- 11. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER** (Pages 105 - 132)
Model Code of Conduct
To update Members with regard to the new Model Code of Conduct prepared by the Local Government Association and to present to Council a new draft Code for its consideration (see pages 81-108).
- 12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES AND ADULT SOCIAL CARE** (Pages 133 - 140)
Adopting a New Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education
To outline the process of designing a new agreed syllabus for Religious Education (see pages 109-116).
- 13. REPORT OF THE HEAD OF HOUSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION** (Pages 141 - 208)
Statement of Licensing Policy
To advise Members of the outcome of the consultation regarding the Statement of Licensing Policy (see pages 117-184).
- 14. CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY) TO DATE OF MEETING**
- 15. QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO THE BUSINESS CHAIR, A MEMBER OF THE CABINET OR THE CHAIR OF ANY COMMITTEE OR SUB COMMITTEE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSTITUTION'S RULES OF PROCEDURE NO.10.**
- 16. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON:-** (Pages 209 - 228)
(1) Tuesday 8 March 2022 (see pages 185-198)
(2) Tuesday 29 March 2022 (see pages 199-204)
AND TO APPROVE the following resolutions as they involve Budget and Policy framework matters:-
(i) Minute No.95 (xiv) and (xv) of the 8 March 2022 meeting (Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at end of December 2021)
- 17. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-** (Pages 229 - 326)
(1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 205-208)
(2) Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 209-232)

- (3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 233-264)**
- (4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 265-278)**
- (5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 279-296)**
- (6) Standards Committee (see pages 297-302)**

18. ANNUAL REPORTS

(Pages
327 -
358)

To receive and consider the following annual reports (enclosed as APPENDIX B to the rear of the agenda):-

- (1) Overview and Scrutiny Committees**
- (2) Standards Committee**
- (3) Armed Forces Forum**

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.

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| 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.