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Date: 26 May 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in **MEETING SPACE - BLOCK 1, FLOOR 2 - COUNTY HALL** on **TUESDAY, 7 JUNE 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
- 10)

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

(a) Tuesday 26 April 2022

(b) Tuesday 10 May 2022

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required where a matter arises at a meeting;

- a. Which directly relates to Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ('DPI') as set out in Appendix B, Table 1 of the Code of Conduct, to disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote and not to remain in room. Where members have a DPI or if the matter concerns an executive function and is being considered by a Cabinet Member with a DPI they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with the matter.
- b. Which directly relates to the financial interest or well being of a Other Registrable Interest as set out in Appendix B, Table 2 of the Code of Conduct to disclose the interest and only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain the room.
- c. Which directly relates to their financial interest or well-being (and is not DPI) or the financial well being of a relative or close associate, to declare the interest and members may only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak. Otherwise, the member must not take part in discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.
- d. Which affects the financial well-being of the member, a relative or close associate or a body included under the Other Registrable Interests column in Table 2, to disclose the interest and apply the test set out at paragraph 9 of Appendix B before deciding whether they may remain in the meeting.

- e. Where Members have or a Cabinet Member has an Other Registerable Interest or Non Registerable Interest in a matter being considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Members are referred to the Code of Conduct which contains the matters above in full. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. REPORT OF THE LEADER AND DEPUTY LEADER (PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE AND CORPORATE SERVICES) (Pages 11 - 68)

Statutory Report of the Chief Finance Officer – S.114a Local Government Finance Act 1988

The Chief Finance Officer of the Council, appointed under S.151 of the Local Government Act 1972, issued a formal report to members of the Council on 23 May 2022. The report identified two related areas of unlawful expenditure. The first, relating to participation in the Northumbria International Alliance consultancy business, is an executive function. The other, relating to an allowance paid to the Chief Executive, is a non-executive matter as it relates to staff.

Where the unlawful expenditure relates to an executive function of the Council, a report under S114A is addressed to and must be considered by the Cabinet. In accordance with the relevant legislation, the Cabinet must meet and consider the report within 21 days of it being sent to members. We should note that these types of statutory reports are very unusual and plainly reveal a very concerning lack of governance and compliance.

The purpose of this report is to formally place the Chief Finance Officer's report before the Cabinet and to invite the Cabinet to accept both the contents and the recommendations made in the report, which is attached to this report as Appendix 1 (Appendix A).

5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND LOCAL SERVICES (Pages 69 - 88)

Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Proposed Food Waste Recycling Pilot Schemes

To advise Cabinet of future obligations to offer food waste collections to households arising from the Environment Act 2021 and to seek approval for a weekly household food waste collection pilot scheme to assess the viability of collections across Northumberland, together with a home food waste composting pilot scheme to consider potential options in rural areas where weekly food waste collections may not be practicable or affordable.

The report will highlight the importance of the Council gaining an understanding of the financial, social, human resource and environmental implications of delivering a new food waste recycling service across the whole County when Government funding becomes available around 2024/25 (Appendix B).

- 6. JOINT REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR CLIMATE CHANGE, BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND CORPORATE PERFORMANCE AND THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR LOCAL SERVICES** (Pages 89 - 102)

Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy 2022-25

The report proposes a strategy for funding, siting, installing and maintaining electric vehicle charge points for the next three years starting in the financial year 2022/23 (Appendix C).

- 7. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER** (Pages 103 - 166)

Financial Performance 2021-22 – Provisional Outturn 2021-22

The purpose of the report is to provide members of the Cabinet with the Council's 2021-22 provisional outturn position for the Revenue and Capital budgets, and the Housing Revenue Account, and details of the movement in reserves and provisions (Appendix D).

- 8. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER** (Pages 167 - 172)

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 6 May 2022 (Appendix E).

- 9. 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".

- 10. 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:-

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Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A - 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information).

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 (item 11), and disclosure would have an adverse effect on the ability of the purchaser to negotiate leases (item 12).

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

Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of March 2022

The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies and of any relevant issues arising (Appendix F).

12. REPORT OF THE ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Arrangements for Future Disposals of Land at East Sleekburn

To update Members on the progress of the British Volt project, and to seek approval for proposed arrangements for the future disposed of land required for the development of the British Volt Supplier Park (Appendix G).

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.