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Date: 31 March 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **STAFF AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE** to be held in **MEETING SPACE, FLOOR 2, BLOCK 1, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE61 2EF** on **THURSDAY, 7 APRIL 2022** at **2.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To the following members:-

B. Flux, S. Dickinson, I.E. Hunter, D. Kennedy, M. Purvis, G. Renner Thompson, G. Sanderson, E. Simpson, R. Wearmouth

Officers: C. McEvoy Carr, S. Binjal, J. Willis

Members are reminded of the Risk Assessment circulated for attending meetings at County Hall and the advice contained therein including: Members are requested to self-test twice a week at home, in line with government guidelines; social distancing should be maintained; masks should be worn when moving around but can be removed when seated; hand sanitiser is to be used regularly.



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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

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(a) Open minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 February 2022, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

(b) Open Minutes of the adjourned meeting held on 24 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. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

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".

5. 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
6-7	1, 3 and 4 - Information relating to any individual, information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information), and information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the Authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the Authority. The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because disclosure would adversely affect the Authority's ability to conduct its affairs.

6. MINUTES

Confidential minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 17 February 2022, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair (To follow).

7. REPORTS OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S.151 OFFICER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

To receive the following reports updating the Committee Members of the progress in resolving an on-going Employment Tribunal Claim - **reports to follow**

1. Update on- going staffing matters
2. Consider Interim chief officers staffing arrangements
3. Update on Employment Tribunal and related matters

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.

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Agenda Item 2

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

STAFF AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Staff and Appointments Committee held in the meeting space, County Hall, Morpeth on Monday 17 February 2022 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor G. Sanderson
(Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

MEMBERS

Dickinson, S.
Flux, B.
Purvis, M.
Renner Thompson, G.

Simpson, E.
Watson, J.
Wearmouth, R.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Binjal, S.
Crosland, S.
Hadfield, K.

McEvoy Carr, C.

Utley, A.
Willis, J.

Interim Monitoring Officer
HR consultant
Democratic and Electoral Services
Manager
Executive Director of Children's
Services and Adult Social Care
Mills and Reeve
Interim Executive Director of
Finance and S151 Officer

11. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Kennedy.

12. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the open minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 August 2021, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Ch.'s Initials.....

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The MO reminded members that it was up to them to decide, once they had read the reports, if they had an interest to declare. She drew attention to consideration of the bias test and if members felt they had predetermined an issue, then they should declare it and leave.

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED

- (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 Item	Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A
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Members discussed whether sharing of any of the information with other Group members was appropriate and it was agreed that this was not.

15. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the confidential minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 16 August 2021, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Ch.'s Initials.....

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16. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S.151 OFFICER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

Notification of an Employment Tribunal Claim

Members considered the confidential report in respect of this item. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the resolution as is set out in the part 2 confidential minutes.

17. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S.151 OFFICER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

Health and well-being of senior officers

Members considered the confidential report in respect of this item. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the resolution as is set out in the part 2 confidential minutes.

18. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S.151 OFFICER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

Conditions of service of senior officers

Members considered the confidential report in respect of this item. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the resolution as is set out in the part 2 confidential minutes.

19. REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE, INTERIM DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S.151 OFFICER, AND INTERIM DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE AND MONITORING OFFICER

Consideration of alternative strategies to resolve the Employment Tribunal claim and related matters

Members considered the confidential report in respect of this item. It was **RESOLVED** to agree the resolution as is set out in the part 2 confidential minutes.

CHAIR.....

DATE.....

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

STAFF AND APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Staff and Appointments Committee held in the meeting space, County Hall, Morpeth on Thursday 24 March 2022 at 11.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor R. Wearmouth

(Deputy Leader of the Council, in the Chair)

OFFICER

Roll, J

Head of Democratic and Electoral Services

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Noting that this meeting was not quorate and that members had previously been informed that there was no substantive business to consider at this point, it was

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned until Tuesday, 29 March 2022 at 4:00 p.m.

CHAIR.....

DATE.....

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