



# Northumberland County Council

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**Date:** Tuesday, 6 September 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **CABINET** to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL** on **TUESDAY, 13 SEPTEMBER 2022** at **10.00 AM**.

Yours faithfully

Rick O'Farrell  
Interim 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  
- 8)

Minutes of the meeting of Cabinet held on 12 July 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 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](mailto: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 JOINT INTERIM DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES** (Pages 9 - 268)

**Outcomes of Consultation on Proposals for the Coquet Partnership**

This report sets out the analysis of feedback from consultation on proposals for schools in the Coquet Partnership to reorganise to a 2-tier (primary/secondary) system of education. It also sets out an analysis of the feedback on the proposal to provide additional specialist SEND places to meet the growing need for places for children and young people diagnosed with a primary need of Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and Social, Emotional and Mental Health needs (SEMH) within the Coquet Partnership area.

Cabinet approved consultation in the light of both the feedback received from the Governing Bodies in the Coquet Partnership and the proposed investment of £25.5m in school buildings in the partnership. Cabinet is now asked to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal setting out proposals to reorganise schools (excluding NCEA Warkworth Primary which is already a primary school) in the Coquet Partnership within a 2-tier (primary/secondary) structure, and to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal to increase the number of pupils at Barndale House Special School through the expansion of the school onto an additional site in Amble.

If the Statutory Proposals are approved for publication, Cabinet would need to make a final decision on the proposals within two months of the end of the representation period (Appendix A).

**5. REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 269 - 280)  
**Energising Blyth Culture Placemaking Programme: Outline Business Case**

In accordance with the Energising Blyth Programme - Local Assurance Framework, the report seeks the approval of the Town Deal Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Culture Placemaking Programme which is pending approval by the (Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Community (DLUHC)). The OBC has been externally appraised with a recommendation to proceed to Full Business Case (FBC). It was approved by Town Deal Programme on 29 June 2022 (Appendix B)

**6. REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 281 - 294)  
**Energising Blyth Energy Central Campus Phase 1 - Learning Hub: Outline Business Case**

In accordance with the Energising Blyth Programme - Local Assurance Framework, the report seeks the approval of the Town Deal Outline Business Case (OBC) for the Energy Central Campus Phase 1 - Learning Hub which is pending approval by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Community (DLUHC). The OBC has been externally appraised with a recommendation to proceed to Full Business Case (FBC). It was approved by Town Deal Programme on 29 June 2022 (Appendix C).

- 7. REPORT OF THE INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE** (Pages 295 - 308)
- Energising Blyth Offshore Renewable Energy Catapult Technology Demonstration Centre: Outline Business Case**

In accordance with the Energising Blyth Programme - Local Assurance Framework, the report seeks the approval of the Town Deal Outline Business Case (OBC) for the OREC Technology Demonstration Centre (formerly Bearing Technology) which is pending approval by the Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Community (DLUHC). The OBC has been externally appraised with a recommendation to proceed to Full Business Case (FBC). It was approved by Town Deal Programme on 27 July 2022 (Appendix D).

- 8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** (Pages 309 - 378)
- Food & Feed, Safety & Standards Service Plan 2022/23**

The purpose of this report is to present to the Cabinet, for its consideration and endorsement, the Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan for 2022/23 (Appendix E).

The report of the Communities and Place OSC is attached to the report

- 9. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES** (Pages 379 - 452)

**Proposals for the allocation of the Public Health ring-fenced grant reserve to reduce health inequalities**

This report describes the process undertaken to agree proposals for additional investment in public health interventions from the ring-fenced public health grant to reduce health inequalities; and to make recommendations (Appendix F).

The report of the Health and Wellbeing OSC will be circulated when the Committee has met

- 10. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & LOCAL SERVICES** (Pages 453 - 490)
- Adoption of Hexham Shopfront Design Guide and Alnwick Shopfront**

## **Design Guide**

To explain the need for the adoption of Shopfront Design Guides for Hexham and Alnwick, the background to this and the benefits of doing so (Appendix G).

- 11. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & LOCAL SERVICES** (Pages 491 - 496)

### **Endorsement of Conservation Area Character Appraisal for Bamburgh**

To explain the need for a Conservation Area Character Appraisal for Bamburgh, the background to this and the benefits of doing so (Appendix H).

- 12. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & LOCAL SERVICES** (Pages 497 - 588)

### **Making the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan**

To seek approval to formally 'make' the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in March 2022. A local referendum held in Haydon Parish on 30 June 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 I).

- 13. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER** (Pages 589 - 648)

### **Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of June 2022**

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 2022-23 (Appendix J).

- 14. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND SECTION 151 OFFICER** (Pages 649 - 662)

### **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 (CSG) via email on 4 July 2022 and 5th August 2022 (Appendix K).

- 15. URGENT BUSINESS**

## **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".

## **16. 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:-

<b>Agenda Items</b>	<b>Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</b>
17	<p>3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)</p> <p>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.</p>

## **17. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE AND S151 OFFICER**

### **Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of June 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 L).

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

**IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:**

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of meeting:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>			
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>			
<b>Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):</b>			
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

## Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

**"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest"** means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

**"Partner"** means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

### Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

### Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only 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 in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

### Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests



7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –

- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
- b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
- c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied

9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:

- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
- b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.