



Northumberland County Council

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Date: 12 September 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in **COUNCIL CHAMBER - COUNTY HALL** on **WEDNESDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2022** at **2.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

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To the members of the County Council



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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
- 30)

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:-

(a) Wednesday 6 July 2022 (see pages 11-30)

(b) Wednesday 27 July 2022 (extraordinary meeting) (see pages 31-40)

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

To receive an update on devolution and the Caller Review from the Leader

5. CORRESPONDENCE (IF ANY) TO DATE OF MEETING

6. 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.9

7. MOTIONS

Motion No.1

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor Pattison to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager on 9 August 2022:-

“Newcastle upon Tyne City Council has made the shortlist to host the Eurovision Song Contest in 2023. Sadly, this is due to war torn Ukraine being unable to host it themselves due to the Russian invasion.

This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to welcome a huge number of international visitors, performers and media to the city of Newcastle upon Tyne.

If Newcastle's bid is successful, this would hugely benefit our own beautiful County of Northumberland and we would be delighted to welcome European visitors to come and explore our beautiful coastline and countryside and enjoy the County's full and rich heritage.

I propose that the Leader write to Newcastle upon Tyne City Council offering Northumberland County Council's support and good wishes for a successful and winning bid to host the Eurovision Song Contest in the Toon in 2023”.

Motion No. 2

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor Hardy to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager

on 9 August 2022:-

“This motion calls for Northumberland County Council to reply to the consultation on DEFRA proposals to install a Highly Protected Marine Area, a fishing ban, around Lindisfarne and the Farne Islands.

This proposals will have a devastating effect on Holy Island where there has been fishing since long before the Lindisfarne Gospels were written. Fishing is an integral part of the life and soul of the island. The proposal would threaten the livelihood of the young families who rely on fishing, making the island a less attractive place to live.

Northumberland County Council has done a fantastic job promoting tourism. Our pubs and restaurants are full of people who want to enjoy sustainable local crab and lobster. This proposal would close the main fishing grounds and make restaurants source shellfish further away.

This is an issue for our whole county. Fisherman from up and down the coast fish this area. If local fisherman are banned from here, they will move to other parts of coast, displacing the fisherman there and putting pressure on fish stocks elsewhere. It would have repercussions from Berwick to Blyth.

We all want to protect our seas. But this is not the answer. These small boats follow the rules to make our seas better for their children and grandchildren to follow them.

Northumberland County Council shall respond to the consultation on Highly Protected Marine Areas rejecting the proposals on environmental, social and economic grounds”.

8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

(Pages 31 - 60)

Northumberland Inequalities Plan 2022 - 2032

To present the Northumberland Inequalities Plan 2022 – 2032 and share with Full Council the proposals for system development and enablers, focused areas of action and short, medium and long-term indicators of progress. The report has been developed as a result of a series of locally based engagement workshops, triggered by the Leader’s commitment to prioritise reducing inequalities, with a call to our partners to tackle this key issue for the benefit of Northumberland residents. The report is a statement of intent to work on these actions and deliver better outcomes over the next 10 years. The report recognises the importance of governance and accountability, requesting that a cross party members group is established to monitor the progress of the plan (see pages 41-70).

9. REPORT OF THE INTERIM HEAD OF PAID SERVICE AND LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

(Pages 61 - 64)

Revised Executive Management Structure

The purpose of this report is to advise Council that due to the sad passing of Her Majesty the Queen, and the subsequent respectful mourning period until after the state funeral on 19th September, the meeting for consideration of this report by the Council's Staff and Appointments Committee on 9th September 2022 was postponed (see pages 71-74).

- 10. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR COMMUNITIES AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND SENIOR HR MANAGER** (Pages 65 - 68)

Voluntary Redundancy of the Director of Transformation

The purpose of this report is to advise Full Council that due to the sad passing of her Majesty the Queen and the subsequent respectful mourning period until after the state funeral on 19th September the arrangements for the approval of this report to the Council's Staff and Appointments Committee have been delayed from 9th September 2022 (see pages 75-78)

- 11. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETING HELD ON:-** (Pages 69 - 76)

(1) Tuesday 12 July 2022 (see pages 79-86)

- 12. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES FROM THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES:-** (Pages 77 - 136)

(1) Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC (see pages 87-94)

(2) Family and Children's Services OSC (see pages 95-100)

(3) Communities and Place OSC (see pages 101-110)

(4) Health and Wellbeing OSC (see pages 111-118)

(5) Health and Wellbeing Board (see pages 119-132)

(6) Audit Committee (see pages 133-142)

(7) Standards Committee (see pages 143-146)

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.

Name:		Date of meeting:	
Meeting:			
Item to which your interest relates:			
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):			
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?		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.