



Ashington Town Council
Town Hall, 65 Station Road
Ashington, Northumberland
NE63 8RU

6th January 2025

To All members of the Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the **FINANCE & GENERAL SERVICE COMMITTEE MEETING**, in **THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, 65 STATION ROAD, NE63 8RU**, on **Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 6:00pm**.

The agenda for the meeting is set out below, along with associated papers. If you have any questions about any of the items on the agenda, please contact the office.

The meeting is open to the press and public. As per the agenda and our standing orders, any resident wishing to speak should contact us prior to the meeting, before 5pm on Monday 13th January 2025.

Sarah Eden
Executive Office/RFO

AGENDA

1. WELCOME BY THE CHAIR

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by the Code of Conduct for Members and by the Localism Act 2011.

Members are also reminded that they need to regularly review their declarations of interest forms and ensure they remain up to date.

4. DISPENSATIONS

To receive and consider any dispensations.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair to receive any items put forward by members of the public and to put questions to or draw relevant matters to the attention of the Council. This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

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Please email/telephone the office with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 13th January 2025.

6. ASHINGTON MARKET

Northumberland County Council Markets Manager, Neil Brown in attendance to answer questions and discuss future plans for Ashington Market.

7. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024 (enc)ⁱ

8. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

To receive an update on items actioned since the previous meeting (to follow)ⁱⁱ

9. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget and expenditure report (enc)ⁱⁱⁱ

b) Accounts Paid and to be Paid (including Bank Reconciliation)

To receive a schedule of accounts paid and to be paid; to endorse those accounts paid and agree those to be paid, since 27th November 2024 (enc)^{iv}

10. CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION (CCTV)

To receive and note the report of the meeting held on 4th December 2024, and address any questions (enc)^v

11. NCC NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PARTNERSHIP MEETING, 17th December 2024

To receive and note the report, and address any questions to Board Members (enc)^{vi}

12. DRAFT BUDGET 2025/26

To consider and discuss the Budget and Precept requirement of Ashington Town Council for 2025/26, and to agree to recommend a level of Budget and Precept to Full Council at the meeting scheduled for Tuesday 28th January 2025 (enc)^{vii}

13. ENVIRONMENTAL ENHANCEMENTS – SEATON WARD

To receive a proposal from Seaton Ward Cllrs to contribute £3,000 towards a project to reduce heat loss from North Seaton Community Centre (enc)^{viii} *Funding of £15,000 is committed from County Cllr Jim Lang NCC Members Local Improvement Scheme (MLIS) Funding, and £1,000 from Community Centre Funds.*

14. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 11th February 2025, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

ⁱ Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 10th December 2024

ⁱⁱ Clerk and Officer Update, January 2025 (to be further updated/tabled)

ⁱⁱⁱ Updated Budget and Expenditure Report 2024/25 (January)

^{iv} Schedule of Accounts paid/to be paid

^v CCTV Meeting, 4th December 2024 (to follow)

^{vi} Draft Report of the meeting held on 17th December 2024

^{vii} Draft Budget 2025/26

^{viii} Environmental Enhancements – Seaton Ward