



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

1st July 2024

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 9th July 2024 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Eden".

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 Clerk with questions on items on the agenda no later than 5.00pm on Monday 8th July 2024.

6. MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

To receive and sign as a true record, the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024 (to follow)ⁱ

7. CLERK AND OFFICER UPDATES

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

8. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURE 2024/25

a) Updated Budget Report

To receive updated budget report and address any questions to the Responsible Financial Officer (RFO) (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 11th June 2024 (enc)^{iv}

9. NORTHUMBERLAND ASSOCIATION OF LOCAL COUNCILS (nalc)

To receive invoice for 2024/25 subscriptions (enc)^v, alongside AGM Minutes that agreed increase (enc)^{vi}, and note on calculation (enc)^{vii}, with update from Cllr John Tully.

10. SMALL GRANT FUNDING – JULY 2024 (enc)^{viii}

a) 1ST Hirst Scout Group

To receive an application from 1st Hirst Scout Group, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{ix}

b) Ashington Camera Club

To receive an application from Ashington Camera Club, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^x

c) Northumberland Community Bank

To receive an application from Northumberland Community Bank, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xi}

d) Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch

To receive an application from Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xii}

e) Friends of Ashington Community Woods

To receive an application from Friends of Ashington Community Woods, and agree to consider the application and any award (enc)^{xiii}

11. PARTNERSHIP MEETING

a) Report of Meeting, held on 18th June 2024

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

b) Surplus Funds

To agree to permit use of surplus funds of £12k-£13k for NCC to recruit a seasonal worker for 6 months, as per Partnership Board recommendation (enc)^{xv}

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c) Redirection of Partnership Team

To agree to endorse the redirected efforts of the Partnership team in carrying out additional enhancements when their primary tasks are completed. This includes activities such as strimming, weed spraying, graffiti removal, and edging.

12. CCTV MEETING

To receive a report of the meeting held on 26th June 2024, and address any questions to the EO or committee members (to follow)^{xvi}

13. MINERS' MEMORIAL MEADOWS

To receive a note of the meeting held on 17th June, and agree the proposed action to restore the Miners' Memorial Meadows in Ashington Community Woods (enc)^{xvii}

14. DATE, TIME AND VENUE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 10th September 2024, 6:00pm, Council Chamber.

ENCLOSURES

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- i Draft Minutes of the Finance and General Services Committee, 25th June 2024 (to follow)
 - ii Clerk and Officer Update, July 2024 (to be tabled)
 - iii Updated Budget Report 2024/25
 - iv Schedule of Accounts paid/to be paid
 - v NALC Subscriptions 24/25
 - vi NALC AGM
 - vii NALC subscription calculation
 - viii Summary of Small Grant applications
 - ix 1st Hirst Scout Group (redacted)
 - x Ashington Camera Club (redacted)
 - xi Northumberland Community Bank (redacted)
 - xii Seaton Vale Neighbourhood Watch (redacted)
 - xiii Ashington Community Woods (redacted)
 - xiv Partnership Meeting, 18th June 2024
 - xv Partnership Meeting – Surplus Funds
 - xvi CCTV Monitoring & Evaluation Meeting, 26th June 2024
 - xvii Miners' Memorial Meadow - Note of meeting and proposed actions

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