Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the CABINET to be held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNTY HALL, MORPETH, on TUESDAY 10 APRIL 2018 at 10.00 AM.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Daljit Lally
Chief Executive

To Cabinet members as follows:-

Leader, Deputy Leader, C. Homer, V. Jones, N. Oliver, J.R. Riddle, H.G.H. Sanderson, R. Wearmouth

Agenda letter only for information to all other members of the Council
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

Minutes of the following meetings, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair:-

(a) Tuesday, 13 March 2018
(b) Monday, 19 March 2018

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 Liam Henry, Legal Services Manager, on 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S SERVICES

(1) Outcomes of Special Educational Needs and Disability Strategy and Capacity Consultation

The report provides an update to Cabinet on the outcomes of consultation that has been carried out seeking the views of parents, carers, education and health professional on the Northumberland Area SEND strategy. The consultation included a range of options and ideas on capacity could be increased within the county’s special schools. The report provides an update on the outcomes of informal consultation on the proposals to increase the capacity at Hexham Priory School through the enlargement of its building, and at The Dales School, Blyth through the addition of a satellite site in Ashington; Cabinet is also asked to approve the publication of statutory proposals in relation to the expansion of these schools (Appendix A).
(2) **Children’s Social Care Improvement Plan**

To present Cabinet with an updated position on current progress in relation to the Children’s Social Care Improvement Plan (*Appendix B*).

The report of the FACS OSC on both of these issues is included with the reports.

5. **REPORT OF THE ECONOMIC AND INCLUSION POLICY MANAGER**

**Northumberland Cultural Strategy 2018-2030**

To present a refreshed Northumberland Cultural Strategy 2018 - 2030 for approval. The Council recognises the tremendous opportunities culture provides and has actively positioned culture at the forefront of strategic development and delivery (*Appendix C*).

The report of the Communities and Place OSC on this issue will be circulated when the Committee has met.

6. **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF PROPERTY AND CAPITAL PROGRAMMING**

**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 at its meeting held on 9 March 2018 (*Appendix D*).

7. **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".

8. **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

The Cabinet are invited to consider passing the following resolution:

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*Cabinet, 10 April 2018*
(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 items on the Agenda as they involve 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:-

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The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure on (1) because disclosure would adversely affect the Authority’s ability to conduct its affairs and on (2), because disclosure would prejudice the Port of Blyth’s ability to negotiate with partners and give its competitors a commercial advantage.

9. REPORTS OF THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

(1) **Active Northumberland Financial Position 2017-18**

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an overview of the 2017-18 financial position of Active Northumberland and its impact on the charity’s financial position (Appendix E).

(2) **Enterprise Zone - Bates Terminal, Blyth - Infrastructure Works**

The purpose of this report is to enable the Cabinet to make a formal recommendation to the County Council in respect of the Council contribution of £1.2 million towards the Port of Blyth, Bates Terminal, Enterprise Zone Infrastructure works (Appendix F).

The report of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC on this matter is attached to the back of the report.
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.

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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.