



# Northumberland County Council

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COUNTY COUNCIL** to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Morpeth, NE61 2EF on **WEDNESDAY 9 JANUARY 2019** at **3.00 PM** to transact the business mentioned in the accompanying agenda paper.

Yours faithfully,

Daljit Lally

Chief Executive

**To the members of the County Council**



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# **NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**9 JANUARY 2019**

## **AGENDA PAPER**

Business to be transacted at a meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 9th day of January 2019

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. MINUTES**

Minutes of the meeting of County Council held on 7 November 2018, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record, signed by the Business Chair and sealed with the Common Seal of the Council (**see pages 9-30**).

**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. ANNOUNCEMENTS** by the Business Chair, Leader or Head of Paid Service.

**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.10.

**7. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE CABINET MEETINGS HELD ON:-**

- (1) **Tuesday 13 November 2018** (see pages 31-40)
- (2) **Tuesday 11 December 2018** (see pages 41-48)

**8. TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER MINUTES from the following Committees:-**

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| <b>(1) Family and Children's Services OSC</b> | <b>(see pages 49-56)</b> |
| <b>(2) Communities and Place OSC</b>          | <b>(see pages 57-62)</b> |
| <b>(3) Health and Wellbeing OSC</b>           | <b>(see pages 63-70)</b> |
| <b>(4) Health and Wellbeing Board</b>         | <b>(see pages 71-82)</b> |
| <b>(5) Audit Committee</b>                    | <b>(see pages 83-92)</b> |

**9. DELEGATED DECISIONS**

To receive details of delegated decisions taken since those last reported to Council (see pages 93-94).

**10. MOTIONS**

**Motion No.1**

In accordance with Council Rules of Procedure No.10, Councillor J.G. Davey to move the following motion, received by the Democratic Services Manager on 18th December 2018:-

*"This Council notes with concern that in the consultation document for the refranchising of Northern Rail and TPE includes a requirement for bidders to outline how they will remove the safety critical role of the guard from their services, i.e.:*

*"On the Northern franchise, we expect to require bidders to set out how DOO (Driver-Only-Operation) may be introduced onto suitable services. On TPE, this will be left at bidders' discretion."*

*Council is extremely concerned about the potential impact such a retrograde move would have on travellers to and from Local stations and across the region in general. Passenger Focus research demonstrates that passenger's perception of safety and security is greatly enhanced by the presence of conductors on trains in:-*

*Conductors provide an invaluable service to passengers providing:*

*· Revenue Protection duties, ensuring all passengers have a valid ticket for travel and selling tickets to those without them. This is vital to deal with high levels of ticketless travel currently occurring on the Northern network.*

*· A vital customer service role including, travel information in relation to connections etc. for onward journeys; and very importantly - assist passengers with mobility issues to board and alight trains comfortably and safely.*

*· Dealing with issues of anti-social behaviour and reacting to safety and operational*

*incidents.*

*Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the NELEP, Transport for the North, all Northumberland MP's and the Chief Executive and Chair of Northern Rail to oppose the proposal to remove on-board conductors and contact the DfT and relevant Government Ministers to ensure on-board conductors are retained within the service specification."*

## **11. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

### **Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)**

To seek approval to publish the Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19) and the Northumberland Design Guide Supplementary Planning Document - Scoping Document and the Highways and Transportation Design and Delivery Supplementary Planning Document - Scoping Document for consultation.

To agree that the Northumberland Local Plan be submitted to the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination, following the conclusion of the Regulation 19 publication period (**see pages 95-170**).

## **12. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HR & OD AND ELECTORAL REGISTRATION OFFICER**

### **Parish Renaming under Local Government Act 1972, Section 75 Power: Broomley and Stocksfield Parish Council**

To seek approval for the renaming of Broomley and Stocksfield Parish through the exercise of power granted under Section 75 of the Local Government Act 1972 (section 75).

To seek the delegation of this power, for future use, to the Executive Director of HR & OD in their statutory role as the Electoral Registration Officer (**see pages 171-176**).

## **13. COMMITTEE MATTERS**

### **(1) Standards Committee - Parish Council Representation**

A vacancy was created on the Standards Committee following the resignation of one of its Parish Council representatives. The interview panel, with delegated authority from the Standards Committee, considered two applications and **recommends** Council to approve the appointment of Councillor Russell Greig, from Prudhoe Town Council to the vacancy.

### **(2) North Northumberland Local Area Council (LAC)**

Council is asked to note that, in order to manage a large amount of both planning and rights of way business in the North area more effectively, the North Northumberland

LAC has established a sub committee specifically to consider rights of way matters. This will allow the LAC to focus on planning applications which have to be determined within set timescales. The sub committee has six members, meets bi-monthly and is chaired by the Chair of the LAC.

#### **14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Council 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 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:-

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</b>
15	3 - Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because disclosure would prejudice the Port of Blyth's ability to negotiate with partners and give its competitors a commercial advantage.

#### **15. REPORT OF THE INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

##### **Enterprise Zone - Northumberland Energy Park East Sleekburn (NEP1)**

This report will update the Cabinet on emerging investment interest and associated economic outputs at the NEP1 Enterprise Zone at East Sleekburn (**see pages 177-190**).



**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 (please print):</b>
<b>Meeting:</b>
<b>Date:</b>
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>
<b>Nature of Registerable Personal Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Annex 2 to Code of Conduct or other interest (as defined by Annex 3 to Code of Conduct) (please give details):</b>
<b>Nature of Non-registerable Personal Interest (please give details):</b>
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>

**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.**