Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the AREA COMMITTEE – SOUTH EAST to be held in Newbiggin Sports and Community Centre, Woodhorn Road, Newbiggin by the Sea, NE64 6HG on WEDNESDAY, 15 APRIL 2015 at 6:00 pm.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]

Lead Executive Director

To members of the Area Committee – South East
AGENDA

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

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 11 March 2015, as circulated, to be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

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.

N.B. Any member needing clarification must contact the Legal Services Manager, Liam Henry on Tel: 01670 623324. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this Agenda letter.

4. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

To reply to any questions received from members of the public, which may be received in writing in advance of the meeting or asked at the meeting. Questions can be asked about issues for which the Council has a responsibility.

As agreed by the County Council in February 2012, the management of public question time is at the discretion of the chair of the committee. Please note however that a question may possibly be rejected if:

1) it is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the county; is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
2) it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of the committee in the past six months;
3) it requires the disclosure of confidential or exempt information;
4) the cost of providing an answer is disproportionate;
5) it relates to staffing or industrial relation matters;
6) it relates to planning, licensing and/or other regulatory applications.
If the Chair is of the opinion that a question is one which for whatever reason, cannot properly be asked in an area meeting, he/she will disallow it and inform the resident of his/her decision. The committee can request for written answers to be provided after the meeting if appropriate.

5. PETITIONS

This item is to:

(a) Receive any new petitions;

(b) Consider reports on petitions previously received:
   (i) Dog fouling at Beaconhill Cramlington (report attached as Appendix A.)

(c) Receive any updates on petitions previously considered.

DISCUSSION ITEMS - CORPORATE

6. NORTHUMBERLAND TOURISM

To receive a presentation about the work of Northumberland Tourism; Jude Leitch, General Manager, will present.

7. TOUR OF BRITAIN

A verbal update will be provided on the logistical, communications and engagement plans around the visit of the Tour of Britain to Northumberland.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, 13 May 2015 at 6:00 pm at Ashington Children’s Centre, Alexandra Road, Ashington.

9. 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.
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.**