



Council

North Tyneside Council

To All Members of the Council

13 January 2016

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside to be held in **The Chamber, Ground Floor, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside at 6pm on Thursday 21 January 2016** for the transaction of the following business.

The presentation of the Whitley Bay Town Cup will take place at the commencement of the meeting.

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1. **Apologies**
2. **To receive any Declarations of Interest**

You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

Please complete the Declarations of Interests card available at the meeting and return it to the Democratic Services Officer before leaving the meeting.

You are also invited to disclose any dispensation from the requirement to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.

3. **Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19 November 2015 (previously circulated)**

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4. **Major modernisation works on Metro System in North Tyneside in 2016** 4 - 9
- To receive a report on the work which will take place on the Metro system in North Tyneside in 2016, as part of the ongoing 11-year programme of works being delivered by Nexus on behalf of the North East Combined Authority to modernise the Tyne and Wear Metro infrastructure.
- A presentation will also be provided at the meeting.
5. **Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel – Members’ Allowances Scheme 2016/17** 10 - 18
- To request the Council to give consideration to the recommendations of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to the Members’ Allowances Scheme for 2016/17.
6. **Motions** 19 - 21
- One valid Motion on Notice, signed by at least three Members of the Council, has been received for consideration at this meeting.
7. **Council Tax Support Scheme 2016/17** 22 - 35
- To consider and agree the Authority’s Council Tax Support Scheme for the financial year 2016/17.
8. **Future Governance Arrangements for the Authority** 36 - 49
- To consider a report on the outcome of a public engagement exercise on future governance arrangements for the Authority and to decide if the Authority wishes to hold a Referendum on whether to retain the current Elected Mayor and Cabinet model of governance in North Tyneside, and if so to determine which of the two alternative forms of governance available to the Authority will appear on the ballot paper as an alternative to the current Mayor and Cabinet model of governance.
9. **Filming of Council Meetings** 50 - 55
- To request approval to film future meetings of the full Council and provide a video/audio record of those meetings via the Authority’s website for a trial period.

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10. **Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015**

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To consider a report providing an update on the actions being taken by the Authority in response to a motion that was agreed at the Council meeting on 19 November 2015 with regard to the proposed Tax Credit changes contained within the Welfare Reform and Work Bill 2015.

11. **Common Seal**

To agree the Common Seal being affixed to all deeds and documents required for carrying into effect the various decisions of the Council made since its last meeting.

12. **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Chair of Council.

13. **Mayor's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Elected Mayor.

14. **Questions by Members of the Council**

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Five valid questions on notice have been received for a response at this meeting.

Yours faithfully



Patrick Melia
Chief Executive