



Council

North Tyneside Council

To All Members of the Council

Wednesday, 13 January 2021

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside to be held in **This meeting will be held remotely via Teams - Remote Meeting at 6.00 pm on Thursday, 21 January 2021** for the transaction of the following business.

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1. **Public Questions**

No valid questions were received from members of the public for this meeting.

2. **Apologies**

3. **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.

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4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2020 (Previously circulated)**

5. **Motions**

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Three valid Motions on Notice, signed by at least three Members of the Council, have been received for consideration at this meeting.

6. **Timetable of Meetings 2021/22**

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To consider a draft programme of Council and committee meetings for the 2021/22 municipal year.

7. **Chair's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Chair of Council.

8. **Elected Mayor's Announcements**

To receive any announcements by the Elected Mayor.

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

No valid questions were received from Members of the Council for this meeting.

Yours faithfully



Chief Executive

North Tyneside Council Report to Council 21 January 2021

Motions

Notice has been received of the following motions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

1. **Motion signed by Councillors S Brockbank, L Bartoli and K Barrie**

Coastal Investment.

In advance of the Mayor presenting her budget at the next meeting of Council, North Tyneside Council asks:

The Mayor to note:

- Council currently holds over £66.9 million in reserves;
- Incomes of hardworking families in North Tyneside have been squeezed through this pandemic;
- North Tyneside Council has already been allocated an extra £8,260,000 for the coming financial year;
- Under this administration, Council Tax has increased by a whopping 24.4% since Mayor Redfearn's election as Mayor, leaving hardworking families hundreds of pounds per year worse off;
- Labour Leader, Kier Starmer, has called the proposed increase in Council Tax this year "absurd" given the current economic climate.

The Mayor to commit to:

- Freezing Council Tax for the coming financial year, taking into account the hardship that working families have experienced;
- Delivering a budget which will see significant investment in our coastal communities and businesses which have been hit hardest by the pandemic;
- Putting any increase in Council Tax to a public referendum to give residents the chance to have their say on further hikes;
- Considering further ways that those hardest hit by the pandemic can be supported to cover Council Tax contributions.

2. Motion signed by Councillors Sean Brockbank, Lewis Bartoli and Pam McIntyre

Flood planning in North Tyneside.

Across many areas of North Tyneside, residents are concerned about the impact of flooding. In Monkseaton, for example, there are real worries expressed by the local community about alarming rises in water saturation on the fields adjacent to the Briar Vale locality and Langley Playing Fields; an area which will be heavily involved in the development of the Local Plan.

It was most welcome that Officers responded to Cllr. Brockbank's urgent enquiries on behalf of residents to offer some re-assurance, yet communities in our Borough will be rightly curious about what the Mayor and Council have in place to mitigate against extraordinary weather events in the years ahead. For some residents, it would appear that sandbags deposited in emergency situations along property boundaries, are not a planned response rather a stop-gap to plaster over a larger and more endemic issue.

Council calls upon the Elected Mayor and cabinet to review the flood response protocols, in light of weather anomalies, and in response to the proposed 3 000 extra houses proposed in coastal wards.

We also request the relevant cabinet member presents a detailed plan to the next meeting of Council on provisions to prevent a repeat of the severe flooding in Monkseaton - especially in light of the proposed Local Plan development.

3. Motion signed by Councillors L Bartoli, K Barrie and S Brockbank

Anti-social behaviour.

Crime and anti-social behaviour have been on the rise in the aftermath of lockdown, Northumbria's Police and Crime Commissioner has herself admitted that antisocial behaviour in particular is on the rise. Figures show that between April and June last year there was a 101% increase in reports made to Northumbria Police, in comparison to the same period in 2019.

Anti-social behaviour has been a huge problem for our coastal communities, in June 2020 Northumbria Police stepped up patrols in a bid to clamp down on troublemakers following a weekend of anti-social behaviour and litter on North Tyneside's beaches. The Christmas period again saw problems with litter and antisocial behaviour caused by our coastal villages becoming destination spots for groups of drinkers who also flouted our Covid-19 restrictions. With national restrictions now re-imposed this council is concerned that this will be repeated once the latest lockdowns are relaxed without a clear plan to tackle crime and anti-social behaviour.

We therefore ask the mayor to write to the Police and Crime Commissioner and request more support for our coastal communities as we move out of these national restrictions and to work constructively with all parties to put in place a clear plan to tackle anti-social behaviour along our coastline.

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North Tyneside Council Report to Council 21 January 2021

Title: Timetable of Meetings 2021/22

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor	Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Norma Redfearn
Report from Service Area:	Law & Governance
Responsible Officer:	Bryn Roberts, Head of Law and Governance (Tel: (0191) 6435339)
Wards affected:	All

PART 1

1.1 Executive Summary:

This report presents a draft programme of Council and committee meetings for the 2021/22 municipal year. It also requests the Council to determine which Council meetings during 2021/22 should be designated for the purposes of public question time.

1.2 Recommendation(s):

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) agree the programme of meetings for 2021/22, as set out in Appendix A to this report; and
- (2) agree that the meetings of the full Council proposed for 22 July 2021, 25 November 2021 and 20 January 2022 be those at which questions will be taken from members of the public.

1.3 Forward Plan:

This report first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 11 December 2020.

1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report has no direct relevance to any priorities identified in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

1.5 Information:

- 1.5.1 The Council is requested to consider a programme of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2021/22 municipal year, attached as Appendix A to this report. The Authority's Constitution states that where possible the Council will set a programme of ordinary meetings of its committees and sub-committees for each year ahead. The timetable of meetings is normally agreed each year at the January Council meeting to allow Members and officers to plan ahead.
- 1.5.2 The draft programme provides for:
- a) A timetable of meetings of the Council, its overview and scrutiny, regulatory and other committees and sub-committees;
 - b) Minimal number of meetings being scheduled in August, April and the later weeks in December and no meetings on key religious days;
 - c) The commencement times of meetings based on those agreed for each committee and sub-committee for the 2020-21 Municipal Year;
 - d) The provisional dates of Cabinet meetings are included in the timetable for information. These are determined by the Elected Mayor;
 - e) A Member briefing in September, November, January and March.
 - f) Member development including the provision of training for regulatory committees taking place between the Annual Council Meeting and the first meeting of these committees.
- 1.5.3 The Council is requested to specify those Council meetings during the year at which questions from members of the public will be taken. For Members' information, in the current municipal year, three meetings were specified for that purpose.
- 1.5.4 It is anticipated that in the light of the ongoing coronavirus pandemic meetings will continue to be held virtually until further notice.

1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

- (a) To agree the programme of meetings of the Council and its committees for the 2021/22 municipal year as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) To not agree the programme of meetings, in which case a further programme of meetings would be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of the Council for approval taking into account the reasons given by Council for not agreeing the programme.

1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option (a) is recommended for the following reasons:

To have in place scheduled meeting dates to enable the Authority's committees to transact their business during the Municipal Year and to enable Members and officers to plan ahead for individual committee work programmes.

1.8 Appendices:

Appendix A – Draft Programme of meetings of the Council and its committees for the 2021/22 municipal year.

1.9 Contact officers:

Dave Brown, Senior Manager: Democratic and Electoral Services (0191) 643 5358
Claire Emmerson, Senior Manager Financial Strategy and Planning Tel (0191) 643 8109

1.10 Background information:

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Report to Council on the Programme of Council meetings – 16 January 2020
- (2) The Authority's Constitution

PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING

2.1 Finance and other resources

The running costs associated with the committee meetings held in 2021/22 can be contained within current budgets.

As a number of committee and sub-committee meetings commence at 6:00pm there are implications in terms of work-life balance for those officers who are frequently required to attend and support evening meetings.

2.2 Legal

In accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the Council is required to give public notice of meetings of the Council and its committees.

The Authority's Constitution requires a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year to be approved by the Council. The Council has agreed that the timetable of meetings of the Council and its committees/sub committees should be agreed each year at the January Council meeting to allow Members and officers to plan ahead and to enable the decision-making processes to be complied with.

2.3 Consultation/community engagement

Consultation on the proposed timetable of meetings for 2021/22 has taken place with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Group Leaders, Chief Executive, Heads of Service and officers within Democratic Services and Resources.

2.4 Human rights

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

2.5 Equalities and diversity

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

2.6 Risk management

Failure to put in place a schedule of meetings will put at risk the ability of the Authority to transact its business efficiently.

2.7 Crime and disorder

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

2.8 Environment and sustainability

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

PART 3 - SIGN OFF

- Chief Executive
- Head(s) of Service
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)
- Chief Finance Officer
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service

**North Tyneside Council
Programme of Scheduled Meetings 2021/22**

	Day	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
Council	Thurs 6.00pm	20 Ann		22		23		25		20	17*	3* & 17		19 Ann
Cabinet	Mon 6.00pm	24	28		2	20	18	29		24 & 31*	7* & 21	28		

Scrutiny Meetings	Day	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Mon 6.00pm		14	19		6		8		17	1* (Tues)	14		
Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee	Thurs 6.00pm		3	1		2 & 30		4		27		10		
Children, Education and Skills Sub Committee	Thurs 6.00pm			8		9		18		13		24		
Culture and Leisure Sub Committee	Tues 6.00pm		29		31			2		4		1		
Economic Prosperity Sub Committee	Tues 6.00pm			14 (Wed)		28		30		25		22		
Environment Sub Committee	Tues 6.00pm			6		7		9		11		8		
Finance Sub Committee	Tues 6.00pm			13		14		16			8	29		
Housing Sub Committee	Mon 6.00pm			26		27		22		24		21		

Regulatory Meetings	Day	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
Licensing Committee	Thurs 6.00pm											31		
Planning Committee	Tue 10.00am	11	8	6	3 & 31	28	26	23	14	18	15	15	12	10
Regulation and Review Committee	Thurs 6.00pm						21				24			
Regulation and Review Committee (Panels)	Thurs 10.00am		3	15	26		7		2	13	10	24	21	

Other meetings	Day	May 2021	June 2021	July 2021	Aug 2021	Sept 2021	Oct 2021	Nov 2021	Dec 2021	Jan 2022	Feb 2022	Mar 2022	Apr 2022	May 2022
Audit Committee	Wed 6.00pm	26		28				17				23		
Health & Wellbeing Board	Thurs 2.00pm		10			9		11		6		10		
Standards Committee	Thurs 6.00pm		10					11					7	
Member Briefing	6.00pm			Thurs 15		Thurs 16		Mon 1			Thurs 3		Mon 4	
Member Development		25, 26, 27 & 28												

Notes:

- * denotes Extraordinary meetings to be held as part of the budget setting process. Any notices of objection would be considered at the Council meeting on 17 February 2022. The Council meeting on 3 March 2022 is held in reserve in the event that any objections to the Mayor and Cabinet's budget proposals are approved by the Council on 17 February 2022. The Overview and Scrutiny meeting on 1 February 2022 may be a meeting of the Budget Study Group rather than the full Committee.
- Additional meetings of regulatory committees such as the Regulation and Review Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committees, may be arranged as and when required.
- Training for regulatory committees to be held as follows: Regulation & Review 25 May 2021 (10am); Audit 26 May 2021 (6pm); Planning 27 May 2021 (10am); and Licensing 28 May 2021 (10am);
- Member development dates are set out above for Members' information.