

**To: ALL MEMBERS**

You are summonsed to attend a MEETING OF THE FULL COUNCIL to be held on **Tuesday 5 May 2026 at 6.30pm** at East Bedlington Community Centre  
The agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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**Jennifer Tindale CiLCA  
Parish Clerk & Responsible Officer**

**29 April 2026**

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### **OPEN SESSION**

The Chair to invite members of the public to put questions or draw relevant matters to the attention of the council, prior to the commencement of business. This is for a period of **15 minutes** overall and is limited to **3 minutes** per person. The Chair of the Council will inform the members of the public of the action to be taken, that is, to be passed to a Working Group; go on the next agenda; or that their points will be taken into consideration if already on the agenda.

Councillors are **not** allowed to participate in this part of the meeting, other than to ask **direct questions for clarification**. **The public are not permitted to participate in the remainder of the meeting.**

### **AGENDA**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

To sign as a correct record, the minutes of Full Council Meeting held on 3 March 2026.

#### **3. CLERK & OFFICER'S UPDATE**

To receive a written update on items actioned since the previous meeting.

#### **4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

To receive from members disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interest in respect of any items included on the agenda and to consider any requests for dispensation.

#### **5. POLICE REPORT**

#### **6. NCC COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

To receive written reports from elected members on business relating to East Bedlington Parish.

## **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

To note the correspondence received (attached at Appendix A) and the actions taken and proposed.

## **8. PLANNING**

To note the planning as detailed in appendix B

## **9. FINANCE REPORT**

- 9.1 Schedule of receipts and payments
- 9.2 Bank Reconciliations as of 31 March 2026
- 9.3 Budget Report as of 31 March 2026
- 9.4 Detailed Income & Expenditure Report as of 31 March 2026
- 9.5 Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2026

## **10. WORKING GROUPS & COMMITTEES**

### **To receive the minutes of:**

- 10.1 Finance & General Purpose Working Group 24 March 2026
- 10.2 Services Working Group 21 April 2026
- 10.3 Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group 28 April 2026

## **11. INTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT**

To receive the report of the internal Auditor Michael Slaughter.

## **12. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITOR 2026/2027**

The Council to approve the appointment of Mike Slaughter as Internal Auditor 2026/2027

## **13. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/2026**

- 13.1 To receive the Annual Governance Statement
- 13.2 Charman and Clerk to sign the Annual Governance Statement

## **14. AGAR – ACCOUNTING STATEMENTS 2025/2026**

- 14.1 To receive the Accounting Statements 2025/26
- 14.2 Chairman to sign the Accounting Statements

## **15. AGAR – PUBLIC INSPECTION OF ACCOUNTS**

To agree the period of public inspection of accounts for the period 3 June to 14 July inclusive.

## **16. MATTERS FOR DECISION**

### **That members consider the following:**

- 16.1 To formally adopt the Parish Plan 2025-2030 as recommended by the Planning & Economic Regeneration Working Group**

## **17. SMALL GRANTS AND DONATIONS**

To endorse the recommendations of the Finance & General Purpose Working Group and award:

- (i) Bedlington & District Red Squirrels £250
- (ii) Reiverdale Scouts £500

## **14. DATE & TIME NEXT MEETING.**

Tuesday 7 July 2026 6.30pm

**SCHEDULE OF CORRESPONDENCE**

Log	Date	Sender	Subject	Action
412	26/02/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
413	02/03/2026	Peter Mawer	Notes and maps – Borderlands Place Partnership Group	Circulated to Members
414	02/03/2026	Iain Hedley	Final conference programme & location map for overspill parking area	Circulated to Members
415	04/03/2026	Catherine Hegarty	Query re updated/new park for Grange Park	Clerk Responded / ref NCC
416	04/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Letter to residents: overnight works Park Terrace	Circulated on Social Media
417	05/03/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
418	05/03/2026	Tim Hedley-Jones	Query re opening of station and station building	Clerk Responded
419	05/03/2026	Rob Naples	Blyth Neighbourhood Plan	Circulated to Members
420	06/03/2026	Nicola Perks	Concern re road conditions Selbourne Terrace Cambois	Clerk Responded
421	06/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Letter to residents: Station Information Event	Noted
422	06/03/2026	QTS	E:Newsletter	Circulated to Members
423	06/03/2026	Neil Blagburn	Invitation to official Station opening event	Circulated to Members
424	06/03/2026	Blyth Substation	Submission of Environmental Impact Assessment to NCC	Circulated to Members
425	09/03/2026	Nick Dixon	Request for update – Station Building	Clerk Responded
426	09/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Postponement of Park Terrace works	Noted
427	09/03/2026	Ray Armstrong	Query re Bedlington Terriers ground	Clerk Responded reF NCC
428	10/03/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/00848/FUL Debdon House Cambois	Agenda Item
429	10/03/2026	Iain Hedley	County Hall Joint Conference Presentations	Circulated to Members
430	12/03/2026	NCC Planning	Application 25/01331/FUL Land Northwest of 31 The Oval	Agenda Item
431	12/03/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
432	13/03/2026	Margaret Townsley	Email re incident at Jennings Field	Clerk in discussion with Chair Responded
433	16/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Info re changes to Northumberland Line pop fares	Circulated to Members
434	19/03/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members

435	19/03/2026	Nick Dixon	Quotes for Building Regs Approval – Station Building	Ref Full Council
436	19/03/2026	Steven Ridsdale NP	Request to share info re bike seizing	Circulated on Social Media
437	20/03/2026	Jacci Burton	Funding Opportunity Slides	Noted
438	23/03/2026	Blyth Substation	Update re Environmental Impact Assessment	Circulated to Members
439	23/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Sustainable Travel Video	Circulated to Members
440	24/03/2026	Christine Talbot-Brown	Active Travel Event Promotional Poster	Circulated on Social Media
441	26/03/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive’s Bulletin	Circulated to Members
442	26/03/2026	Mark Ellis	Shedule of Station opening event	Noted
443	27/03/2026	Rachael Bateman	Request for Memorial Seat East Sleekburn	Clerk Responded
444	27/03/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/01118/FUL St Andrews Church Unity Terrace Cambois	Agenda Item
445	27/03/2026	WAVE Utilities	Response re overestimated water bill	Ref Services WG
446	30/03/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/00384/FUL 13 Poplar Grove	Agenda Item
447	31/03/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/01102/FUL A Jays Auto Garage Jubilee Mews Bedlington	Agenda Item
448	31/03/2026	Gallagher Insurance	Insurance Renewal Questionnaire	Clerk Responded
449	01/04/2026	Ian Cansfield	Request for meeting with Chair and vice Chair Council	Clerk Responded
450	01/04/2026	Mazars	AGAR documentation	Clerk – Agenda item
451	01/04/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/00163/FUL Land North East of Electricity Distribution Building	Agenda Item
452	02/04/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive’s Bulletin	Circulated to Members
453	02/04/2026	Mark Ellis	Revision of fares	Circulated to Members
454	03/04/2026	NALC	April Update	Circulated to Members
455	03/04/2026	Cllr Richard Wearmouth	Response re pop up commercial unit – Station Building	Ref Services WG

456	07/04/2026	Greg Ritchie	Request to be added to allotment list	Clerk Responded
457	07/04/2026	Gail Robinson	Invitation to Chair - Port of Blyth Annual Public Meeting 2026	Chair
458	07/04/2026	CCLA	Invitation to CCLA Seminars 2026	Noted
459	08/04/2026	NERO DBS Support	Link to webinar	Clerk
460	08/04/2026	Mark Ellis	Response re public toilet signage	Noted
461	08/04/2026	NCC Planning	Application 25/04601/VARYCO Land North of Blyth Power Station	Agenda Item
462	08/04/2026	National Grid	Request for meeting – Proposed Blyth Substation upgrade	Clerk Responded
463	09/04/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
464	10/04/2026	Mark Ellis	Final Northumberland Line Newsletter	Circulated on Social Media
465	10/04/2026	NCC Planning	Application 26/00152/VARYCO Windmill Farm Smallholdings	Agenda Item
466	12/04/2026	ROSPA	Play area inspection reminder	Clerk Responded
467	14/04/2026	Ross Downey	Update re Station Building funding process	Clerk/ Chair
468	14/04/2026	Wansbeck Garden Centre	Quotation – Summer Floral Planting	Ref OSO /Services WG
469	14/04/2026	Alex Wallace	Notification of 100 <sup>th</sup> birthday local resident	Clerk Responded
470	15/04/2026	Rodger Wilkinson	Update re Station Building	Clerk/Chair
471	16/04/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
472	16/04/2026	David Hall - NCC	Notice of intention to commence preparation of New Local Plan	Circulated to Members
473	16/04/2026	Mark Ellis	Letter to Residents: Works at Platform	Circulated on Social Media
474	17/04/2026	Nicola Lockwood	Approved dates for licenses – Station Building	Clerk
475	17/04/2026	Tim Hedley-Jones	Confirmation re Station Building funding	Clerk
476	20/04/2026	POB - Niamh Dougan	Response re presentation Annual Assembly	Noted

477	21/04/2026	Michelle Brannigan	Full Circle Food project plan – Cambois Orchard	Ref Services WG
478	21/04/2026	Mike Slaughter	Internal Audit Report	Agenda item
479	22/04/2026	Alex Oates	Annual Assembly Community Resolution – Allotments	Clerk Responded/ Agenda item Assembly
480	22/04/2026	Rodger Wilkinson-Browells	Update re Station Building	Clerk
481	23/04/2026	NALC National	Chief Executive's Bulletin	Circulated to Members
482	27/04/2026	Ross Downey	Update re Station Building	Clerk/Chair
483	28/04/2026	Lee Farrier	Response re former Railway car park	Ref Planning & Economic Regen WG

## Appendix B

<b>Date</b>	<b>Application</b>	<b>Proposal</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Observations</b>
10/03/2026	26/00848/FUL	Proposed External Storage Shed	Debdon House, Cambois, Blyth, NE24 1RQ	Observations by 31 March 2026
12/03/2026	25/01331/FUL	Erection of single-storey retail unit with associated external works	Land Northwest of 31 The Oval, Bedlington, NE22 5HS	Determination REFUSED
27/03/2026	26/01118/FUL	28 new solar panels to south roof, air source heat pump to north of church, new paths and ramps, and replacement cabin for hall facilities	St Andrews Church, Unity Terrace, Cambois, NE24 1QU	Observations by 17 April 2026
30/03/2026	26/00384/FUL	1 <sup>st</sup> floor extension above existing side utility room	13 Poplar Grove, Bedlington, NE22 5NF	Determination GRANTED
31/03/2026	26/01102/FUL	Removal of side office and new single storey extension	A Jays Auto Garage Jubilee Mews Bedlington NE22 5BL	Observations by 21 April 2026
01/04/2026	26/00163/FUL	National Grid propose to construct a 240m <sup>2</sup> single storey portacabin welfare/amentity block with carparking spaces, electric vehicle charging points, all on a macadam finished compound, on vacant land to the east of the existing 275kV Substation, Blyth	Land North East of Electricity Distribution Building Cambois	Application WITHDRAWN
08/04/2026	25/04601/VARYCO	Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) on approved application 24/01555/VARYCO to include amendments to plans, elevations and road layout, additional plant building and relocation of modular building (amended description)	Land North of Blyth Power Station Substation East Sleekburn NE22 7FJ	Determination GRANTED
10/04/2026	26/00152/VARYCO	Variation of Conditions 2 (Approved Plans), 3 (Materials), 9 (Demolition and Construction Method	Windmill Farm Smallholdings Choppington	Determination REFUSED

		Statement), 10 (Contamination of Land), 13 (Ground Gases), 16 (Protected Species), and 19 (Landscaping) on approved application 21/03369/FUL – in order to change from pre-commencement to pre-occupation timescale and allow change to approved drawings.	Road NE62 5TJ	
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