

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

To: **ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

You are hereby requested, by the Chairman, to attend an Extraordinary Meeting of **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL** to be held in The Town Hall, Marygate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on **TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6.00 PM**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Hazel Belton

Town Mayor

1 September 2015

OPEN SESSION

The Chairman to invite members of the public present to put questions to, or draw relevant matters to the attention of, the Council, prior to commencement of business.

This is for a period of 15 minutes overall and is limited to 3 minutes per person.

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. DISCLOSURE OF 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 9 July 2012, and are reminded that if they have any personal interests of a prejudicial nature they must not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.

3. REQUEST FOR DISPENSATION

(i) To receive from members who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any items on the agenda an application for dispensation under section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to enable members to participate in discussions and voting (pro-forma attached).

(ii) To consider requests for dispensation.

4. TO CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE

TO CONSIDER AND TAKE ANY ACTION ON A REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE.

Consideration by Members of Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council whether to exclude the public and the press.

1. That it be recommended to Berwick upon Tweed Town Council that the Subject Member be issued with a formal censure by that authority.
2. That it be recommended to Berwick upon Tweed Town Council that the Subject Member be removed, and remain removed, from any position she currently holds as Chair or Vice Chair of all Committees and Sub Committees of that authority for a period of twelve months from the date of that authority agreeing any such sanction.
3. That it be recommended to Berwick upon Tweed Town Council that training be arranged for the Subject Member which shall include training in relation to the Members' Code of Conduct and Bullying and Harassment.
4. That it be recommended to Berwick upon Tweed Town Council that training be arranged for all members of the authority in relation to the Members' Code of Conduct and Bullying and Harassment.

5. GENERAL FINANCIAL AUDIT AND 2014/15 AUDIT

- a) 2014/15 annual accounting statements and general Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council audit (**Appendix A**).
- b) To delegate authority to the Town Clerk to appoint alternative auditors, on the same basis, and up to the maximum costs, as the Council agreed in relation to Price Waterhouse Cooper.

6. STANDING COMMITTEES

To agree any updates to the standing committees for 2015/2016 (**Appendix B**).

7. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS AND ORDERS

To authorise payments on behalf of the Town Council (**Appendix C**).

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next ordinary meeting of the Council to be held on 28 September 2015.