

BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL

To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **BERWICK-UPON-TWEED TOWN COUNCIL** to be held at The William Elder Building, Castlegate, Berwick-upon-Tweed, on **MONDAY 12 JANUARY 2009 at 6 pm.**

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

Town Clerk

8 January 2009

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Berwick-upon-Tweed Town Council meeting held on 10 November 2008.

3. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

To receive from members, in respect of any items included on the agenda for this meeting, disclosure of any personal or prejudicial interests.

4. STATEMENTS BY THE PUBLIC

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.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY AND POLICING

To welcome the Community Safety Officer and representatives of Berwick Sector to discuss community safety and policing issues in Berwick-upon-Tweed.

7. COMMUNITY FORUMS

To welcome Lynda Fakir, Locality Officer, and Gillian Simmons, Manager, Berwick Local Strategic Partnership, who will discuss with the Council the function, purpose

and mechanics of Community Forums, in which Parish and Town Councils are expected to have a partnership role.

Part 1 – ITEMS FOR DECISION

8. ENVIRONMENT AND REGENERATION COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration Committee held on 10 December 2008 (attached at **Appendix A**).

9. FINANCE AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meeting of the Finance and Resources Committee held on 5 January 2009 (attached at **Appendix B**).

10. EVENTS COMMITTEE

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Events Committee held on 5 January 2009 (attached at **Appendix C**).

11. APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES

To confirm Town Council representation Cittaslow Steering Group – report attached at **Appendix D**.

12. NORTHUMBERLAND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP (NSP) CONSULTATION

To consider the proposed changes to the NSP – report attached at **Appendix E**.

13. MUNICIPAL CALENDAR

To agree the municipal calendar for 2009-10 – attached at **Appendix F**.

Part 2 – ITEMS TO NOTE

14. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

To receive the minutes of the meetings of the Planning Committee held on 18 November and 16 December 2008 (attached as **Appendices G and H**) as submitted for the information of the Council. The action taken is in accordance with delegated authority.

15. FREEMEN TRUSTEES AND CIVIC/CEREMONIAL SUCCESSION

To receive an up-date from the Clerk on the succession arrangements for the Freemen Trust and for the Civic/Ceremonial issues.

16. COUNCIL TAX CONSULTATION

To note that there is an Area Committee meeting on 16 January at 10:30 am at the CAB conference room in Tweed Street; the aim of the meeting is to discuss the consultation document which was forwarded to members on 7 January 2009.

17. NORTHUMBERLAND CHARTER FOR LOCAL COUNCILS

To receive an up-date from the Clerk on the Northumberland Charter for Local Councils.