

Bishop Auckland Town Council

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Town Clerk: David Anderson

TO: Members of the FINANCE COMMITTEE

Councillor David Wilson (Chairman)

Councillor Lee Brownson (Vice-Chairman) and Councillors Joy Allen, Jamie Blackburn,
Leanda Chappell and Sam Zair

20th February 2019

Dear Councillor,

I hereby give you notice that a meeting of the **Finance Committee** will be held in the Town Clerk's Office at the Four Clocks Centre, Bishop Auckland on **Tuesday, 26th February 2019 at 5.00 p.m.**

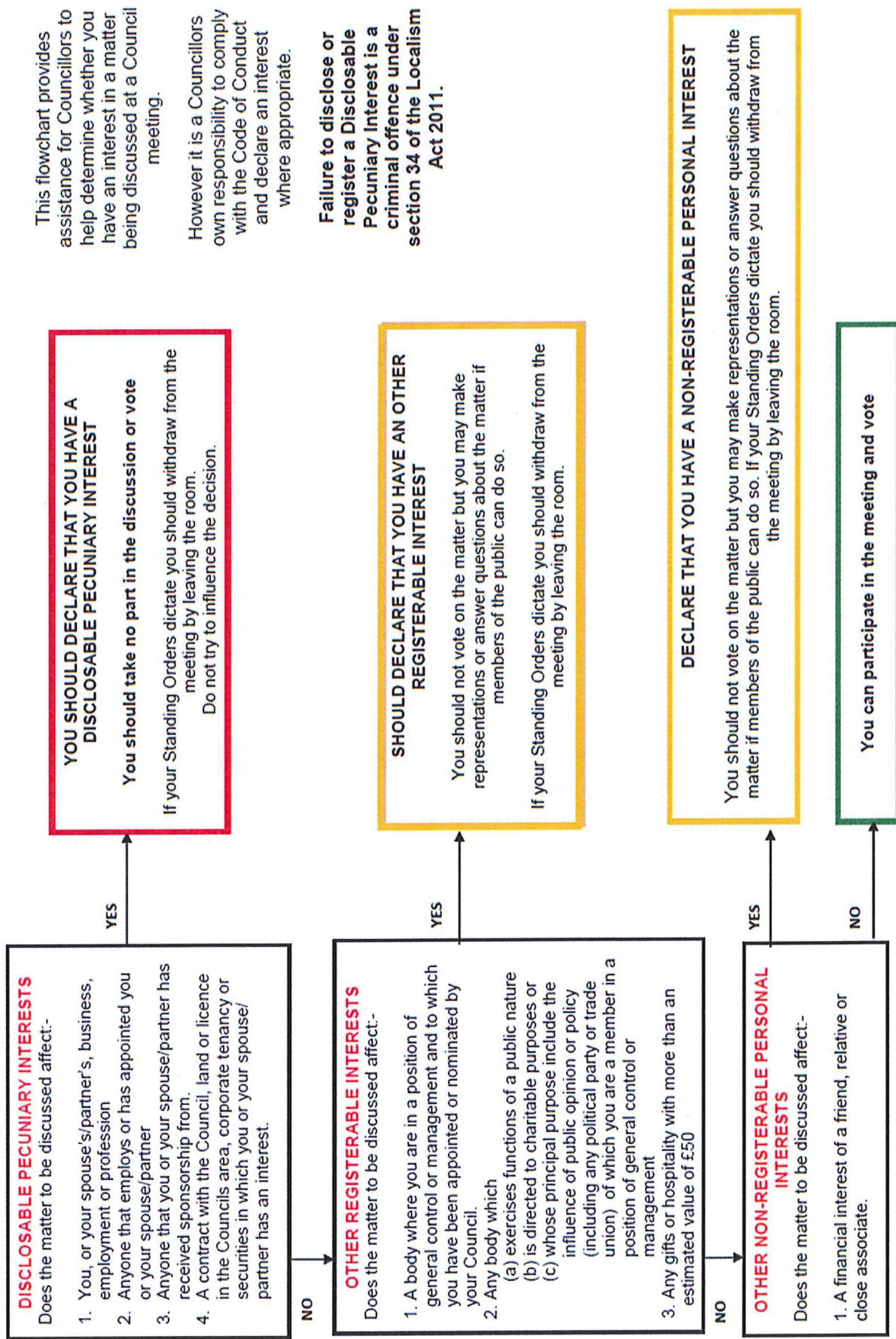
Yours sincerely,

David Anderson
Town Clerk

AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To invite members to declare any interests they may have in any matter identified for discussion in the meeting.
3. **Public Participation**
To hear from any members of the public subject to Public Participation Policy
4. **Report of Town Clerk**
 1. **Account Balances**
 2. **Authorisation of Cheques**
 - a. Written under delegated powers
 - b. Presented for authorisation
 3. **Skatepark Lights - Electricity Supplier**

DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?



BISHOP AUCKLAND TOWN COUNCIL

FINANCE COMMITTEE

26th FEBRUARY 2019

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

1. ACCOUNT BALANCES

The balance on the following accounts as at 26th February 2019 will be circulated at the meeting:-

- a. Lloyds Deposit Account
- b. Lloyds Current Account
- c. Darlington Building Society
- c. Nationwide Building Society
- d. Santander

RECOMMENDED: That the account balances be noted.

2. AUTHORISATION OF CHEQUES

a. Delegated Powers

In accordance with Delegated Powers, the Mayor and Chair of Finance have authorised the following payments:-

Chq	CURRENT ACCOUNT (Delegated Powers)	Detail	£
1730	Bishop Auckland Fellowship of Christian Churches	Donation to Christmas Day Lunch Project	£300.00
1731	County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)	Finance/Budget Training - 13 th November 2018	£30.00
1731	County Durham Association of Local Councils (CDALC)	Appraisal Training - 11 th December 2018	£60.00
1732	Total Business Group Limited	Printing Costs – December 2018	£112.91
1733	Sedgefield Town Council	2x Tickets to Mayor's Charity Evening - 12 th January 2019	£20.00
EP	Wave (NWG Business)	Water: Broken Banks 09/09/18-08/12/18	£104.72
DD	Grenke Leasing	Photocopier Lease 01/01/19-31/03/19	£71.93
1734	Bishop Auckland Community Partnership	Office Rent & Room Hire - December 2018	£760.00
1735	Great Aycliffe Town Council	2x Tickets to Mayor's Civic Dinner - 15 th February 2019	£60.00
1736	A. Breeze Pest Control Ltd.	Pest Control at Tindale Crescent Allotment 01/01/19-30/06/19	£450.00
1737	Community Newspaper Support CIC	Full Page Advert in Bishop Press - Christmas Event 2018	£288.00
1738	Durham County Council	26 Hanging Baskets in Newgate Street	£2,120.04
1739	Total Business Group	A4 Copier Paper	£28.56
DC	Post Office	100x 2 nd Class Stamps	£58.00
1740	Durham Community Action	Parish Plan – 2 nd Instalment	£5,350.00

Chq	CURRENT ACCOUNT (Delegated Powers)	Detail	£
1741	Total Business Group	Printing Costs - January 2019	£31.57
1742	Sedgefield Town Council	2x Tickets - Annual Civic Ball 1 st March 2019	£60.00
1743	Brandon & Byshottles Parish Council	2x Tickets - Fundraising Evening - 9 th March 2019	£12.00
1744	Darlington Borough Council Cancelled	Cancelled	£0.00
1745	Darlington Borough Council	2x Tickets - Afternoon Tea & Tour - 5 th March 2019	£32.00
EP	Salaries, Superannuation	January 2019	£4,394.98
EP	HMRC - Tax and NI, Salaries	January 2019	£1,356.29
EP	D.C.C. Pension Scheme	January 2019	£1,428.48
EP	Members Allowances	January 2019	£376.71
EP	HMRC - Tax and NI, Members Allowance	January 2019	£45.00
DC	Post Office	124x 2 nd Class Stamps	£71.92
1746	Bishop Auckland Community Partnership	Office Rent & Room Hire – January 2019	£816.40
1747	Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection Renewal – 17/03/19-16/03/20	£40.00
1748	Auckland Tree Services Ltd.	Tree Work at Pollards Allotment	£690.00
1749	Barry Piercy	Investigation of Complaint	£810.00
1750	Party Forever Ltd.	Table Centerpiece Hire - Mayor's Civic Ball	£135.59
1751	Bishop Auckland Table Tennis Club	Community Fund Grant - Table Tennis Nets	£100.00
1752	Sunderland City Council	2x Tickets to Mayor's Masquerade Ball 15 th March 2019	£80.00
1753	Hartlepool Borough Council	2x Tickets to Mayor's Curry Night - 18 th March 2019	£40.00
1754	Bishop Healthy Heartbeat Support Group	Community Fund Grant - Coach Hire	210.00
	Total		£20,545.10

DC - Debit Card
DD - Direct Debit
EP - Electronic Payment

RECOMMENDED: That the action taken be confirmed.

b. Presented for Authorisation

No payments are presented for authorisation

RECOMMENDED That the information be noted.

3. SKATEPARK LIGHTS - ELECTRICITY SUPPLIER

The fixed term agreement with Npower to supply electricity to the skatepark lights expires on 27th March 2019. The Council must however inform Npower by 25th February 2019 if it wishes the contract to be renewed.

Current costs

Standing charge 24.15 p / day

Unit charge 20.60 p / kWh

Out of contract default electricity rate with NPower is

Standing charge 87.13 p / day

Unit charge 31.67 p / kWh

Charges offered by N Power

Standing charge 57.41 p / day

Unit charge 26.70 p / kWh

The lights have only been working as they were intended since September 2018 and therefore a full season's consumption is not known. However, based on consumption since September 2018 it is estimated that approximately 100 kWh will be used each year during September and April.

The following quotations have been obtained from a comparison website. The best deals are available when paying by direct debit. Whilst this is not the preferred method of payment it is suggested that direct debit be used on this occasion to obtain the most competitive rates. The quotations relate to a 3 year fixed rate.

Price Plan Name	Estimated Annual Cost	Estimated Monthly Cost
British Gas Lite - smart online electricity	£107.54 Standing charge 31.580 p/day Unit rate 15.270 p/kWh	£8.96
e-on Business Electricity Plan (Connect C) 3 BaseRate	£120.39 Standing charge 34.360 p/day Unit rate 19.737 p/kWh	£10.03
GAZPROM 3 year Fixed Rate Electricity	£152.41 Standing charge 53.930 p/day Unit rate 13.473 p/kWh	£12.70

N.B. Npower did not appear in the top 7 quotations

As Npower need to be informed of the Council's intentions by 25th February 2019 the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of Finance Committee, has commenced the transfer of supply to British Gas on the above terms.

RECOMMENDED

That the action taken by the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Mayor and Chairman of Finance, be endorsed.

