



Bishop Auckland Town Council

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Town Clerk: Sarah Harris

15 November 2023

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Bishop Auckland Town Council** on **Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 6.00pm**. The Meeting will take place at **54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, DL147JF**.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. However, it is recommended that attendance is registered with the Town Clerk prior to attending to ensure that the meeting space is large enough to accommodate everyone safely. To register attendance please call 01388 207110 or email council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk by noon on Monday 20 November 2023.

The Chairman advises members of the Council and the public that the meeting or part of the meeting may be recorded by audio and may be by video.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Harris

Clerk to the Council

1. **Apologies for absence** - To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.
2. **Declarations of interest** - To record declarations of interest from members on any item on the agenda, including any interest prejudicial or personal as recorded on the Members register of interests.
3. **Minutes** - To approve the Minutes of the following meeting:
 - 17 October 2023 - Full Council
 - 7 November 2023 - Policy and Resources Committee
 - 14 November 2023 - Community Committee
4. **Matters Arising** - To from the above Minutes which are not included elsewhere on the agenda (for information only).

5. **Public Participation** - To hear from any members of the public subject to [Public Participation Policy¹](#).
6. **Guest Speaker (10 Mins)** The Auckland Project – Henry VIII Lost tapestry - Sutherland Forsyth, Associate Director of Heritage and Engagement
7. **Reports**
 - a. Durham County Council
 - b. Outside bodies representation feedback such as the AAP, HAZ, Stronger Towns Board and Lager Council Forum, etc.
8. **Report of Mayor** To receive a report from the Mayor detailing activities attended to represent the Council since the Annual Meeting.
9. **Use meeting room by third parties & VAT advice from Parkinson Partnership**
10. **Christmas - Additional Activities**
11. **Allotments Works Needed**
12. **Finance –**
 - a. Interim Internal Audit November 2023
 - b. Budget Planning and Precept for 2024-25
 - c. Statement of Payments (copy attached)
13. **Correspondence** - details of any Correspondence (letters or email received)

Exclusion of Press and Public In accordance with the provisions of Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, as amended by Section 100 of the Local Government Act 1972, the Council do now exclude the press and public for the remaining item on the agenda by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted since publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest.

¹ The policy is available on the website at <https://bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk/council/constitution-and-policies/>

DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?

