



Bishop Auckland Town Council

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Town Clerk: Sarah Harris

11 December 2024

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Bishop Auckland Town Council** on **Tuesday 17th December 2024 at 6.00pm**. The Meeting will take place at **54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7JF**.

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 16th December 2024.

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

Vicki Booth

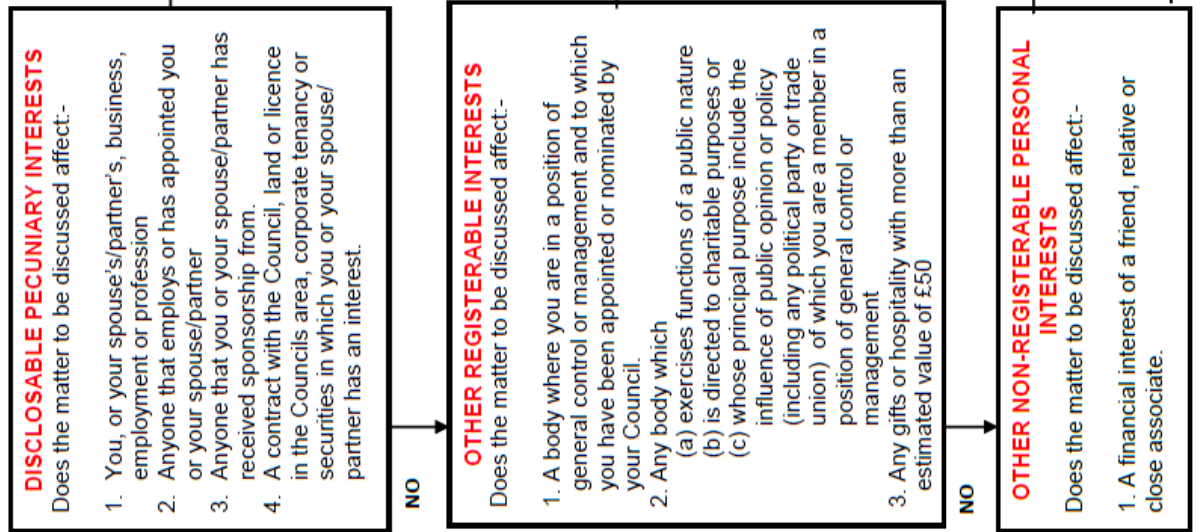
Acting Clerk to the Council

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:
 - 26th November 2024 – Town Council
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. **Q&A session with Event Organisers of Christmas Town** (please note that a full report and statistical data will be brought to January's meeting)
 7. **Reports**
 - a) Durham County Council
 - b) Outside bodies representation feedback such as the AAP, Stronger Towns Board and Larger 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. **Finance**
 - a) Budget Planning and Precept for 2025-26
 10. **Report of the Clerk**
 - a) **Community**
 - i. Festive Funds Distribution Update
 - ii. General Events Update
 - iii. Floral Displays
 - iv. Allotments Update
 - v. Website
 - vi. Payments for Authorisation
 11. **Planning Report**
 12. **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.
13. **HR Update –**
 - a) **Staffing Update** – standing item

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

DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?



This flowchart provides assistance for Councillors to help determine whether you have an interest in a matter being discussed at a Council meeting.

However it is a Councillors own responsibility to comply with the Code of Conduct and declare an interest where appropriate.

Failure to disclose or register a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is a criminal offence under section 34 of the Localism Act 2011.