



## Bishop Auckland Town Council

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**Mayor: Michael Siddle**    **Town Clerk: Sarah Harris**

7 October 2022

To all Members of the Allotment and Environment Committee  
Cllr J Blackburn (Chair), Cllr S Zair, Cllr K Eliot, Cllr A Zair and Cllr H Balmer -Howison

Dear Councillor

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of **Allotment and Environment Committee on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022 at 6pm**. The Meeting will take place at **Town Council Offices, 54 Kingsway, Bishop Auckland, DL14 7JF**.

Members of the Public and Press are welcome to attend. However, in light of room capacity we ask that where possible people are asked to register attendance to do so please call 01388 207110 or email [council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk](mailto:council@bishopauckland-tc.gov.uk) by 5pm on Wednesday 12 October 2022. 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 of the 26 September 2022 Allotment and Environment Committee Meeting.**
4. **Report of the Town Clerk:** Report from the Town Clerk to cover:
  - General Allotment updates
  - Allotment Mapping Update
  - Rules and regulations Consultation
  - Allotment Tenancies Nov 2022-October2023 – update
  - Allotment Association Agreements
5. **Public Participation - To hear from any members of the public subject to [Public Participation Policy](#)<sup>1</sup>.**

*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.*

6. Report of the Town Clerk
  - Allotment Strategy
  - Risks, Maintenance, Works undertaken and Quotations for works
  - Enforcement Action

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

# DO I HAVE AN INTEREST?

**DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**  
Does the matter to be discussed affect:-

1. You, or your spouse's/partner's, business, employment or profession
2. Anyone that employs or has appointed you or your spouse/partner
3. Anyone that you or your spouse/partner has received sponsorship from.
4. A contract with the Council, land or licence in the Councils area, corporate tenancy or securities in which you or your spouse/partner has an interest.

**NO**

**YOU SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE A DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST**

**You should take no part in the discussion or vote**

If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room.  
Do not try to influence the decision.

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.

**OTHER REGISTERABLE INTERESTS**  
Does the matter to be discussed affect:-

1. A body where you are in a position of general control or management and to which you have been appointed or nominated by your Council.
2. Any body which
  - (a) exercises functions of a public nature
  - (b) is directed to charitable purposes or
  - (c) whose principal purpose include the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a member in a position of general control or management
3. Any gifts or hospitality with more than an estimated value of £50

**NO**

**SHOULD DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE AN OTHER REGISTERABLE INTEREST**

You should not vote on the matter but you may make representations or answer questions about the matter if members of the public can do so.

If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room.

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

**OTHER NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTERESTS**  
Does the matter to be discussed affect:-

1. A financial interest of a friend, relative or close associate.

**NO**

**DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE A NON-REGISTERABLE PERSONAL INTEREST**

You should not vote on the matter but you may make representations or answer questions about the matter if members of the public can do so. If your Standing Orders dictate you should withdraw from the meeting by leaving the room.

**You can participate in the meeting and vote**