



## **AGENDA**

**Chairman's Note:** *From the start of the pre-election period ('purdah'), the council must comply with restrictions outlined in Section 2 of the Local Government Act 1986. In addition a Code of Recommended Practice on Local Authority Publicity published in 2011 makes clear that particular care should be taken in periods of heightened sensitivity, such as in the run up to an election. The Act defines publicity as "any communication, in whatever form, addressed to the public at large or to a section of the public."*

*Generally, the Act says that we should "not publish any material which, in whole, or in part, appears to be designed to affect public support for a political party." The Code of Practice recommends that councils should generally not issue any publicity which seeks to influence voters and that publicity relating to individuals involved directly in the election should not be published unless expressly authorised by statute.*

*In relation to decision making within the council, the position remains that it is 'business as usual' unless there are very good reasons why this should not be the case. In the vast majority of cases, the pre-election period will have no impact on normal council business.*

### **1. ACCEPTANCE, OR OTHERWISE, OF APOLOGIES**

None to date. There is a vacancy on Planning Committee which will be filled following co-option at Council on 19 June.

**Recommendation** – That the information be noted.

### **2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18**

**Recommendation** – That a Vice Chair of Planning Committee be elected for the municipal year 2017-18.

### **3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

In accordance with this Council's adopted Constitution (Members' Code of Conduct) (Minute 12/May/17 refers), Members will be asked whether they have any personal or prejudicial interests in any matter on the agenda and, if so, to declare those interests at this point of the meeting. Members are reminded that a declaration can be given later in the meeting if a need arises during discussion.

### **4. PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING – 24 APRIL 2017 – MINUTES (enclosed)**

### **5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- (i) DM/17/01536/LB – **42 Horse Market** – Insertion of serving hatch window in shop front (Design/Access Statement, Heritage Statement and plans enclosed).
- (ii) DM/17/01560/FPA – **20 Galgate** – Change of use to provide additional dwelling (Heritage, Design & Access Statement and plans enclosed).

The listed building application was considered by this Planning Committee on 24 April, when it was resolved to support the application.

- (iii) DM/17/01060/AD – **Unit 4 Castle Chambers 21 – 23 Market Place** – Proposed hanging sign (planned location and detail enclosed).

This is an amendment to an existing application. Advertising consent for 2 self adhesive window panels to be displayed in the lower half of the first floor windows was considered by this Planning Committee on 24 April, when it was resolved to support the application.

- (iv) DM/17/01452/OUT – **Land between 21 Sherwood Close and Eldersfield Green Lane** – Outline permission for erection of 1 dwelling with access to be considered (Design & Access Statement, site plans and tree report enclosed).
- (v) DM/17/01423/FPA – **Barnard Castle Preparatory School, Newgate** – New door access and canopy to covered area (Design & Access Statement including Heritage Statement and plans enclosed).
- (vi) DM/17/01362/TCA – **30 Thorngate Place** – T1-T4 Pear – pollard leaving stems at 2.5m (trees in conservation area).

The above tree works do not need permission from Durham County Council. Trees and appropriate works have been assessed by Olivers Tree Services Ltd. The Council will not be approving or refusing the proposal so comments are not invited.

All applications can be viewed on line via Durham County Council's Planning Application System:  
<http://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>