



**Cumberland  
Council**

**Summons and agenda  
for the meeting of  
Cumberland Council**

**on**

Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 1.00 pm

at

Cathedral Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle



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Summons

To the Chair and Members of Cumberland Council

You are summoned to attend the meeting of Cumberland Council which will be held on **Wednesday, 6 March 2024 at 1.00 pm** in the **Cathedral Room, Civic Centre, Carlisle.**

Yours Sincerely

Clare Liddle  
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**1. Roll Call and Apologies for absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes (Pages 11 - 28)**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Council meeting held on 16 January 2024.

**3. Declaration of Interests**

To receive declarations by Councillors of any disclosable pecuniary interest, personal interests, other registrable interests or any other interests in respect of items on the agenda.

**4. Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of any items of business on the agenda.

**5. Announcements**

- 1) To receive any announcements from the Chair;
- 2) To receive any announcements from the Leader;
- 3) To receive any announcements from Members of the Executive;
- 4) To receive any announcements from the Chief Executive.

**6. Public Participation**

- 1) To receive any questions from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 10;
- 2) To receive any deputations or petitions from members of the public in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 9.

**7. Minutes of the Executive (Pages 29 - 58)**

To receive the Minutes of the meetings of the Executive held on 15 December 2023, 11 January and 13 February 2024 and ask questions of the Leader and Portfolio Holder on those minutes.

**8. Pay Policy Statement 2024/25 (Pages 59 - 72)**

To receive a report from the Assistant Director of HR and OD to consider the annual review of the Pay Policy Statement for Chief Officers.

**9. Referral from Audit Committee (22/02/24) - Treasury Management Strategy/Annual Investment Strategy & Minimum Revenue Provision Policy Statement 2024-25 (Pages 73 - 154)**

To receive a recommendation made by Audit Committee at their meeting on 22 February 2024.

**10. Revenue and Capital Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan (Pages 155 - 274)**

To receive a report from the Chief Finance Officer setting out the draft budget 2024-25 and medium-term financial plan for Cumberland Council.

The recommendations were moved for approval by the Executive at their meeting on 13 February 2024.

**11. Council Tax Resolution 2024-25 (Pages 275 - 298)**

To receive a report from the Chief Finance Officer to enable the Council to calculate and approve the Council Tax requirement for 2024-25.

**12. Temporary Appointment of Councillors to Parish Councils (Pages 299 - 304)**

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer for Council to consider and approve a procedure for temporary appointments to inquorate Town/Parish Councils in Cumberland.

**13. Operation of the Provisions Relating to Call in and Urgency (Pages 305 - 310)**

To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on the operation of call-in and urgency provisions.

**14. Questions (with Notice)**

To consider the following questions submitted by members in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 11:

- 1. Councillor Dobson submitted this question to the Portfolio Holder for Digital Connectivity and Customer Focus -**

'Progress on installing hyperfast broadband in rural areas is welcome although there is continuing concern that several more remote areas are not yet planned into the programme.

Unsurprisingly the work of installation is causing disruption and inconvenience with road and pavement closures.

Can Councillor Southward confirm that where fibre optic cable has been laid that Cumberland Council will ensure that roads, pavements and green spaces will be reinstated to the previous standard of repair?

**2. Councillor Pickstone submitted this question to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable, Resilient and Connected Places -**

'So far in 2023-24, what is the percentage of household waste sent for recycling, reuse or composting, and how does this compare to other authorities?'

**3. Councillor Wills submitted this question to the Portfolio Holder for Sustainable, Resilient and Connected Places –**

'What is the average length of time taken from a pot hole being reported, to a pot hole being repaired?'

**15. Motions**

To consider any notice of motions in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 12.

**16. Portfolio Holder Reports (Pages 311 - 330)**

To receive reports from members of the Executive and receive questions and answers on any of those reports.

**PART B - ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED IN PRIVATE**

Not for publication by virtue of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information.

**17. Referral from Audit Committee (22/02/24) - Appointment of Independent Audit Committee Member (Pages 331 - 336)**

To receive a recommendation made by Audit Committee at their meeting on 22 February 2024.