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To all members of the Town Council

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO ATTEND an Extraordinary meeting of the Town Council to be held in the Selina Cooper Hall, Unity Wellbeing Centre, Vernon Street, Nelson on **Wednesday 25th August** at **7.00pm**

To request attendance please email info@nelsontowncouncil.gov.uk

N. Harbour

Mr Nicholas Harbour
Assistant Town Clerk

Council Members

Cllr Zafar Ali (Chairman)
Cllr George Adam
Cllr Faraz Ahmad
Cllr Omar Ahmed
Cllr Zulfiqar C Ali
Cllr Husnan Arshad
Cllr Mohammad Aslam
Cllr Ali H Baig

Cllr N Hayat
Cllr Sadia Bashir
Cllr Atique Rehman
Cllr Wayne Blackburn
Cllr P Hannah-Wood
Cllr Atique Rehman
Cllr Mashuq Hussain OBE
Cllr M Latif (Vice-Chairman)

Cllr M Pearson-Asher
Cllr N Pearson-Asher
Cllr Mohammad Sakib
Cllr Mohammad Sarwar
Cllr Russell Tennant
Cllr Ikram Ul-Haq
Cllr Sheila Wicks

Recording of Council Meetings

Under the Openness of Local Govt. Bodies Regulations 2014, members of the public may now film, photograph and make audio recordings of the proceedings of the formal Council meeting, though not, under current legislation, of the Public Participation session, as this is not part of the formal agenda of the meeting. Recording activity should be respectful to the conduct of the meeting and behaviour that disrupts the meeting (such as oral commentary) will not be permitted

Public Participation

- Notice is given that at a time agreed by the meeting, 15 minutes may be set aside for members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting
- Any member of the public shall not speak for more than five minutes.
- A question asked by a Member of the Public during Public Participation shall not require a response or debate during the meeting though the Chairman may direct that a written response will be provided subsequent to the meeting.

A G E N D A

1.	Apologies for Absence To receive and approve apologies for absence and reasons given to the Assistant Clerk prior to the meeting.
2.	Declarations of Interests To receive disclosures of personal and prejudicial interests from members on matters to be considered at the meeting. Officers are required to make a formal declaration about council contracts where the employee has a financial interest. Note: Members must generally declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he or she has in any item on the Agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting. In addition, the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.
3.	Adjournment for Public Participation To adjourn the meeting for 15 minutes to allow members of the public to make representation on the business of the agenda for the meeting. No resolutions can be under public participation.
4.	Casual Vacancy – Marsden West Vacancy To receive written applications for the office of Town Councillor and to co-opt a candidate to fill in the existing vacancy for the Marsden West ward <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Candidates addressing the council will be asked to step forward by the Chair in alphabetical name order (by surname)• Candidates to be given five minutes maximum to introduce themselves, give information on their background and explain why they wish to become a member• Process will be carried out in public session and there will be no private discussion between members• Where the council is discussing the merits of candidates and inevitably their personal attributes, this could be prejudicial and the Council should resolve to exclude the press and public• Council is required to proceed to a vote with each candidate being proposed and seconded by the councillors in attendance and a vote to be taken by a show of hands. A recorded vote may be requested by any member.• In order for a candidate to be elected, it will be necessary for them to have absolute majority of votes cast (50% + 1 of the votes available at the meeting)
5.	Co-Option Procedure To discuss dates around the Co-Option of a new Councillor to fill the vacancy in the Walverden ward.
6.	Date of the Next Town Council Meeting To note the date of the next Full Town Council meeting is to take place on Wednesday 08 th September 2021 at the Unity Well Being Centre.