

## **FULL COUNCIL MEETING**

**AGENDA – 26<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 6:30pm  
in the Council Chambers of Morpeth Town Hall**

**1. Mayoral Announcements**

**2. Mayoral Diary**

A schedule of events attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor is enclosed for members' information, see appendix A.

**3. Apologies for Absence**

**4. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested to advise Council of any Declarations of Interest appertaining to the following Agenda Items. (The enclosed form should be returned to the Clerk before leaving).

**5. Public Participation Time**

In accordance with Section 1(d) of the MTC Standing Orders members of the public present may address the Council or Committee at this point on the agenda. The Council/Committee reserves the right to respond or debate the issue at a later date.

None at the time of preparation of this agenda.

**6. Minutes of the Meeting of Council held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

To approve the enclosed Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018, see appendix B.

**7. Matters Arising from Previous Full Council Meetings**

There are no matters arising on this occasion.

**8. Items referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

There are no items referred on this occasion.

**9. External Audit**

Members are advised that the external audit for 2017/18 has been completed and are provided for consideration and approval the external auditors report, see appendix C.

**10. Northumberland Credit Union**

Members are provided for information with a report on the recent Northumberland Credit Union merger, see appendix D.

**11. Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Reports are attached see appendix E.

**12. Strategic County Councillor Updates**

There are no updates on this occasion.

**13. Area Council Issues**

To raise any issues which members wish to bring to the attention of the next Area Committee.

Mayor's Diary May 2018-2019Key

Confirming details

Events confirmed and attending

Cannot attend or cancelled

Red

Black

Green

Sep-18			
5th	12pm	James Burrell Builders Merchants Branch Opening (Ribbon cutting at 12 noon)	Coopies Lane Industrial Estate
5th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
6th	4:30-6pm	British Citizenship	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom
7th	2-4pm	Meet the Mayor	Morpeth Town Hall, Corn Exchange
7th	5pm	Opening new office for O'Neill Richmond Law Firm Ltd	25a Bridge Street, Morpeth
7th	7pm-12am	Morpeth Parish Concert - Groove Central Station	Riverside Lodge, Morpeth
7th	6:30-8:30pm	William & Alison Parente at Home	Bothal Castle, Bothal, Morpeth
8th	10:30am-12pm	Walking the Wansbeck	Flood Action Group, Wansbeck
8th	7:30pm	Flood Heritage Event	Morpeth Town Hall
9th	10:30am	Public Exhibition	Morpeth Town Hall
11th	11am	Emily Davison Statue Unveiling	Carlisle Park, Morpeth
13th	2-4pm	Heritage Open days	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers / Mayor's Parlour
15th	7pm	Civic Head - A Night at the Museum	Woodhorn Museum, QEII Country Park, Ashington
17th	3:45pm	Prize Giving - Summer Reading Challenge	Morpeth Library, Morpeth
19th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
20th	10:30am	Newcastle University Project on Availability of Accessible Toilets in Northumberland	Morpeth Town Hall
20th	5:30pm	Dementia Friendly Public Meeting	Town Hall, Morpeth

25th	10-1pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Lisa Matthews, 4 Kyloe Place, Bedlington, NE22 5BF
26th	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
29th	10am-1pm	Macmillan Coffee Morning	New Life Church, Morpeth
29th-30th		Mayor not available for events	
<b>Oct-18</b>			
1st-5th		Mayor not available for events	
1st	7pm for 7:30pm	Morpeth Lions Charity Chinese Banquet	Mulan Restaurant, Morpeth
3rd	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
4th	6pm	Barnabas Safe and Sound AGM	Barnabas Centre, Ninth Avenue, Stobhillgate, Morpeth, NE61 2HS
5th	2pm	Newminster School Children's Visit	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayor's Parlour
6th	7pm	Pizza & Pasta Night	Rift House Community Building, Hartlepool
6th-7th	TBC	Food and Drink Festival	Sanderson Arcade, Morpeth
11th	5:15-6:15pm	6th Morpeth Beavers Visit	Mayor's Parlour, Morpeth Town Hall
12th	2pm	Newminster School Children Visit	Mayor's Parlour, Morpeth Town Hall
17th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
18th	7:30pm	Music Society Concert	Methodist Church, Morpeth
18th - 21st	All Day	Britain In Bloom Results	Belfast
20th	3:45 for 4pm	Installation of Venerable Geoff Miller as Dean of Newcastle	Newcastle Cathedral
21st	11:30am	Collingwood Day - Toast to Lord Collingwood	Morpeth Town Hall
26th	10am-4pm	Morrisons Collection for Mayor's Charity	Morrisons Supermarket
28th	3-5:30pm	Afternoon Tea with Fashion Through the Ages	Barnard Castle School
28th	TBC	Primo Piano Fundraising Meal	Primo Piano, Morpeth

Nov-18			
4th	6pm	The Mayor's Civic Service	All Saints' Church and Burbank Community Church Stranton, Church Row, Hartlepool
5th	12:45-4pm	Mary Hollon Tea	Hollon Trust, Morpeth Town Hall
5th	4:30-6pm	British Citizenship Ceremony	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom
7th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
8th	6:30-8:30pm	Sweat for a Cause - Feeding Families Charity Event	Kind Edward VI High School, Morpeth
9th	6:30pm	Mayoral Dinner on Behalf of 100th Anniversary of Armistice Day	Best Western Grand Hotel, Hartlepool
11th	10:20am	Remembrance Sunday	Morpeth Town Hall – Parade to the Cenotaph, and 2 mins silence
11th	3pm	Service of Commemoration 100 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Armistice Day	Hexham Abbey, Hexham
11th	3pm	Service Conducted by Simon White	St James' Church, Morpeth
14th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
17th	TBA	Morpeth and Sanderson Arcade Light Switch on	Morpeth Town Centre & Sanderson Arcade
18th	1:30pm	Meet the Lions	Riverside Lodge, Morpeth
21st	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
27th	6-7:15pm	1st Morpeth Boys Brigade	Mayors Parlour, Town Hall
Dec-18			
5th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
7th	6pm	Carol Service	Warkworth
8th	6:30-12pm	Mayor's Ball	Morpeth Town Hall
11th	TBC	Christmas Celebration	Mayor's Parlour, Gateshead Civic Centre

11th	TBC	Christmas Message at Morpeth Golf Club	Rotary Club, Morpeth
12th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
12th	6pm	The Mayor's Civic Carol Service	All Saints' Church and Burbank Community Church Stranton, Church Row, Hartlepool
31st	11:45pm	New Year	Morpeth Clock Tower
<b>Jan-19</b>			
9th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
18th	2pm	Newminster School children visit to the Mayors Parlour	Mayors Parlour, Morpeth Town hall
16th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
23rd	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
25th	2pm	Newminster School children visit to the Mayors Parlour	Mayors Parlour, Morpeth Town Hall
<b>Feb-19</b>			
6th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
20th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
<b>Mar-19</b>			
1st	TBC	Morpeth Rotary President's Night	Morpeth Golf Club, Morpeth
6th	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
8th	12 noon	International Women's Day	St. Mary's Church, Morpeth, and SPCC
9th	11-4pm	Lions Swimathon	Riverside Leisure Centre, Morpeth
13th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
20th	6:30pm	Full Council Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
22nd	2pm	Newminster School children visit to the Mayors Parlour	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayors Parlour
29th	2pm	Newminster School children visit to the Mayors Parlour	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayors Parlour
<b>Apr-19</b>			

3rd	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
10th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
17th	6pm	Annual Assembly	Morpeth Town Hall
22nd	11am	Easter Oranges	Carlisle Park, Morpeth
26th-28th	All day	Morpeth Northumbrian Gathering	Morpeth Town Hall
<b>May-19</b>			
1st	6:30pm	Finance & General Purposes Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
8th	6:30pm	Planning & Transport Committee Meeting	Morpeth Town Hall, Council Chambers
15th	6:30pm	Full Council/Mayor Making	Morpeth Town Hall, Ballroom
17th	2pm	Newminster School children visit to the Mayors Parlour	Morpeth Town Hall, Mayors Parlour

**Morpeth Town Council**  
**Minutes of the Full Council Committee Meeting**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2018**  
**at 6pm in the Council Chamber of Morpeth Town Council**

**Present:** Councillors: J Gebhard - Mayor

D Bawn  
N Bawn  
N Best  
A Byard  
R Hogg  
K Holmes  
J Parreira  
R Thompson  
R Wearmouth

**Clerks:** Mrs T Bell – Town Clerk  
Mrs J Wilson – Office Manager

**Absent Councillors:** Councillor L Cassie – Apologies Received (Business)  
Councillor D Herne – Apologies Received (Personal)  
Councillor A Tebbutt – Apologies Received (Business)  
Councillor J Tebbutt – Apologies Received (Business)  
Councillor J Wearmouth – Apologies Received (Personal)

One member of the press was also in attendance.

**72/18** **Mayoral Announcements**

- Members were reminded that the usual rules about recordings apply.
- Members were reminded that the usual rules regarding switching off mobile phones apply.
- Members were advised that the Mayor's Ball will take place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2018, only two tickets are remaining.
- The Picnic in the Park event was held on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2018, which was a great success.

**73/18** **Mayoral Diary**

Members were provided with the schedule of events to be attended by the Mayor/Deputy Mayor from July 2018 to May 2019.

**RESOLVED**



- (i) The information was duly noted

**74/18 Declarations of Interest**

The Chairman received no declarations of interest on this occasion.

**75/18 Public Participation Time**

There were no members of the public present who wished to ask a question on this occasion.

**76/18 Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

The minutes of the above meeting was approved as a true record.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) that the Minutes of 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018, a copy of which had been previously printed and circulated to each Member, be approved, and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.

**77/18 Matters Arising from Full Council Committee Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

There were no matters arising on this occasion.

**78/18 Items referred from Other Committees and Working Groups**

**Finance and General Purposes Committee**

**i. Document Retention Policy**

Members were asked to approve the Document Retention Policy as adopted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

**RESOLVED**

- (i) To approve the Document Retention Policy

## **Finance and General Purposes Committee**

### **i. Document Retention Policy**

Members were asked to approve the following documents as adopted by the Finance and General Purposes Committee

#### **(a) Financial Regulations**

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

#### **(b) Standing Orders**

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) To approve the Financial Regulations**
- (ii) To approve the Standing Orders**

**79/18**

### **Tommy's Field Allotment Ltd Lease**

The Clerk advised members that following much discussion, Tommy's Field Allotment Ltd have accepted the proposed terms of a new lease with the Town Council.

A proposal was made to agree to a new 25 year lease, and continue with the peppercorn rent of £1 per annum.

A vote was taken: 10 For, 0 Against and 0 Abstention

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) Information duly noted**
- (ii) To proceed with the new lease of 25 years with Tommy's Field Allotment Ltd**

**80/18**

### **Representatives on Outside Bodies**

Members were provided for information with the Outside Organisation reports.

### **RESOLVED**

- (i) The information was duly noted**

**81/18**      **Strategic County Councillor Updates**

Members were provided for information with written updates from Cllr R Wearmouth and Cllr Beynon. Cllr D Bawn advised members that the bus shelter on Shields Road has finally been re sited back to its original position.

**RESOLVED**

- (i) The information was duly noted.

**82/18**      **Local Council Issues**

There were no issues for Local Council raised on this occasion.

The meeting concluded at 6:09pm with Councillors' N Best, D Bawn, N Bawn, A Byard, J Gebhard, R Hogg, K Holmes, J Parreira, R Thompson and R Wearmouth

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### Section 3 – External Auditor Report and Certificate 2017/18

In respect of

Morpeth Town Council NL0100

#### 1 Respective responsibilities of the body and the auditor

This authority is responsible for ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control. The authority prepares an Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with *Proper Practices* which:

- summarises the accounting records for the year ended 31 March 2018; and
- confirms and provides assurance on those matters that are relevant to our duties and responsibilities as external auditors.

Our responsibility is to review Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return in accordance with guidance issued by the National Audit Office (NAO) on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General (see note below). Our work **does not** constitute an audit carried out in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (UK & Ireland) and **does not** provide the same level of assurance that such an audit would do.

#### 2 External auditor report 2017/18

On the basis of our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR), in our opinion the information in Sections 1 and 2 of the AGAR is in accordance with Proper Practices and no other matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.

Other matters not affecting our opinion which we draw to the attention of the authority: none

#### 3 External auditor certificate 2017/18

We certify that we have completed our review of Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return, and discharged our responsibilities under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014, for the year ended 31 March 2018.

External Auditor Name

PKF LITTLEJOHN LLP

External Auditor Signature

*PKF Littlejohn LLP*

Date

13/08/2018

\* Note: the NAO issued guidance applicable to external auditors' work on limited assurance reviews for 2017/18 in Auditor Guidance Note AGN/02. The AGN is available from the NAO website ([www.nao.org.uk](http://www.nao.org.uk))

## Update from Northumberland Credit Union

With effect from 1<sup>st</sup> October, Northumberland Credit Union is amalgamating with NEFirst Credit Union. This follows unanimous approval for the proposal by members at two Special General Meetings.

Northumberland Credit Union is in sound financial shape but there has been a "succession strategy" issue with no new directors coming forward to join the Board. The merger with a larger established credit union will provide a better service for credit union members in the county.

NEFirst Credit Union is a large credit union with around 14,000 members, holding savings of £4.5M with £3.5M out on loan. See their website [www.nefirstcu.co.uk](http://www.nefirstcu.co.uk)

Members of NEFirst CU – and membership is now open to anyone living or working in Northumberland – have:

- Access to on-line membership and loan applications and savings balance
- Dividends on savings for both adult and junior members
- Loans of up to £15,000 at interest rates of 0.6% - 3.0% per month
- Free life assurance on both savings and loans
- The option of a debit card linked to loans or saving accounts

In Co Durham, NEFirst Credit Union maintain "Local Action Groups" which include both credit union members, representatives from community groups and tenants associations and local councillors – and work to ensure that the credit union is responsive to the needs of the local community. It is intended that similar groups are established in Northumberland and input from Morpeth Town Council would be much appreciated.

**Reports re Outside Organisations – Appendix E**

Organisations	Councillor	Report
Morpeth and District Chamber of Trade	Jack Gebhard	<p>Sales of tickets for the <b>Gin Festival</b> being organised with the Chamber's support were going well at the time of writing, with the event on September 21<sup>st</sup> nearly fully subscribed.</p> <p>I attended the <b>Burgham Park BBQ</b> with Cllr J Wearmouth which was a great success, and many attendees expressing interest in another such event in the future. The Chamber are looking at organising a similar event for September. Either myself or Cllr Best will be able to share details with members when they're made available.</p> <p>Discussion around the town's <b>anti-litter strategy</b> remains ongoing, with the Chamber supporting GMDT's position of converting existing litter bins to create a section to stub out cigarette butts.</p> <p>Uptake of <b>In Bloom</b> baskets was higher this year than other years, possibly owing to the good weather as well as support for the town's entry to the Britain in bloom finals.</p> <p>The Chamber supported the F+GP committee's position on a joint strategy to provide CCTV in the town, with the Chamber taking on 50% of the cost of installation. <b>Ken Brown is now liaising with F+GP to seek a firm proposal.</b></p>
Hunter Memorial Homes Millennium Green	Johnny Wearmouth Les Cassie	<p>Nil report</p> <p>Nil report received</p>
Morpeth Heritage Network	Alison Byard	<p>Heritage Website now up and running - member groups asked to populate it.</p> <p>KEVI archive digitisation project, William Turner Garden and alumni lunch</p> <p>Morpeth heroes planter design competition</p> <p>Emily statue</p> <p>Launch of floral clock</p> <p>Heritage themes for next year's In Bloom</p> <p>Trafalgar Day Sun 21 Oct Town Hall 11.45am</p> <p>Heritage Open Days</p> <p>Antiquarian Society, prog of talks exhibition in town Hall and continued need for</p>

		<p>permanent home for collections</p> <p>New book on clock tower</p> <p>Feasibility study for redevelopment of BB Hall</p> <p>The Gathering 26 - 28 April 2019</p> <p>GMDT:</p> <p>Railway station contractual negotiations ongoing</p> <p>Picnic in the Park 15 July biggest ever</p> <p>FOMM prize draw made over £800</p> <p>Possible NCC changes to the Chantry</p>
Greater Morpeth Development Trust	Joao Parreira	Nil report received
Hollon Trust	Alison Byard (Trustee until Sept 2018)	Finances healthy, invites sent for Hollon Tea on Mon 5th November in Town Hall. Mayor and Town Clerk invited as usual.
Markets Advisory Group	Nic Best	The "Six Weeks of Summer Fun" programme of free children's entertainment at the markets through the school holidays proved popular. NCC is reviewing the market rent structure after traders expressed discontent with the "summer premium" and "winter discount" structure which has been in place since April 2015, and was put in place after discussion with traders. The sixth Morpeth Food & Drink Festival is on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> October. Over a hundred stalls are booked – along the length of Bridge St, at the farmers' market on the Market Place and in the Town Hall. The Town Council is sponsoring the Music Stage at the Chantry end of Bridge St.
Northumberland Association of Local Councils	Andrew Tebbutt	<p>This meeting was held at the Pegswood Community Hub with about 20 members present.</p> <p><b>The Annual Meeting</b>, to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> September, has as its main theme "The Borderlands Inclusive Growth Initiative". As I indicated previously because they have changed the date of the AGM I am not able to attend.</p> <p><b>Northern Powergrid</b> (previously reported) – no response has been received to the Chief Officer's request for clarification on the loss of a response team for outages.</p> <p><b>Code of Conduct – Ethical Standards:</b> (previously reported) – there is no update</p>

from the consultation exercise.

**North of Tyne Devolution** (previously reported) – The MHCLG has laid the necessary draft Orders in Parliament. Stephen Rickitt comments this seems later than expected & means the combined authority will not be formally established until October. Elections for the new Mayor are still targeted for May 2019

**Subscriptions:** The Committee agreed to recommend to the AGM that subscriptions for 2019/2020 be increased by 2%. This is for both the flat rate and the Band D Equivalent. The Committee had been provided a schedule of the indicative subscriptions for each council for information, noting that the actual levels would differ because of the annual changes in Band D Equivalents. **The indicative increase for Morpeth Town Council is £43.00, taking our annual fee to £2192.88.**

**Ledbury Town Council – Judicial Review:**

This has been reported elsewhere, but affects all parish & town councils where an officer makes a complaint about the behaviour of a councillor towards the officer. Ledbury Town Council, despite the local Standards Committee finding there had been no breach of the Code of Conduct, went ahead and sanctioned the councillor. A subsequent judicial review has created considerable debate on just how parish or town councils should deal with such a situation, although as far as is known Northumberland has not had such a situation, in that local councils would only implement Standards Committee recommendations. The judgement will be considered in detail at the October Standards Committee, and I will report back in more detail after that meeting, assuming we get clarification. NALC nationally and SILCC have written to MHCLG, the Committee for Standards in Public Life and the Local Government Association expressing their concerns as to where this leaves councils in trying to resolve disputes between officers & councillors.

**Northumberland County Council Local Plan:** Cllr David Francis drew attention to the inconsistency with the County Council's draft Local Plan where some non-Green Belt settlements had prescribed boundaries but other did not. The determining factor seems to be whether a saved borough/district council local plan had such boundaries. Cllr Parks said the same position applies to protected green spaces. After discussion, it was agreed that should be raised at the Town &



Parish Councils Liaison Working Group on 13 September 2018, to be followed up by a note to members.

**Northumberland County Council Standards Committee:** Following the resignation of Cllr Bryn Owen at Craster, there is a parish councillor vacancy on the Standards Committee. It is hoped someone from a rural area will be appointed, as both Cllr A Wallace & I are from urban & relatively large councils.  
**Vulnerable People:** Cllr Wallace raised concerns about internet scams being targeted at elderly and vulnerable people so that they purchase expensive and unneeded items – now becoming known as *Jessica Scam Syndrome*. There followed a debate extending to unsolicited calls irrespective of membership of the *Telephone Preference Scheme* and reports to *Fraud Action Helplines*. Other examples involved unwarranted insurance and aggressive salesmanship. It was agreed that the Chief Officer should prepare a report for a future meeting, after discussions with the National NALC and local Trading Standards Officers, to see how Local Councils may assist.

**Community Flood Action Plans:** Cllr David Francis drew attention to the tenth anniversary of the Northumberland Floods which affected many communities. He suggested, supported by others, that it was a useful prompt for Local Councils to check that their emergency plans were up-to-date. The Chief Officer will ask Member Councils, especially smaller ones, whether they have plans which could be used as templates, as well as contacting Civil Contingencies Officers at the principal councils.

**National NALC Report:** Cllr David Francis reported a number of issues, including

- The lobbying by the National NALC to try to get a permanent exemption from the threat of council tax referendums for parish & town councils
- Lobbying for full rate relief for public toilets
- Lobbying for an end to the inconsistencies in passing Council Tax Benefit to Local Councils (a real issue in Northumberland)
- Research on planning authorities and inspectors' application (or not) of Neighbourhood Plan policies. This could be very significant as there is

		<p>growing concern across the country that Planning inspectors are ignoring Neighbourhood Plans.</p> <p>There were a number of other issues relating to other parts of the County, which I don't think are of direct relevance to Morpeth Town Council. Members can access all the details on the NALC website, although the finalised minutes had not been posted at the time of preparing this report.</p>
<p>Town and Parish Liaison</p>	<p>Nic Best</p>	<p>The second of the three meetings of 2018-19 was held on 13<sup>th</sup> Sept and included the usual Local Services Update, updates on the Local Plan, the North of Tyne Combined Authority and the Borderlands Initiative – and a preview of the Parish &amp; Town Council Conference on 11<sup>th</sup> Oct.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCC have been trialling “enhanced enforcement” of fixed penalty notices by civil enforcement officers funded by Ashington and Blyth Town Councils</li> <li>• Changes to refuse collection routes will be implemented on 22<sup>nd</sup> October and 12<sup>th</sup> November</li> <li>• Final snagging of recently installed street lighting is currently underway before the contractor hands over to NCC, so NCC would be glad to learn of any issues with street lights within the next few weeks – so that they are rectified at the contractor’s cost.</li> <li>• The Local Plan is on target for the PreSubmission consultation draft to go to Cabinet in December.</li> <li>• It is expected that the North of Tyne Combined Authority will become a legal entity in early November with the Mayoral election in May ’19. NALC are lobbying for a (non-voting) Town &amp; Parish Council representative on the Board.</li> </ul>
<p>NCC Local Area Council</p>	<p>Jack Gebhard Andrew Tebbutt</p>	<p>Nil report received</p>