



South Tyneside Council

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the South Tyneside Metropolitan Borough Council to be held on Thursday, 11 April 2019 at 6.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, South Shields, for the transaction of the business indicated below:

Agenda

1. Declarations of Interest.
2. Minutes of the meeting of Council on 28 February 2019 Pages 1-10
3. Mayor's Announcements or Communications
4. To consider a report of the Corporate Director Children, Adults and Health on Children and Young People: Participation and Engagement To follow
5. To consider a report of the Corporate Director Business and Resources on the Council Hello Tomorrow; Change is Happening Annual Report 2018/19 To follow
6. To consider a report of the Acting Corporate Director Economic Regeneration on Highways Maintenance Pages 17-22
7. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 8 to deal with questions (if any) in the following order:
 - Questions from members of the Public
 - Questions from Elected Members
 - Questions from Elected Members to Representatives of the Police, Integrated Transport and Fire Authorities

8. In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 to consider the following Notice of Motion:

“South Tyneside Council notes that:

- As a Party to the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, the UK must take steps to the maximum of its available resources to achieve progressively the realisation of social rights.
- However, 14 million people, a fifth of the population, live in poverty – four million of them are more than 50% below the poverty line, and 1.5million are destitute, unable to afford basic essentials.
- The UN Special Rapporteur on Extreme Poverty and Human Rights, Philip Alston, visited the UK in November, including the North East. At the end of his mission, Professor Alston concluded: *“The costs of austerity have fallen disproportionately upon the poor, women, racial and ethnic minorities, children, single parents, and people with disabilities. The changes to taxes and benefits since 2010 have been highly regressive, and the policies have taken the highest toll on those least able to bear it. The experience of the United Kingdom, especially since 2010, underscores the conclusion that poverty is a political choice.”*
- Despite being in the forefront of the Equality Act 2010 (section 1), successive governments have failed to bring the socio-economic duty to life.

South Tyneside recognises that:

- Everyone is entitled to the right to education, adequate housing, healthcare, food, social security and a decent standard of living, and everyone has the right to hold the government and other public authorities to account for the decisions that affect them.

South Tyneside Council resolves:

- To express support for local campaigns and activities that defend and promote social rights
 - To write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions outlining the impact of austerity on local residents and urging them to a) assess the cumulative impact of tax and spending decisions since 2010, b) prioritise the reversal of particularly regressive measures, including the benefit freeze, the two-child limit and the benefit cap, and c) restore the link between social security entitlements and the cost of living
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- To write to the Prime Minister urging her to commence the socio-economic duty of the Equality Act 2010.

Signed

Councillors: I Malcolm
Hetherington
Hamilton
Kerr
Dean
Ellison
Porthouse
Donaldson
Boyack

Martin Swales
Chief Executive
