

**THE CHAIR AND ALL MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL**

Thursday 28 July 2022

Dear Member

**EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING - WEDNESDAY 31ST AUGUST, 2022**

You are hereby summoned to attend an Extraordinary meeting of the Council of the Borough of Middlesbrough to be held on **Wednesday 31st August, 2022 at 6.00 pm** in the Council Chamber to transact the following business, namely:-

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

3. Request for Extraordinary Council Meeting to discuss the External Audit report produced by Ernst and Young regarding Middlesbrough Council in which the Council's accounts were qualified

Request for Extraordinary Council Meeting from all Members of the Labour Group:

We, the undersigned, read with grave concern the External Audit report produced by Ernst and Young regarding Middlesbrough Council in which the Council's accounts were qualified due to multiple serious governance failings.

We wish to request an urgent Extraordinary General Meeting of Middlesbrough Council to allow members to debate and discuss the External Audit report and the implications and consequences that flow from it. This includes the unprecedented decision of the Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer to refuse to sign off an Annual Governance statement and the request that has been made to central government for the Department of Levelling up and Housing and Communities to intervene in Middlesbrough Council's governance processes.

We believe that a full and frank discussion of these issues by elected members is essential.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CJ Benjamin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style. The letters are dark and have some texture, suggesting they were written on a light-colored surface. The signature is positioned above the printed name and title.

Charlotte Benjamin,  
Director of Legal and Governance Services

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Inspection of Papers – Documents referred to on this Summons may be downloaded from the Council's Website.

Should you have any queries in regard to the items on this agenda please contact Bernie Carr, Democratic Services on (Direct Line 01642 729714 or e-mail on: [bernie\\_carr@middlesbrough.gov.uk](mailto:bernie_carr@middlesbrough.gov.uk)).

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