

**Northumberland County Council  
Ashington and Blyth Area Council  
Work Programme 2018-19**

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.
- (b) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- (c) To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- (d) To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- (e) To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- (f) To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- (g) To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- (h) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (i) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (j) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (k) To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.
- (l) To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.
- (m) To exercise the following functions within their area:-
  - (i) the Council's functions in relation to the survey, definition, maintenance, diversion, stopping up and creation of public rights of way.
  - (ii) the Council's functions as the Commons Registration Authority for common land and town/village greens in Northumberland.
  - (iii) the Council's functions in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
  - (iv) the Council's functions in relation to the Northumberland National Park and County Joint Local Access Forum (Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007).
  - (v) the Council's role in encouraging wider access for all to the County's network of public rights of way and other recreational routes.

## ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED

**Standard items updates:** Public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), members' local improvement schemes (quarterly)

**To be listed:** Active Northumberland, Tourism

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13 March 2019 (Newbiggin)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning applications</li><li>• Planning Appeals</li><li>• Update on dog fouling, littering and Green Dog Walkers numbers (under 'Local Services Issues' heading)</li></ul>
10 April 2019 (Blyth)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way</li></ul>
15 May 2019 (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning Applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way</li><li>• Community Chest Presentations</li><li>• Other items to be confirmed</li></ul>

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	16 May 2018	Consultation on the Refreshed Functional Hierarchy and Resilient Road Network	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	
2.	16 May 2018	Litter Picking Programme/Plans	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
3.	16 May 2018	Ambulance Performance	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
4.	16 May 2018	Outside Bodies	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the list of appointments be agreed, subject to the changes highlighted.	
5.	16 May 2018	Timed temporary 20 mph zones near schools	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	
6.	11 July 2018	Petition to support additional parking and road surface improvements in	<b>RESOLVED</b> that:- 1. the issues raised in the petition be noted; 2 the request for additional parking and improvements to the road condition to be added to	

		Moorland Villas, Bedlington and its neighbouring areas	the Database of Requests and passed to the local councillor and parish council for their consideration in the next LTP Programme.	
7.	11 July 2018	Local Services Issues	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted and reported to the relevant Officer	
8.	11 July 2018	Northumberland Local Plan - Regulation 18 Draft Plan	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report and presentation be noted.	
9.	12 Sept 2018	Nuisance by seagulls in Blyth	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
10.	12 Sept 2018	Safety improvements to Plessey Road/Post Office area	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
11.	12 Sept 2018	Local Services Issues	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted and reported to the relevant Officer	
12.	12 Sept 2018	Annual Policing Update	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
13.	12 Sept 2018	Blyth Business Improvement District	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report and presentation be noted.	
14.	12 Sept 2018	The Green Dog Walker Scheme and Dog Fouling Enforcement	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	

15.	14 Nov 2018	Local Services Issues	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted and Councillor Gallacher be provided with an update about a review of the refuse route around Ashington.	
16.	14 Nov 2018	Northumberland Economic Strategy	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
17.	14 Nov 2018	Empowering Communities Project	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
18.	14 Nov 2018	Community Clothing Scheme	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	
19.	16 Jan 2019	Local Services Issues	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the issues raised be reported to relevant officers and information be provided to Members as indicated.	
20.	16 Jan 2019	Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2019-20	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the presentation be received and comments noted.	
21.	16 Jan 2019	Derelict and Vacant Properties in Blyth	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Councillor Nisbet contact the Housing Department about her concerns and the South Tyneside scheme as outlined above.	
22.	13 Feb 2019	Urgent Business - request for a progress update regarding the planning application	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Democratic Services follow this issue up and a response sent to Councillor Wilson.	

		passed in 2018 for the Early Years Learning Centre in Ashington.		
23.	Local Transport Plan Programme 2019/20	<b>RESOLVED</b> that members' comments on the plan be considered in the finalisation of the programme for the LTP 2019/20, and members' queries be followed up.		
24.	Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)	<b>RESOLVED</b> that members' comments be noted and any queries be followed up.		