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**Northumberland County Council
Ashington and Blyth Area Council
Work Programme 2019-20**

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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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15 May (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way• Community Chest Presentations• Appointments to Outside Bodies
12 June 2019 (Newbiggin)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way
10 July 2019 (Blyth)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planning Applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way• Report on proposed Blyth Relief Road• Other items to be confirmed

14 August 2019 (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way
11 September 2019 (Newbiggin)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning Applications, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Annual Policing Update • Other items to be confirmed
9 October 2019 (Blyth)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way
13 November 2019 (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Other items to be confirmed
11 December 2019 (Newbiggin)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way
15 January 2020 (Blyth)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2020-21 • Other items to be confirmed

12 February 2020 (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Local Transport Plan
11 March 2020 (Newbiggin)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Other items to be confirmed
8 April 2020 (Blyth)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way
13 May 2020 (Ashington)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning application, Planning Appeals, Rights of Way • Other items to be confirmed

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	16 May 2018	Consultation on the Refreshed Functional Hierarchy and Resilient Road Network	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	
2.	16 May 2018	Litter Picking Programme/Plans	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
3.	16 May 2018	Ambulance Performance	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
4.	16 May 2018	Outside Bodies	RESOLVED that the list of appointments be agreed, subject to the changes highlighted.	
5.	16 May 2018	Timed temporary 20 mph zones near schools	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	
6.	11 July 2018	Petition to support additional parking and road surface improvements in Moorland Villas, Bedlington and its neighbouring areas	RESOLVED 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 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	RESOLVED that the information be noted and reported to the relevant Officer	
8.	11 July 2018	Northumberland Local Plan - Regulation 18 Draft Plan	RESOLVED that the report and presentation be noted.	
9.	12 Sept 2018	Petition - Nuisance by seagulls in Blyth	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
10.	12 Sept 2018	Petition - Safety improvements to Plessey Road/Post Office area	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
11.	12 Sept 2018	Local Services Issues	RESOLVED that the information be noted and reported to the relevant Officer	
12.	12 Sept 2018	Annual Policing Update	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
13.	12 Sept 2018	Blyth Business Improvement District	RESOLVED that the report and presentation be noted.	
14.	12 Sept 2018	The Green Dog Walker Scheme and Dog Fouling Enforcement	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
15.	14 Nov 2018	Local Services Issues	RESOLVED 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	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
17.	14 Nov 2018	Empowering Communities Project	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
18.	14 Nov 2018	Community Clothing Scheme	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	
19.	16 Jan 2019	Local Services Issues	RESOLVED 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	RESOLVED that the presentation be received and comments noted.	
21.	16 Jan 2019	Derelict and Vacant Properties in Blyth	RESOLVED 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 passed in 2018 for the Early Years Learning Centre in Ashington.	RESOLVED that Democratic Services follow this issue up and a response sent to Councillor Wilson.	

23.	13 Feb 2019	Local Transport Plan Programme 2019/20	RESOLVED 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.	13 Feb 2019	Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft Plan (Regulation 19)	RESOLVED that members' comments be noted and any queries be followed up.	
25.	13 March 2019	URGENT BUSINESS planning application 17/04659/VARYCO - Variation of Condition 1 pursuant to planning permission 16/02735/FUL, in order to extend the time frame for seawall works. Request that information be brought to the next meeting to inform all Councillors about the next steps.	RESOLVED that Planning Services be asked to follow up the request.	
26.	13 March 2019	Petition re Traffic Calming in Latimer Way, Newbiggin by the Sea	RESOLVED that, when available, an update be forwarded to the lead petitioner, the local Ward Member and Parish Council for information and further discussion if necessary.	

27.	13 March 2019	Local Services Issues	RESOLVED that the information be noted and issues raised be followed up.	
28.	13 March 2019	Environmental Enforcement and Environmental Campaigns Update	RESOLVED that 1) the information in the report be noted; 2) The Head of Housing and Public Protection follow up the issues raised.	

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1.	15 May 2019		Details to follow after 15 May	