

Forward Plan

FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS – OCTOBER 2018 TO JANUARY 2019

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p>Implementation of Code of Practice “Well Managed Highway Infrastructure” A final report that summarises the Council’s response to the 36 recommendations contained in the revised Code of Practice and a report on the resulting update to the Council’s Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Policy and Strategy Document. (G. Sanderson/D. Laux - 01670 623139)</p>	N/A	9 October 2018
<p>VCS Support Services Commission The report considers the renewal of the Voluntary Community Sector Support Services Commission, currently held by Northumberland Community Voluntary Action (NCVA) and due for renewal in April 2019. The report will look at various options for the future of the Commission. (C. Homer/T. Kirsop - 01670 624744)</p>	C&P 3 October 2018	9 October 2018
<p>Blyth Business Improvement District To seek Cabinet approval of the Blyth Business Improvement District (BID) Proposals, and to consider the County Council’s position on the BID and whether it intends to vote on the proposals. (R. Wearmouth/A. Lawson - 07917 266 866)</p>	N/A	9 October 2018

<p>Loan Governance The report seeks agreement to the revised governance procedure for managing the loan facility with Arch and Advance Northumberland. (N. Oliver/B. Scarr - 01670 623954)</p>	CSEG 24 September 2018	9 October 2018
<p>Procurement of Design Team Services/Consultancy Framework Design Team services (Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers etc) are procured when the Council undertakes Capital/Construction projects and cannot provide the specialist resource 'in house'. The Council currently has a framework of design team services for construction works that are below £500k, however above £500k external frameworks have been utilised which can attract premium pricing. The proposal is for the Council to procure its own framework of design team services that can be used by the Council and schools capital programme, Arch, property services and the International Team. As the value is expected to exceed £2m over the term of the contract Cabinet approval is required prior to the procurement commencing. (N. Oliver/T. Palmer/B. Scarr - 07920590461)</p>	N/A	9 October 2018
<p>Proposal for Northumberland County Council to rejoin NEPO (North East Purchasing Organisation) as a full member In March 2015 the Council issued notice to NEPO to move from being a full member to an associate member. The Executive Director of Finance has requested a review of the current associate membership to understand the financial impact and wider benefits of re-joining NEPO as a full member. The review has concluded that the Council would benefit from re-joining NEPO as a full member, and requests Cabinet approval. (N. Oliver/T. Palmer/B. Scarr - 07920590461)</p>	N/A	9 October 2018
<p>Budget 2019-20 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22</p>	CSEG 24 September 2018	9 October 2018

<p>The report details provisional additional budget proposals for 2019-20 to 2021-22 to meet the remaining budget gap as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2019-20 in December 2018. (N.Oliver/B. Scarr - 01670 63954)</p>		
<p>Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan This report seeks approval to formally 'make' the Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan. This will bring the Plan into legal force. The Plan passed independent examination on 02 May 2018. A local referendum held in the Parish of Longhorsley on 23 August 2018 returned a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations.</p> <p>Once 'made', the Longhorsley Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan and will be used to make decisions on planning applications in the Longhorsley Neighbourhood Area, which is the Civil Parish of Longhorsley. (J. Riddle/D. English - 01670 623619)</p>	N/A	9 October 2018
<p>Transfer of Arch to Advance Northumberland Cabinet previously approved the creation of a new development company for Northumberland. This report sets out the steps needed to transfer the relevant functions of ARCH to Advance Northumberland, and associated transactions for approval. A high level overview of the proposed operating agreement between the Council and Advance is also included. (N. Oliver/B. Scarr - 01670 623424)</p>	CSEG 22 October 2018	23 October 2018

<p>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2018-19 – Council Tax & Business Rates</p> <p>The report will advise Cabinet of the estimated surplus or deficit balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates as at 31 March 2019. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) requires the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Council Tax Collection Fund estimate by 15th January each year. The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 require the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Business Rates Collection Fund estimate on or before 31st January each year. (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	CSEG 5 November 2018	13 November 2018
<p>Northumberland Economic Strategy Refresh</p> <p>The report will seek approval to the revised Northumberland Economic Strategy following a refresh process currently being undertaken, reviewing the existing 2015-20 Strategy. (R. Wearmouth/R. Strettle - 07770642773)</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p>Housing Strategy 2019-21</p> <p>A report on the updated housing strategy detailing the strategic housing priorities for the County for three years, aligned to the corporate priorities. (J. Riddle/P. Soderquest - 01670 623696)</p>	C&P 5 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p>Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20</p> <p>Since 1 April 2013 the Council is required to have its own council tax support scheme to provide assistance to council tax payers on low incomes. The assistance is by way or a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due. The council tax support scheme needs to be agreed each year by 31 January.</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018

(N.Oliver/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)		
<p>Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-19 to 2023-24 and 30 Year Business Plan</p> <p>The report will provide Cabinet with an overview of the Housing Revenue Account, the assumptions that have been made within the Medium Term Financial Plan, 30 Year Business Plan and recommend approval of the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2019-20.</p> <p>(N.Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p>Approval of the Council Tax Base 2019/20</p> <p>The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base must be set between the 1st of December and 31st January.</p> <p>The tax base is a measure of the Council's taxable capacity which is used for the setting of its council tax. Legislation sets out the formula for calculation.</p> <p>Cabinet have delegated authority to approve the tax base.</p> <p>(N.Oliver/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)</p>	CSEG 7 January 2019	15 January 2019