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Northumberland County Council  
Communities and Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee  
Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2019-2020

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## **1. Terms of reference:**

- (a) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the County Council and Active Northumberland, Woodhorn Museum Charitable Trust and Northumberland Tourism.
- (b) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
- Development Planning
  - Neighbourhood Planning
  - Conservation
  - Housing
  - Climate Change
  - Countryside, Biodiversity and Landscape Quality
  - Waste Management and Energy Use
  - Public and Community Transport Network and Travel to School
  - Highway Maintenance, Streetscape and the Local Environment
  - Local and Neighbourhood Services
  - Crime, Community Safety, and Fear of Crime
  - Antisocial Behaviour and Domestic Violence
  - Fire and Rescue
  - Emergency Services and Emergency Planning
  - Customer Services
  - Provision of Cultural and Leisure Facilities
  - Improving Quality of Life Through Access to Culture and Leisure
  - Supporting Economic Growth in the Arts, Culture and Leisure Sectors

## **2. Issues to be Timetabled/Considered**

Local Area Councils - Requested by Jeff Reid

Section 106 Agreements - Requested by Brian Gallacher

Domestic Violence - Implications of the Domestic Abuse Act (currently a bill)

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5 February 2020

Communities and Place Performance  
Fleet Replacement Programme

4 March 2020

Pre-Scrutiny: Cycling and Walking in Northumberland  
Street Lighting LED Project  
Anti Social Behaviour

1 April 2020

Pre-Scrutiny: Northumberland Coast AONB Management Plan

29 April 2020

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	5 June 2019	<b>Market Strategy</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) progress made against the strategy action plan be noted, and (b) a review of alternative operating arrangements that could be adopted for all markets currently managed by the County Council's Neighbourhood Services team, be supported.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue.
2.	5 June 2019	<b>Additional LTP Capital</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the programme of schemes undertaken through the additional £7.732m of capital maintenance funding and progress in delivering the programme, be noted.	No further action required.
3.	5 June 2019	<b>Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Support Services Commission Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted, and (b) a further update be provided to the Committee at a time when a meaningful assessment of progress can be made.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in due course.
4.	5 June 2019	<b>Domestic Violence and Abuse</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the update be noted, and (b) a further report on the outcome of the Government's consultation on domestic violence and abuse, be presented to the Committee in due course.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in due course.
5.	3 July 2019	<b>Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2019-21</b>	It was <b>RESOLVED</b> that:-	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it

			<p>(a) Cabinet be informed of the divided view of the Committee regarding whether the Strategy should have a three or five year term, and that Cabinet should consider which was more appropriate; and</p> <p>(b) a request be made to Chairmen's Group for a report to a future meeting of the Committee on EMDOs and the empty property list.</p>	<p>determined the report on 6 August 2019.</p> <p>A further report on Empty Dwellings Management Orders be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.</p>
6.	3 July 2019	<b>Public Protection Service Requests 2018-19</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the content of the report, and the member comments made above, be noted.	No further action is required at this stage.
7.	30 August 2019	<b>Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan 2019/20</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <p>(a) subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report, and</p> <p>(b) the Committee's thanks be conveyed to staff for all their hard work as set out in the report.</p>	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 10 September 2019.
8.	30 August 2019	<b>Northumberland County Council Housing Services Domestic Abuse Policy 2019</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	<p>The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 10 September 2019.</p> <p>A further update on the implementation of the Policy be provided to the Committee in the New Year.</p>
9.	2 October 2019	<b>The proposed implementation of the Northumberland Street Works Permit Scheme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	The Cabinet will consider the final report which will include consultation responses on 12 November 2019.
10.	30 October 2019	<b>Northumberland Inshore Fisheries &amp; Conservation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information provided be noted.	No further action during the term of the current Council.

		<b>Authority (NIFCA) Annual Plan 2019-20</b>		
11.	4 December 2019	<b>Empty Homes in Northumberland</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (1) the report be noted. (2) Council be recommended to ring fence the additional Council Tax raised on empty properties as agreed at Council on 6 November 2019 for use in bringing empty properties back into use.	Recommendation to be considered by Council on 8 January 2020.
12.	4 December 2019	<b>Northumberland Homefinder Common Allocation Policy</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action required at this stage.