

Northumberland County Council

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2017-2018

## 1. Terms of reference:

- (a) To maintain an overview of the Council's Annual Budget and Budgetary Management via the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (b) To review the state of Northumberland and the County Council's activity in delivering its Corporate Plan.
- (c) To maintain an overview of the Council's performance management arrangements; highlighting areas of poor performance and monitoring recovery delivery plans.
- (d) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the Council and Arch (Northumberland Development Co).
- (e) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
  - Corporate Services: Organisational Development, Health and Safety, ICT Strategy, Corporate Governance, Financial Services, Procurement Strategy, Risk Strategy, Shared and Traded Services;
  - Partnership development co-ordination with local organisations;
  - Relationships with external bodies;
  - Regeneration and Economic Development;
  - Strategic Transport Network and Infrastructure;
  - Employability, Skills, and removing barriers to work;
  - Capital Programme and Asset Management, and
  - Support to VCS organisations and the Council's relationship with town and parish councils

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25 January 2018

Proposed Grant to Northumberland Community Bank (Pre-Scrutiny)  
Current Performance

1 February 2018

Budget 2018/19

22 March 2018

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	27 July 2017	<b>Write Offs 2016-17</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 12 September 2017.
2.	27 July 2017	<b>Debt Recovery Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted, and (b) the next report to the Committee include an update on the concerns raised by members regarding Housing Benefit Overpayments and Tenant Arrears.	The Committee will receive a further update at their meeting on 23 November 2017.
3.	27 July 2017	<b>2016-17 Outturn Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted, and (b) the information regarding planning challenges be supplied to members.	No further action is required at this stage.
4.	27 July 2017	<b>Performance Outturn 2016-17</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action is required at this stage.
5.	11 September 2017	<b>Portland Park</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the detailed report of the Committee's comments be presented to the Cabinet on 12 September 2017 by the Chairman.	The Committee will receive further report on this issue when appropriate.
6.	28 September 2017	<b>Annual Workforce Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	No further action is required at this stage

7.	28 September 2017	<b>Approval of the Business Rates Revaluation Relief Scheme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that County Council be recommended to approve the Business Rates Revaluation Relief Scheme for Northumberland.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 10 October 2017.
8.	28 September 2017	<b>Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2018-19</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that County Council be recommended to approve the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2018-19.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 10 October 2017.
9.	28 September 2017	<b>Financial Monitoring</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the presentation be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive updates when appropriate.
10.	23 November 2017	<b>Potential Loan to Alexa's Animal Charity</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 12 December 2017.
11.	23 November 2017	<b>Potential Loan to Haltwhistle Social Welfare Centre</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 12 December 2017.
12.	23 November 2017	<b>Setting of the Council Tax Base 2018/19</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations contained in the report	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 12 December 2017.
13.	23 November 2017	<b>Estimated Year End Collection Fund Balances 2017/18 - Council Tax and Business Rates</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 12 December 2017.
14.	4 December 2017	<b>Corporate Plan</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that  (a) members comments be noted and included in the draft Corporate Plan as appropriate, and	The Committee will consider the final draft at the meeting on 18 January 2018.

			(b) note be made that the final draft will be presented to the Committee for comment in January 2018.	
15.	4 December 2017	<b>Debt Recovery Update</b>	Noted.	The Committee will continue to receive six monthly updates.
16.	4 December 2017	<b>External Inspections</b>	Noted.	This was an annual report. A similar report will be considered by the Committee in 2018/19.
17.	4 December 2017	<b>Ashington - Blyth - Tyne Line</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted, and (b) further reports be presented to the Committee as the project progresses.	The Committee will continue to receive updates as appropriate.
18.	8 January 2018	<b>Gilsland Station</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee support the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 9 January 2018.
19.	8 January 2018	<b>Proposal on Shared Services</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Chairman advise the Cabinet of the Committee's comments regarding the proposals and that Cabinet be requested to approve the following recommendations:  (a) the substantive recommendation be amended as follows:  <i>"It is recommended that the Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommend that Cabinet, <b>subject to due diligence and appropriate consultation, including consultation with staff, and the</b></i>	The Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 9 January 2018.  The outcome of the economic impact study will be reported to the Committee as appropriate.

			<p><b><i>completion of an economic impact assessment of the proposals: .....</i></b></p> <p>(b) The outcome of the economic impact assessment be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>(c) The draft Joint Agreement (Appendix 3) be amended at paragraph 7.1, to state that each authority appoint three members to the Joint Committee and that it will meet at the offices of the shared service.</p> <p>(d) The draft Joint Agreement (Appendix 3) be amended at paragraph 8.2, to state that the Chair and Vice Chair should be appointed annually.</p>	
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