

# Northumberland County Council

## Corporate Services and Economic Growth 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 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 Advance Northumberland (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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11 November 2019

Governance Arrangements for the Borderlands Partnership  
Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020-23

9 December 2019

Climate Change  
Debt Recovery Update  
Debt Recovery - Enforcement

13 January 2020

10 February 2020

Budget 2020/21

9 March 2020

Review of the Northumberland Cultural Fund

6 April 2020

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	10 June 2019	<b>Devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the North of Tyne Combined Authority</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 11 June 2019.
2.	10 June 2019	<b>Annual Update Report for Workforce</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted; (b) an annual update of this report for every financial year be presented to the Committee; (c) the whistleblowing data that is contained in the body of the report and the ongoing work to promote a safe environment for staff to raise concerns through various mechanisms across the Council, be noted, and (d) the continued use of Safecall across the Council as a mechanism for staff to raise whistleblowing concerns accordingly, be supported.	The Committee will receive this report annually.
3.	8 July 2019	<b>Debt Recovery Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted and answers to members' further queries be provided after the meeting.	The Committee will continue to receive 6 monthly updates. A presentation on enforcement action be given to the Committee at the time of the next update.

4.	8 July 2019	<b>Blyth Relief Road</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 9 July 2019.
5.	8 July 2019	<b>Advance Northumberland Limited</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be: (a) advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report; and (b) requested to agree to a review process taking place within a reasonable timescale.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 9 July 2019.
6.	8 July 2019	<b>Northumberland Lottery</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that the committee supports the recommendations in the report, including a preference for calling it the 'Northumberland Lottery'.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 9 July 2019.