

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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10 February 2020

Pre-Scrutiny: Budget 2020/21
Pre-Scrutiny: The Northumberland Line
Pre-Scrutiny: Proposed Incorporation - Group Holding Company for NCC

9 March 2020

Review of the Northumberland Cultural Fund
Debt Recovery - Enforcement
Debt Recovery - Customer Services

6 April 2020

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	10 June 2019	Devolution of the Adult Education Budget to the North of Tyne Combined Authority	RESOLVED 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	Annual Update Report for Workforce	RESOLVED 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	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED 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	Blyth Relief Road	RESOLVED 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	Advance Northumberland Limited	RESOLVED 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	Northumberland Lottery	RESOLVED 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 6 August 2019.
7.	11 November 2019	Budget 2020-21 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2020-2023	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 12 November 2019.
8.	11 November 2019	Governance for the Borderlands Partnership	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the committee supported the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 12 November 2019.
9.	9 December 2019	Northumberland Climate Change Action Plan 2020-21	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that this committee supports the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it approved the report on 10 December 2019. The relevant OSC would receive regular updates on the implementation of the action plan.
10.	9 December 2019	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted; and (2) requests made for additional updates be followed up after the meeting.	The Committee will continue to receive 6 monthly updates. A report will be prepared outlining the assistance that officers provide to low income households to manage their Council debt - to be presented to the OSC on 9 March 2019.