

**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNTY  
PROPOSED LOCAL AREA COUNCILS, MAY 2017**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND (13)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>TYNEDALE (13)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CASTLE MORPETH (13)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON &amp; SEATON VALLEY (12)</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ASHINGTON &amp; BLYTH (16)</b></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Alnwick (2)</li> <li>● Amble</li> <li>● Amble West with Warkworth</li> <li>● Bamburgh</li> <li>● Berwick East</li> <li>● Berwick North</li> <li>● Berwick West with Ord</li> <li>● Longhoughton</li> <li>● Norham and Islandshires</li> <li>● Rothbury</li> <li>● Shilbottle</li> <li>● Wooler</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bellingham</li> <li>● Bywell</li> <li>● Corbridge</li> <li>● Haltwhistle</li> <li>● Haydon and Hadrian</li> <li>● Hexham Central with Acomb</li> <li>● Hexham East</li> <li>● Hexham West</li> <li>● Humshaugh</li> <li>● Prudhoe North</li> <li>● Prudhoe South</li> <li>● South Tynedale</li> <li>● Stocksfield with Broomhaugh</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Choppington</li> <li>● Druridge Bay</li> <li>● Longhorsley</li> <li>● Lynemouth</li> <li>● Morpeth Kirkhill</li> <li>● Morpeth North</li> <li>● Morpeth Stobhill</li> <li>● Ponteland East and Stannington</li> <li>● Ponteland North</li> <li>● Ponteland South with Heddon</li> <li>● Ponteland West</li> <li>● Pegswood</li> <li>● Stakeford</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Bedlington Central</li> <li>● Bedlington East</li> <li>● Bedlington West</li> <li>● Cramlington East</li> <li>● Cramlington Eastfield</li> <li>● Cramlington North</li> <li>● Cramlington South East</li> <li>● Cramlington Village</li> <li>● Cramlington West</li> <li>● Hartley</li> <li>● Holywell</li> <li>● Seghill with Seaton Delaval</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ashington Central</li> <li>● Bothal</li> <li>● College</li> <li>● Cowpen</li> <li>● Croft</li> <li>● Haydon</li> <li>● Hirst</li> <li>● Isabella</li> <li>● Kitty Brewster</li> <li>● Newbiggin Central and East</li> <li>● Newsham</li> <li>● Plessey</li> <li>● Seaton with Newbiggin West</li> <li>● Sleekburn</li> <li>● South Blyth</li> <li>● Wensleydale</li> </ul>
<p>Conservative - 10 Labour - 1 Independent - 2 Liberal Democrat - 0</p>	<p>Conservative - 10 Labour - 0 Independent - 2 Liberal Democrat - 1</p>	<p>Conservative - 9 Labour - 4 Independent - 0 Liberal Democrat - 0</p>	<p>Conservative - 4 Labour - 6 Independent - 3 Liberal Democrat - 0</p>	<p>Conservative - 0 Labour - 13 Independent - 0 Liberal Democrat - 2</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">59,523</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">59,611</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">61,073</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">59,093</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">75,963</p>

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

- To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.
- To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.
- To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.

Each of the Local Area Councils will be supported by the relevant Area Managers from the Neighbourhood Services and Technical Services divisions of Local Services. The Area Managers have principal responsibility for environmental services and highway services within the geographic boundaries of the Local Area Councils, supporting elected members with the delivery of day to day services, dealing with service requests from the public, and attending the Local Area Councils meetings. In addition, each Local Area Council will be assigned a nominated Development Management Officer who will provide support in the consideration of planning applications.