

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in Committee Room 1, County Hall, Morpeth on Thursday, 25 January 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT

Councillor D. Bawn
(Chairman, in the Chair)

COUNCILLORS

Beynon, J.
Grimshaw, L.
Parry, K.

Robinson, M.
Roughead, G.

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Oliver, N.
Wearmouth, R.

Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary
Economic Development

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

A. Elsdon
S. Lawson
S. Nicholson

Service Director: Finance
Project Officer
Scrutiny Co-ordinator

41. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors G. Castle, D. Ledger and M. Swinburn.

42. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC held on Monday, 8 January 2018, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

43. FORWARD PLAN OF KEY DECISIONS

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator presented the latest Forward Plan of key decisions (February - May 2018). (Forward Plan enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix A).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

44. CABINET REPORTS PREVIOUSLY CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator advised members of Cabinet decisions regarding issues previously commented on and been subject of report by this Committee. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix B).

The Chairman reminded the Committee that confidential items on pink papers needed to remain confidential.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

45. SCRUTINY OF CABINET REPORTS

The Committee were advised that the Cabinet would consider the following report on 13 February 2018. Members were asked to comment on the proposals contained in the report. Those comments would then be presented to the Cabinet by the Chairman.

Potential Grant to Northumberland Community Bank

This report provided details of a potential grant to Northumberland Community Bank (NCB) of £50,000 towards the capital reserve. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix C).

The Committee welcomed the proposal and suggested that the NCB be invited to give presentations to the Town and Parish Council Liaison meetings to seek support and promote its work.

Councillor Oliver advised members that the Council would be involved in a social media campaign to promote the services of the bank.

RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendation in the report, which should include an invitation to the NCB to promote its services to Town and Parish Councils through the Liaison Working Group.

46. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY REPORTS

Performance Scorecards

The Committee considered current performance for services within the Committee's terms of reference. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix D).

Members were advised that the scorecards were being continually updated and made available for inspection on the Council's website.

The Chairman invited members to contact him if they wished to examine in greater detail any aspects of performance within the Committee's remit at future meetings.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

47. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and Monitoring Report

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator presented the Committee's Work Programme and Monitoring Report. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes as Appendix E).

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

48. INFORMATION REPORT - POLICY DIGEST

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator advised the Committee that the Policy Digest gave details of the latest policy briefings, government announcements and ministerial speeches which may be of interest to members. The report could be accessed through the service finder element of County Council's website at www.northumberland.gov.uk.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

Chairman _____

Date _____