

## Forward Plan

### FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS – DECEMBER 2017 TO MARCH 2018

DECISION	PROPOSED PRE-SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Base 2018/19</b>                      The Council is required to set its Council Tax Base annually. The tax base must be set between 1 December and 31 January annually.                      The tax base is a measure of the Council’s taxable capacity which is used for the setting of its council tax. Legislation sets out the formula for calculation.                      Cabinet have delegated authority to approve the tax base.                      (N. Oliver/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth 23 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Potential Loan to Haltwhistle Social Welfare Centre</b>                      The report will request members to approve a potential loan facility to Haltwhistle Social Welfare Centre of up to £150,000 for the pool plant refurbishment, along with an additional £10,000 to cover remedial work following a pool tile survey.                      (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC - 23 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Mid-Year Treasury Management Performance Report 2017-18</b>                      The report advises members of Treasury Management activity and performance for the period 1 April 2017 to 30 September 2017                      (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622618)</p>	<p>Audit 22 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>

<p><b>Education in Belford - Outcomes of Consultation</b></p> <p>This report sets out the outcomes of informal consultation carried out in relation to the proposal to close St Mary's CE Middle School and extend the age range of Belford First School. Cabinet may be requested to approve the publication of a Statutory Notice, which if approved would require Cabinet to make the final decision on whether or not to approve the proposals in February 2018. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 6 December 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Investigation into a complaint against Northumberland Council)</b></p> <p>Report by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman dated 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 which independently investigated a complaint against Northumberland County Council which occurred in June 2013. Members will be asked to review and note the report and recommendations made by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and scrutinise the actions taken by officers. Members will be asked to agree the actions taken by officers. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 16 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Potential Loan to Alexa's Animal Charity</b></p> <p>The report requests members to approve the potential loan facility to Alexa's Animal Charity of up to £170,000 for the purchase of Patterson Cottage for use as boarding kennels (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 23 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Education Infrastructure Contribution Policy</b></p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 16 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>

<p>The report seeks approval to adopt a policy that sets out the Council approach and mechanism of calculation for Section 106 Agreements in relation to education infrastructure. (W. Daley/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>		
<p><b>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2017-18 - Council Tax and Business Rates</b> The report will advise Cabinet of the estimated surplus or deficit balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) requires the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Council Tax Collection Fund estimate by 15th January each year. The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 require the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Non-Domestic Rates (NDR) Collection Fund estimate on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 23 November 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Setting the Transport Levy for the North East Combined Authority Budget</b> The North East Combined Authority (NECA) is required by law to set its Transport budget and levies for 2018/19 by 16th January 2018. To achieve this, Transport levies must be considered by Northumberland and Durham Council's, the Tyne and Wear Transport Sub-Committee by mid-December 2017 and then by the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 14th December 2017  As a result of the timescales set out above, the detailed proposals in relation to the revenue budget and transport levies need to be agreed by Northumberland County Council's Cabinet in advance of the full Council Budget at its</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>

<p>meeting on 12th December 2017 and the subsequently ratified by full County Council.</p> <p>The indicative Transport Budget and Levy for Northumberland County area is £6,199,460, which is a reduction of £22,280 on the current year's budget. No significant reductions in services are envisaged in 2018/19. (G. Sanderson/K. Francis - 01670 624741)</p>		
<p><b>Proposal to Support Nunnyskirk School in the Form of a Financial Guarantee</b></p> <p>To consider a request from Nunnyskirk Centre for Dyslexia for the Council to provide a financial guarantee (Confidential report) (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth 4 December 2017</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>
<p><b>Enterprise Zone: Business Rate Growth Income Pooling Agreement</b></p> <p>The report asks Cabinet to:</p> <p>approve delegated authority to enter into the overarching Enterprise Zone Pooled Business Rate Income Agreement with the North East LEP and its accountable body NECA, to the Service Director: Finance, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services; and,</p> <p>to replace the existing round 1 funding agreements with new agreements consistent with the new overarching Business Rates Growth Income (BRGI) agreement, to the Service Director: Finance, in consultation with the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.</p> <p>(N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>12 December 2017</p>

<p><b>Gilsland Station</b></p> <p>There is strong local stakeholder support for the reopening of a railway station at Gilsland. The station would act as a gateway to Hadrian's Wall and the project aligns with regional policy in terms of connecting the economy and supporting the tourism and culture offer. The project is in the early stages of development and there is significant uncertainty around the likely capital cost of the scheme ranging from a highly optimistic £7 million to a highly pessimistic £28 million.</p> <p>Network Rail have indicated that to progress the project to GRIP stage 4, the point at which a single preferred option has been selected for detailed design and the scheme would be developed to the point at which external bids for funding could realistically be considered, will cost in the region of £450,000 to £750,000. Unless external funding can be secured, possibly through a Borderlands Growth Deal, it is likely that the responsibility for funding scheme development will fall on Northumberland County Council.</p> <p>It is recommended that Cabinet supports the inclusion of Gilsland Station within the Borderlands Growth Deal negotiations as an opportunity for securing the necessary funds to proceed with the project. (R. Wearmouth/S. McNaughton (01670 624104))</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth 8 January 2018</p>	<p>9 January 2018</p>
<p><b>School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2019/20 Academic Year</b></p> <p>This report seeks Cabinet approval (determination) of the School Admission Arrangements for Community and</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 18 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>

<p>Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2019/20 Academic Year as required by the School Admissions Code 2014. (W. Daley/S. Aviston 01670 622281)</p>		
<p><b>School Organisation Plan</b> This report provides an overview of the School Organisation Plan that has been developed as the policy framework to ensure that the Council fulfils its statutory duty to provide sufficient, good quality school places for all children in Northumberland, whilst allowing for parental choice and diversity. In particular, the report highlights how the plan will support the provision of viable schools in rural communities where populations are decreasing and also the proposals for addressing the pressure on places in specific partnerships where the population is rising and increased capacity is required. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services 6 February 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>
<p><b>Director of Children's Services Annual Report</b> To inform Members, Schools and the public of progress, developments and challenges regarding School Improvement in Northumberland. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 18 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>
<p><b>Funding for the North Pennines and Northumberland Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty</b> NCC's current funding agreements with the North Pennines AONB Partnership and Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership expire at the end of March 2018. This report requests that current funding continues, so that the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty staff teams can continue to receive funding from Defra, on the basis of 75% Defra funding to 25% local authority funding.</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 24 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>

(J. Riddle/D. Feige - 01670 622653)		
<p><b>NCC Tenancy Strategy 2017</b>  The strategy sets out the Council's strategy for the type on tenancies that will be issued within its own stock to meet the requirements detailed within the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and its expectations for Registered Providers with regard to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The type of tenancies that will be granted</li> <li>● Where fixed term (flexible) tenancies are granted, the length of those terms</li> <li>● The circumstances in which tenancies of a particular type are granted</li> <li>● The circumstances under which a tenancy may or may not be reissued at the end of the fixed term, in the same property or a different property</li> </ul> <p>(J. Riddle/J. Young - 01670 623076)</p>	<p>Communities and Place 24  January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>