Forward Plan

FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS - SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2018

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
Replacement of Berwick Leisure Centre There has been discussion for a number of years about the potential for a replacement Leisure Centre facility in Berwick. More recently an option has emerged to bring together the development of the leisure centre with the development of the new Berwick Infirmary Hospital. This paper sets out the current position and recommendations to move this scheme forward. (C. Homer/P. Jackson/N. Bradley - 01670 622868)	CSEG 3 September 2018	10 September 2018
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Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2019-20 The report will present the Medium Term Financial Plan 2019-22 and Budget 2019-20 to Cabinet for approval. The position will be updated following receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement in February 2019 and will be presented to Cabinet for recommendation to County Council at its budget setting meeting in February 2019. (N.Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018
Food and Feed Safety and Standards Service Plan 2018-19 An annual plan to fulfill the requirements of Food Standards Agency's local authority food law enforcement framework	C&P 25 July 2018	11 September 2018

agreement. The plan describes how the Council will fulfill its food safety and standards duties in 18/19. It also contains information on performance in 17/18. (J. Riddle/P. Simpson - 01670 623695)		
Ponteland Joint School and Leisure Facility Update The report will give an update on the status of the project and also request delegations to the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council to award the contract to construct the new schools and leisure facilities (Confidential Report) (W. Daley/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)	FACS 6 September 2018	11 September 2018
Approval of the Level of Council Tax Support to be consulted on for 2019/20 Since 1 April 2013 the Council is required to have its own council tax support scheme to provide assistance to council tax payers on low incomes. The assistance is by way of a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due. Since 2013 the Council's scheme has continued to mirror the former Council Tax Benefit Scheme and provided assistance up to 100%. The report seeks a Cabinet decision to implement a reduction in the level of support to all council tax support claimants in the County meaning the maximum level of support will reduce. (N. Oliver/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018
Update on Shared Services Due Diligence To update members on the due diligence exercise carried out on the Shared Services proposal with Newcastle City Council requested by Cabinet in January 2018. (N. Oliver/B.Scarr - 01670 623954)	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018

 5 Palace Street East Transfer - Berwick To seek approval to the Council acting in its capacity as a trustee: To transfer 5 Palace Street East (including the Mansion House and Hall) to Berwick Youth Project To appoint an additional trustee, in an administrative position, to enable the Property to be transferred. (P. Jackson/M. Turner - 01670 622905) 	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018
Current Status of Active Northumberland Terms and Conditions/Job Evaluation Negotiations To inform members of the progress to date regarding negotiations with the Trade Unions in relation to the proposed new Payline, Terms and Conditions and Job Evaluation process. 1.2 To inform members of the proposed 'next steps' to the process. 1.3 To inform members of the short term financial commitment required. 1.4 To make members aware of the potential risk of claims for breach of TUPE rights which may arise from the process and may require formal support to be given to Active Northumberland by Northumberland County Council. (N.Oliver/ B. Scarr/K. Angus - 01670 623134)	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018
Hexham Business Improvement District (BID) Termination The report will set out the process and seek Cabinet approval regarding the process required to terminate the Hexham Business Improvement District (BID) (R. Wearmouth/R. Strettle/A. Lawson - 07770642773)	CSEG 3 September 2018	11 September 2018

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Stannington Neighbourhood Plan This report seeks approval to formally 'make' the Stannington Neighbourhood Plan. This will bring the Plan into legal force. The Plan passed independent examination on 24 April 2018. A local referendum held in the Parish of Stannington on 19 July 2018 returned a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations. Once 'made', the Stannington Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan and will be used to make decisions on planning applications in the Stannington Neighbourhood Area, which is the Civil Parish of Stannington. (J. Riddle/D. English - 01670 623619)	N/A	11 September 2018
Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) The development of a Regional Adoption Agency (RAA) for the North East will be subject to approval in September 2018 by the Cabinets of each of the participating local authorities: Gateshead MBC, Newcastle City Council, North Tyneside Council, Northumberland County Council and South Tyneside Council (the Constituent Councils). This report provides an update to Cabinet on the progress of the development of the proposals of the RAA. It is proposed that North Tyneside Council will act as the host authority for the RAA with the other participating authorities delegating their adoption functions, pursuant to the Local Government Act 2000, to North Tyneside Council. (W. Daley/C. McEvoy - 01670 624034)	FACS 6 September 2018	11 September 2018

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Borderland Inclusive Growth Deal This report will seek Cabinet's approval of the case for investment compiled by the Councils of the Borderlands area for submission to both the UK and Scottish Government as the basis for negotiating a "Heads of Terms"for a Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal (Confidential report). (P. Jackson/J. Rose - 01670 624747)	CSEG 24 September 2018	25 September 2018
Implementation of Code of Practice "Well Managed Highway Infrastructure" A final report that summarises the Council's response to the 36 recommendations contained in the revised Code of Practice and a report on the resulting update to the Council's Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) Policy and Strategy Document. (G. Sanderson/D. Laux - 01670 623139)	C&P 3 October 2018	9 October 2018
VCS Support Services Commission The report considers the renewal of the Voluntary Community Sector Support Services Commission, currently held by Northumberland Community Voluntary Action (NCVA) and due for renewal in April 2019. The report will look at various options for the future of the Commission. (C. Homer/T. Kirsop - 01670 624744)	C&P 3 October 2018	9 October 2018
Blyth Business Improvement District To seek Cabinet approval of the Blyth Business Improvement District (BID) Proposals, and to consider the County Council's position on the BID and whether it intends to vote on the proposals. (R. Wearmouth/A. Lawson - 07917 266 866)	N/A	9 October 2018

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Loan Governance The report seeks agreement to the revised governance procedure for managing the loan facility with Arch and Advance Northumberland. (N. Oliver/B. Scarr - 01670 623954)	CSEG 1 October 2018	9 October 2018
Procurement of Design Team Services/Consultancy Framework Design Team services (Architects, Quantity Surveyors, Project Managers etc) are procured when the Council undertakes Capital/Construction projects and cannot provide the specialist resource 'in house'. The Council currently has a framework of design team services for construction works that are below £500k, however above £500k external frameworks have been utilised which can attract premium pricing. The proposal is for the Council to procure its own framework of design team services that can be used by the Council and schools capital programme, Arch, property services and the International Team. As the value is expected to exceed £2m over the term of the contract Cabinet approval is required prior to the procurement commencing. (N. Oliver/T. Palmer/B. Scarr - 07920590461)	CSEG 1 October 2018	9 October 2018
Proposal for Northumberland County Council to rejoin NEPO (North East Purchasing Organisation) as a full member In March 2015 the Council issued notice to NEPO to move from being a full member to an associate member. The Executive Director of Finance has requested a review of the current associate membership to understand the financial	CSEG 1 October 2018	9 October 2018

impact and wider benefits of re-joining NEPO as a full member. The review has concluded that the Council would benefit from re-joining NEPO as a full member, and requests Cabinet approval. (N. Oliver/T. Palmer/B. Scarr - 07920590461)		
Northumberland Economic Strategy Refresh The report will seek approval to the revised Northumberland Economic Strategy following a refresh process currently being undertaken, reviewing the existing 2015-20 Strategy. (R. Wearmouth/R. Strettle - 07770642773)	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018