

## Forward Plan

### FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS – NOVEMBER 2018 TO FEBRUARY 2019

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2018-19 – Council Tax &amp; Business Rates</b></p> <p>The report will advise Cabinet of the estimated surplus or deficit balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates as at 31 March 2019. 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 Business Rates Collection Fund estimate on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	CSEG 5 November 2018	13 November 2018
<p><b>Whittington Neighbourhood Plan</b></p> <p>This report seeks approval to formally ‘make’ the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan. This will bring the Plan into legal force. The Plan passed independent examination on 05 July 2018. A local referendum held in the Parish of Whittington on 04 October 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.</p>	N/A	13 November 2018

<p>Once 'made', the Whittington Neighbourhood Plan will form part of the statutory development plan and will be used to make decisions on planning applications in the Whittington Neighbourhood Area, which is the Civil Parish of Whittington. (J. Riddle/D. English - 01670 623619)</p>		
<p><b>Northumberland Economic Strategy Refresh</b> 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)</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p><b>Housing Strategy 2019-21</b> A report on the updated housing strategy detailing the strategic housing priorities for the County for three years, aligned to the corporate priorities. (J. Riddle/P. Soderquest - 01670 623696)</p>	C&P 5 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2019/20</b> 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 or a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due. The council tax support scheme needs to be agreed each year by 31 January. (N.Oliver/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018
<p><b>Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-19 to 2023-24 and 30 Year Business Plan</b> The report will provide Cabinet with an overview of the Housing Revenue Account, the assumptions that have been</p>	CSEG 3 December 2018	11 December 2018

<p>made within the Medium Term Financial Plan, 30 Year Business Plan and recommend approval of the Housing Revenue Account Budget for 2019-20.</p> <p>(N.Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 62216)</p>		
<p><b>East Sleekburn Enterprise Zone</b>  The report will provide an update on the development of the East Sleekburn Enterprise Zone site including the increased costs, and requests approval for the Council to provide additional funding under the NELEP Enterprise Zone funding arrangements.  (R. Wearmouth/H. Smith - 01670 623883)</p>	<p>CSEG 3 December 2018</p>	<p>11 December 2018</p>
<p><b>Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft</b>  To seek approval for the publication of the Northumberland Local Plan - Publication Draft for consultation. The report will also recommend that Council approves the submission of the Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination, following the conclusion of the consultation period on the Publication Draft Local Plan, and delegates authority to the Interim Executive Director of Place, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Planning, Housing and Resilience, to approve any non-material amendments to the Northumberland Local Plan prior to submission of the Northumberland Local Plan to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government for Independent Examination.  (J. Riddle/J. Sanderson 01670 623626)</p>	<p>CSEG 19 December 2018</p>	<p>19 December 2018</p>
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Base 2019/20</b></p>	<p>CSEG 7 January 2019</p>	<p>15 January 2019</p>

The Council is required to set its council tax base annually.  
The tax base must be set between the 1<sup>st</sup> of December and 31<sup>st</sup> January.

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)

