

Forward Plan

FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS – JANUARY TO APRIL 2018

DECISION	PROPOSED PRE-SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p>Gilsland Station 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.</p>	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 8 January 2018	9 January 2018

(R. Wearmouth/S. McNaughton (01670 624104))		
<p>Shared Transactional Services Cabinet will be asked to approve a detailed business case to establish a shared service with Newcastle City Council for the delivery of transactional services. The business case will set out the benefits and opportunities of a shared service arrangement as well as cover any risks. The business case will also include an implementation plan. The annexes to this report will contain exempt information as detailed below:</p> <p>1) The report will contain “exempt” information which falls within paragraph 3 of part 1 of schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972); and,</p> <p>2) In relation to the “exempt” information, it has been determined that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because disclosure would adversely affect the authority’s ability to manage its commercial financial and business affairs. are confidential (N. Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 8 January 2018</p>	<p>9 January 2018</p>
<p>Netherton Northside First School This report sets out a request for permission to carry out consultation on the closure of Netherton Northside First School, at the request of the Governing Body of the school. If consultation is approved and a Statutory Proposal published subsequently, Cabinet would be required to make a final decision on whether or not to approve the proposals. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children’s Services OSC 6 February 2018</p>	<p>8 February 2018</p>

<p>Proposals for Education in Belford</p> <p>This report will set out an analysis of the representations received from interested parties relating to the Council's proposal to close St Mary's Church of England Middle School, Belford with effect from 31 August 2018 and to extend the age range of Belford First School with effect from 1 September 2018. The publication of the Statutory Proposal on 14 December 2017 setting out the Council's intention with regard to the two schools opened a four week statutory period which will close on 11 January 2018.</p> <p>The publication of the statutory proposal will therefore require Cabinet to make a decision in relation to the proposals, which will be either to:</p> <p>Reject the proposal; Approve the proposal without modification; Approve the proposal with such modifications as Cabinet believe are desirable, subject to consultation with the governing bodies; Approve the proposal (with or without modification) subject to certain conditions being met. (W. Daley/A. Johnson - 01670 622767)</p>	<p>Family and Children's Services OSC 6 February 2018</p>	<p>8 February 2018</p>
<p>School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2019/20 Academic Year</p> <p>This report seeks Cabinet approval (determination) of the School Admission Arrangements for Community and 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>Family and Children's Services OSC 18 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>

<p>School Organisation Plan 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 OSC 6 February 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>
<p>Director of Education Annual Report 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>Funding for the North Pennines and Northumberland Coast Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty 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. (J. Riddle/D. Feige - 01670 622653)</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 24 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>
<p>Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site: Future Funding and Governance</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 24 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>

<p>To advise Cabinet as to the proposed governance and funding arrangements, and their implications, with regard to the future management of the Hadrian's Wall World Heritage Site. (C. Homer/J. Rose - 01670 624747)</p>		
<p>Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-22 and Budget 2018-19 The report will present the Medium Term Financial Plan 2018-22 and Budget 2018-19 to Cabinet for approval. (N.Oliver/A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 18 January 2018</p>	<p>13 February 2018</p>