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Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OSC** to be held in **CONFERENCE ROOM 2 - COUNTY HALL** on **WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2023** at **2.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Rick O'Farrell
Interim Chief Executive

To Communities and Place OSC members as follows:-

J Reid (Chair), M Mather (Vice-Chair), D Carr, E Cartie, G Castle, A Dale, R Dodd, B Gallacher, N Morphet and J Lang



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AGENDA

PART I

It is expected that the matters included in this part of the agenda will be dealt with in public.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages 1
- 8)

Minutes of the meeting of the Communities and Place OSC held on 7 December 2022, as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Unless already entered in the Council's Register of Members' interests, members are required where a matter arises at a meeting;

- a) Which **directly relates to** Disclosable Pecuniary Interest ('DPI') as set out in Appendix B, Table 1 of the Code of Conduct, to disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote and not to remain in room. Where members have a DPI or if the matter concerns an executive function and is being considered by a Cabinet Member with a DPI they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with the matter.
- b) Which **directly relates to** the financial interest or well being of a Other Registrable Interest as set out in Appendix B, Table 2 of the Code of Conduct to disclose the interest and only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain the room.
- c) Which **directly relates to** their financial interest or well-being (and is not DPI) or the financial well being of a relative or close associate, to declare the interest and members may only speak on the matter if members of the public are also allowed to speak. Otherwise, the member must not take part in discussion or vote on the matter and must leave the room.
- d) Which **affects** the financial well-being of the member, a relative or close associate or a body included under the Other Registrable Interests column in Table 2, to disclose the interest and apply the test set out at paragraph 9 of Appendix B before deciding whether they may remain in the meeting.
- e) Where Members have or a Cabinet Member has an Other Registerable Interest or Non Registerable Interest in a matter being considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring

Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

NB Any member needing clarification must contact monitoringofficer@northumberland.gov.uk. Members are referred to the Code of Conduct which contains the matters above in full. Please refer to the guidance on disclosures at the rear of this agenda letter.

4. FORWARD PLAN OF CABINET DECISIONS

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- 12)

To note the latest Forward Plan of key decisions. Any further changes made to the Forward Plan will be reported to the Committee.

OVERVIEW

The Cabinet Member requested to attend for the following items is Councillor Colin Horncastle, Portfolio Holder for Community Services.

5.1 Update on Recruitment and Retention of On-Call Firefighters

(Pages
13 - 18)

To provide the Committee with an update on the recruitment and retention of on-call firefighters.

5.2 S106 Infrastructure Funding Statement 2021-2022

(Pages
19 - 54)

To present the Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) to the Committee. It provides a summary of all financial and non-financial developer contributions, within Northumberland, for the financial year 2021/2022

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

6. COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME AND MONITORING REPORT

(Pages
55 - 60)

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee operates within a work programme which is agreed at the start of the Council year. The programme is reviewed at each meeting so that it can be adjusted to reflect the wishes of the Committee and take account of any changes to the latest Forward Plan (which outlines decisions to be taken by the Cabinet). The Committee is asked to review and note its work programme for the 2022/23 council year.

7. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chair, should, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

- Declare it and give details of its nature before the matter is discussed or as soon as it becomes apparent to you.
- Complete this sheet and pass it to the Democratic Services Officer.

Name:		Date of meeting:	
Meeting:			
Item to which your interest relates:			
Nature of Interest i.e. either disclosable pecuniary interest (as defined by Table 1 of Appendix B to the Code of Conduct, Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest (as defined by Appendix B to Code of Conduct) (please give details):			
Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?		Yes - <input type="checkbox"/>	No - <input type="checkbox"/>

Registering Interests

Within 28 days of becoming a member or your re-election or re-appointment to office you must register with the Monitoring Officer the interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 1 (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests)** which are as described in "The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012". You should also register details of your other personal interests which fall within the categories set out in **Table 2 (Other Registerable Interests)**.

"Disclosable Pecuniary Interest" means an interest of yourself, or of your partner if you are aware of your partner's interest, within the descriptions set out in Table 1 below.

"Partner" means a spouse or civil partner, or a person with whom you are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom you are living as if you are civil partners.

1. You must ensure that your register of interests is kept up-to-date and within 28 days of becoming aware of any new interest, or of any change to a registered interest, notify the Monitoring Officer.
2. A 'sensitive interest' is as an interest which, if disclosed, could lead to the councillor, or a person connected with the councillor, being subject to violence or intimidation.
3. Where you have a 'sensitive interest' you must notify the Monitoring Officer with the reasons why you believe it is a sensitive interest. If the Monitoring Officer agrees they will withhold the interest from the public register.

Non participation in case of disclosable pecuniary interest

4. Where a matter arises at a meeting which directly relates to one of your Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in **Table 1**, you must disclose the interest, not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest, just that you have an interest.

Dispensation may be granted in limited circumstances, to enable you to participate and vote on a matter in which you have a disclosable pecuniary interest.

5. Where you have a disclosable pecuniary interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Disclosure of Other Registerable Interests

6. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to the financial interest or wellbeing of one of your Other Registerable Interests (as set out in **Table 2**), you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting but otherwise must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Disclosure of Non-Registerable Interests

7. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **directly relates** to your financial interest or well-being (and is not a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest set out in **Table 1**) or a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate, you must disclose the interest. You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation. If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.
8. Where a matter arises at a meeting which **affects** –
- a. your own financial interest or well-being;
 - b. a financial interest or well-being of a relative or close associate; or
 - c. a financial interest or wellbeing of a body included under Other Registrable Interests as set out in **Table 2** you must disclose the interest. In order to determine whether you can remain in the meeting after disclosing your interest the following test should be applied
9. Where a matter (referred to in paragraph 8 above) **affects** the financial interest or well- being:
- a. to a greater extent than it affects the financial interests of the majority of inhabitants of the ward affected by the decision and;
 - b. a reasonable member of the public knowing all the facts would believe that it would affect your view of the wider public interest

You may speak on the matter only if members of the public are also allowed to speak at the meeting. Otherwise, you must not take part in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not remain in the room unless you have been granted a dispensation.

If it is a 'sensitive interest', you do not have to disclose the nature of the interest.

Where you have an Other Registerable Interest or Non-Registerable Interest on a matter to be considered or is being considered by you as a Cabinet member in exercise of your executive function, you must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest and must not take any steps or further steps in the matter apart from arranging for someone else to deal with it.

Table 1: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

This table sets out the explanation of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests as set out in the [Relevant Authorities \(Disclosable Pecuniary Interests\) Regulations 2012](#).

Subject	Description
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. [Any unpaid directorship.]
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the council) made to the councillor during the previous 12-month period for expenses incurred by him/her in carrying out his/her duties as a councillor, or towards his/her election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract made between the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners (or a firm in which such person is a partner, or an incorporated body of which such person is a director* or a body that such person has a beneficial interest in the securities of*) and the council — (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land and Property	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the council. ‘Land’ excludes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not give the councillor or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners (alone or jointly with another) a right to occupy or to receive income.
Licenses	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to the councillor’s knowledge)— (a) the landlord is the council; and (b) the tenant is a body that the councillor, or his/her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/ civil partners is a partner of or a director* of or has a beneficial interest in the securities* of.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body

	<p>where—</p> <p>(a) that body (to the councillor’s knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and</p> <p>(b) either—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or ii. if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the councillor, or his/ her spouse or civil partner or the person with whom the councillor is living as if they were spouses/civil partners has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.
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* ‘director’ includes a member of the committee of management of an industrial and provident society.

* ‘securities’ means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

Table 2: Other Registrable Interests

You have a personal interest in any business of your authority where it relates to or is likely to affect:

- a) any body of which you are in general control or management and to which you are nominated or appointed by your authority
- b) any body
 - i. exercising functions of a public nature
 - ii. any body directed to charitable purposes or
 - iii. one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union)

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held at County Hall, Morpeth on Wednesday, 7 December 2022 at 2.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor J. Reid
(Chair, in the Chair)

MEMBERS

Carr, D.	Lang, J.
Dale, A.	Mather, M.
Dodd, R.R.	Morphet, N.
Gallacher, B.	

CABINET MEMBER

Watson, J.	Healthy Lives
Wearmouth, R.	Deputy Leader/Corporate Services

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

M. Baker	Service Director – Improvement and Innovation Service
J. Dennitts	Corporate Complaints Manager
M. Donnelly	Service Director – Wellbeing-Adult Services
P. Jones	Service Director – Local Services
S. Nicholson	Scrutiny Co-Ordinator
M. Taylor	Interim Executive Director - Communities and Business Development
N. Turnbull	Democratic Services Officer
N. Walsh	Head of Cultural Services

25. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cartie, Castle and Riddle.

26. MINUTES

It was noted that Councillor Gallacher had given his apologies for the meeting on 26 October 2022 due to another committee meeting being arranged at the same time.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meetings of the Communities and Place OSC, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair:

- a) 5 October 2022
- b) 26 October 2022

27. FORWARD PLAN OF CABINET DECISIONS

The Committee considered the Forward Plan of key decisions (November 2022 to January 2023). (Schedule enclosed with the signed minutes).

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator reported that an item on the 'Produced in Northumberland' Scheme was due to be considered by Cabinet on 14 February 2023. It was agreed that it would be added to the committees work programme.

In answer to a question, he confirmed that all scrutiny members had been sent an email inviting them to the meeting of the Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC in January when the Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan and 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account would be considered.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

28. OVERVIEW

28.1 Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff Setting Methodology

The report outlined the methodology and process by which the Electric Vehicle Charging tariff was set to cover capital costs, maintenance and repairs and adjusted in line with changes in electricity charges.

Matt Baker, Service Director – Improvement and Innovation Service, briefly summarised the report and methodology adopted. He explained that they worked with colleagues in Finance to track the charges of market leaders whilst setting the Council's tariff at the lowest possible point below the market rate, to ensure that all of the Council's costs were covered but where it would also encourage use of electric vehicles. This was in line with the Council's Climate Change Strategy and target to reduce emissions and achieve net zero by 2030.

Officers in the Climate Team also worked in partnership with colleagues in Local Services. The former led on the strategy and project management whilst the latter were responsible for installation of chargers and running of the back office and income collection.

Comments from members included:

- Whether changes were required to the Local Plan to allow use of solar panels in rural areas which would enable residents to use power generated for EVs.
- Use of DVLA data on EV car registration be cross referenced against demographic data for locations and property types. Officers agreed that this suggestion would be useful and would be taken into consideration when determining future locations.
- Whether alternative solutions could be used to allow residents with no off-street parking access across pavements to charge their vehicles if parked on-street outside their properties.

The following information was provided in response to questions:

- Information gained from the solar farm car port project at County Hall would be used to inform other schemes on the minimum viable scale required.
- Battery technology of vehicles coming to the market was improving.
- A significant increase in demand for electricity in rural areas could impact on the national grid and require investment in more sub stations, so locally generated renewable capacity would be positive.
- EV chargers were supplied with electricity from the national grid, which was greening its own supply, in line with the Government's policy.
- EV chargers were located where there were high levels of demand, e.g. in town centre car parks. More recently locations were being identified to enable EV use where residents did not have off-street parking. The latter required analysis of locations and property types. Initially this was focused on car parks near residential areas and in areas where requests had been received from residents. It was hoped that technological advancements in the future would assist the identification of locations when this became more challenging.
- Locations of EV chargers were being spread across the county to provide the best coverage.
- More information on the process to identify EV charger locations could be provided to interested members.
- The Council had a rolling programme to install 75 new EV chargers per year.
- 2035 was the target for the national grid to be decarbonised.
- Reference was made to value for money principles for projects as a whole when decisions were made as the Council wanted to give all residents fair access and avoid rural EV charger blackspots.
- Different tariffs were applied to the different types of chargers. Faster chargers were more costly as they were more convenient and popular. Usage data was available, if required.
- Letters would be sent to all Councillors in the near future to seek suggestions for the location of EV chargers in their local communities. Their responses would be used to inform future funding bids and determination of locations along with other data.

- Once vehicles were fully charged, they should be moved to allow others access to the facility. Some EVCP operators set up their chargers so that users incurred financial penalties if connected for more than the allowed period. NCC does not do this currently and in the case of on-street chargers has only placed enforceable restrictions on time limits at Rapid Chargers through use of Traffic Regulation Orders.
- As demand and level of use increased for on-street chargers, a decision would need to be taken whether Traffic Regulation Orders needed to be implemented to restrict use of bays to EVs only, parking time limitations or introduction of penalty charges within tariffs if the time was overstayed. The technology would be monitored as the Council developed its approach.
- The tariff had been set to cover the Council's capital contribution and excluded grants received by the Council.
- The Council used a prepayment system. Councillor Mather agreed to provide officers with details to allow officers to investigate alternative fuel cards/apps which advertised discounted prices.
- The EV Tariff Working Group was comprised of officers from Local Services and the Climate Change Team.
- Local Services were responsible for the collection of digital payments.
- The Council applied the same rate irrespective of location or demand. Implementation of different rates would be considered but was potentially problematic.

The Chair and several members expressed their gratitude to the officers for the clarity of the report. They were also strongly of the opinion that EV tariffs and facilities should not be subsidised by Council Taxpayers.

Officers confirmed that strategically it had been agreed that the EV charging scheme should break even, although some parts of the system subsidised elements elsewhere. Consideration would be given in the future as to whether tourism locations should be charged higher or lower rates. A member suggested that lower rates could be used to promote the county as a destination.

RESOLVED that that the report be received.

28.2 Corporate Feedback Performance 2021/2022

The purpose of the report was to review the operation of the complaints process between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022, to keep Members informed about the effectiveness of current arrangements for handling customer complaints.

Julie-Dennitts, Corporate Complaints Manager, summarised the report which included:

- Investigation of corporate complaints where there was not a formal or regulatory process in place. This therefore excluded complaints regarding:
 - Adults, Social Care or Children's Act matters.

- Members Code of Conduct issues.
- Any formal appeals (including planning, parking tickets, legal cases, HR matters).
- They also investigated Executive enquiries, members enquiries and service requests, the latter being dealt with by the Customer Services Team.
- Data was provided on the number of informal resolutions, stage one and stage 2 complaints for the previous year and comparison of some data with 2019-20 and 2020-21.
- An update on the newly procured case management system which would make data retrieval and analysis of trends easier in the future once fully implemented.
- Feedback on cases investigated by the Local Government Ombudsman.
- The development of benchmarking data with regional and national colleagues.

The following information was given in response to questions from Members:

- The new case management system would enable more detailed analysis of complaints with real time data available for officers given access. The system was used by other Local Authorities and should address issues raised by members. The system would also be utilised by Information Governance.
- It was important that the number of complaints were not looked at in isolation but consideration was also given to whether complaints were upheld or not upheld, if improved communication was needed or if there were processes which could be done better. A review of all of Council information including Customer Service, compliments etc was used to identify any trends.
- Identification of support available for residents and staff would improve transparency and communication between all parties. It would also reassure individuals that complaints had been looked at properly under the appropriate process, which made it easier for responses to be accepted.
- Information received by the Contact Centre via telephone calls were forwarded to the Complaints mailbox and triaged as appropriate. Other methods were also available for complaints to be made. Emails would be integrated within the new case management system which would improve accessibility and provide updated links to register complaints.
- The website was in the process of being reviewed and updated as part of the Customer Experience Strategy Review.
- Analysis of corporate performance, key performance indicators, freedom of information requests along with data on complaints would enable analysis of performance by section.
- Complaints were valuable and seen as a positive tool which provided free feedback for the Council.
- Elected members complaints were dealt with by the Monitoring Officer which were outside of the corporate complaints process.
- There had been a large increase in the number of complaints received by all Local Authorities which had been discussed at a recent meeting of the National Complaints Managers Group. The increase could be due to

variety of reasons including the difficult last few years, changes to customers expectations, improvements in accessibility etc

- Suggestions for an agreed list of categories were being considered by the National Complaints Board to enable benchmarking.
- Stage 2 template letters ensured that individuals were provided with information on the function and independence of the Local Government Ombudsman and contact details if they remained unsatisfied with the Council's decision on their complaint.

Members thanked the Corporate Complaints Manager for the report which had been informative. They also expressed their gratitude to all the staff who worked in the complaint section as it was an increasingly challenging area of work. It was hoped that existing methods of making complaints would continue for those residents who did not have access to laptops and emails.

The Scrutiny Co-Ordinator agreed to schedule the next annual report when most appropriate with perhaps a demonstration of the new system.

RESOLVED that the report be received.

29. REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATOR

Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Monitoring Report

The Committee reviewed its work programme for the 2022/23 council year. (Report enclosed with the signed minutes).

The Scrutiny Co-ordinator reported that the Chair and Vice had received a request for deferral of the Tree and Woodland Strategy which had been scheduled for the meeting in January 2023. However they had requested that the officer be asked to attend the meeting as scheduled to discuss the main issues for consideration for the updated Strategy and to enable members to set out their own priority areas for inclusion. The final draft could then be presented to the Committee in March 2023.

Issues raised by Members included:

- A report on the recent pesticide free weed control trial.
- Local Nature Recovery Strategy.

RESOLVED that the work programme be noted.

30. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

- (a) That under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the agenda as they involve the likely disclosure

of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and

- (b) That the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons-

Agenda Item	Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A
9	3 -Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information).
AND	The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because disclosure could adversely affect the business reputation or confidence in the person / organisation; and could adversely affect commercial revenue.

31. SCRUTINY

31.1 Leisure Review - Findings of the Review of NCC Supported Leisure Provision and Consideration of Future Management and Procurement Arrangements

Following completion of an extensive review of Council funded leisure provision, the report provided an overview of key findings and outlined a proposed course of action to maximise both the health and wellbeing potential, and value, of future investment (copy attached to the signed minutes, coloured pink and marked Not for Publication).

The recommendations had been agreed by Cabinet when it had considered the report on 17 November 2022. In answer to a question, it was confirmed that the sensitive data gathered as part of the review needed to remain confidential ahead of the procurement exercise which would commence in the near future.

Councillor Watson commented on the complexity of the process and decisions being made by nearby Local Authorities to close some facilities. He referred to the significant investment in facilities by the Council in recent years and the excellent provision by Active Northumberland. However, given the size of the county, it would not be possible to increase access for those residents which were beyond 15 minutes' walk or drive of a leisure site

Marianne Donnelly, Service Director - Wellbeing-Adult Services, explained that some elements of the review had been undertaken in collaboration with Public Health to address inequalities within Northumberland, including preventative ill-health. It would also provide an opportunity to focus future investment based on evident need and delivery of a place-based offer.

In response to questions, it was confirmed that:

- Active Northumberland had been granted extensions to their current contract until 31 March 2024.

- The management fee paid to Active Northumberland had reduced in recent years. However, supplementary support to assist with increasing energy costs had continued.
- Measures were required to reduce reliance on public subsidies.
- The procurement exercise would not solely focus on value for money as other aspects would be factored in.

Members made the following comments when discussing the report:

- Improvements were required to improve the active travel infrastructure in the county to enable residents to use alternative methods of transport to access leisure centres.
- There were many private leisure facilities in the county therefore not all residents used Council facilities.
- The Council had a responsibility for the health and well-being of residents which included opportunities to address loneliness and social isolation.
- Discussions were being held with communities regarding use of local facilities in locations which did not have one of the 9 larger leisure centres.

Councillor Watson thanked the officers for undertaking what had been an extremely complex exercise. The Head of Cultural Services commented that Marianne Donnelly had taken the lead on the review.

RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

FORWARD PLAN OF CABINET DECISIONS MARCH TO MAY 2023

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p>Director of Education Final Report The Director of Education Annual Report presents a self-evaluation of where NCC Education are as a result of work delivered during 2021-22 and also seeks to demonstrate aspirations for the future across all areas of education and related supporting functions. (G. Renner Thompson/A. Kingham - 01670 622742)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 2 March 2023</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>Energising Blyth – Strategic Sites Strategy The report will provide an update on key acquisitions to support delivery of capital developments in Blyth as part of the Future High Street and Town Deal Funded Energising Blyth Programme (Confidential report) (W.Ploszaj/ M.Turner - 07810 756551)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022 The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 December 2022. (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy for Northumberland 2022 The report provides Members with the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2022-2026 for review and agreement (C. Horncastle/J. Stewart - 07771 974 112)</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 5 April 2023</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>School Transport Review Outcome Options At SLT on 1st November 2022 the full range of recommendations resulting</p>	<p>FACS OSC 6 April 2023</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>

<p>from the system wide review of home to school transport were shared. In response to this, SLT requested a further paper to provide a summary with greater detail on the range of options considered during the review on where the transport service best sits within Northumberland County Council. This report provides the options as requested for evaluation and alongside this request's approval for the specific initiative to establish NCC delivered Independent Travel Training provision using start-up funding from the Council Transformation Fund (G. Renner Thompson/N. Dorward – 07811 020 806)</p>		
<p>Service Charges in Sheltered Accommodation The report will request permission to introduce Service Charges to all tenants in 8 Sheltered Housing Schemes in line with those currently charged at Arnison Close in Allendale. The HRA is currently subsidising these tenants at a cost of approx. £200k per year. (C. Horncastle/S. Ogle – 07976851270)</p>	TBC	14 March 2023
<p>The Link (Bridge Street Improvements) This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of The Link project. The Link will improve the highway and public realm along Bridge Street which is one of the main vehicle and pedestrian routes into the town centre. It will improve connectivity and provide a greatly improved walking and cycling link between the town centre and the quayside. The project will support Blyth's vision to be a Connected, Vibrant and Clean Growth Town (W. Ploszaj/Lara Baker - 07919 217457)</p>	N/A	14 March 2023

<p>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022</p> <p>The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2022-23 (R. Wearmouth/ M. Calvert - 01670 620197) Confidential report</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 March 2022</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>Update of Transport Asset Management Plan Policy and Strategy</p> <p>To seek Cabinet approval for the updated Transport Asset Management Plan, Policy and Strategy following it's periodic review, to take account of continued developments in asset management approaches and best practice including an increasing focus on the impact of climate change and prioritisation of active travel and minor amendments to the resilient road network. (J. Riddle/D. Laux - 01670 623763)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>14 March 2023</p>
<p>Leisure Programme Update</p> <p>To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>11 April 2023</p>
<p>Financial Performance 2022-23 – Position at the end of March 2023 (Provisional Outturn)</p> <p>The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 March 2023 (provisional outturn) (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>9 May 2023</p>
<p>Outcomes of Phase 2 Consultation about Education in Berwick Partnership</p> <p>This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders arising from Phase 2 of informal consultation</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>9 May 2023</p>

with stakeholders in the Berwick Partnership area and other relevant parties on the possible models of school organisation within both the current 3-tier system and within a 2-tier (primary/secondary) system. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - (01670) 622281)		
Leisure Programme Update To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)	N/A	12 December 2023
Leisure Programme Update To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)	N/A	9 April 2024

Briefing Note to Communities and Place OSC

Directorate:	Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service
Subject:	Update on Recruitment and Retention of On-Call Firefighters
Date:	8th February 2023

Purpose of Briefing Note

On-Call Firefighters (aka Retained Duty System (RDS) Firefighters) play a critical part in how Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service (NFRS) safely responds to fires and other emergencies. 14 of our 15 stations operate with On-Call firefighters.

It is recognised locally and at a national level there are ongoing problems with the recruitment and retention of On-Call Firefighters. Most of the rural areas within Northumberland, and around the country, are sparsely populated which can make recruitment within these areas difficult. Therefore, there is a need to develop more flexible and innovative approaches to attract potential candidates within these areas.

In recent years, the number of On-Call Firefighters in Northumberland has fallen under the expected levels (up to 45 personnel short of 186 headcount). As a service, we have been continually developing and looking for innovative ways to improve our recruitment strategy to provide operational resilience across the communities of Northumberland.

This briefing note will provide some background and context of how we are responding to the challenges associated with recruitment and retention, along with the progress we have made in the last months.

Background

An Improved Recruitment Strategy

The service has increased its capacity and capability to recruit and train more On-Call Firefighters. In previous years we typically committed to running one or two trainee courses per year. This model would typically deliver a maximum combined candidate number of 16 new On-Call firefighters per year.

NFRS have made a conscious effort to increase this number to three courses per year, which will now deliver a candidate number of 60 On-Call Firefighters per year. In real terms we have increased our overall capacity by 150%. Since introducing this change, we have recruited over 40 On-Call Firefighters.

This change in our recruitment strategy, along with the recruitment cycle now being continuous, will mean our overall number of On-Call Firefighters will continue to increase to meet our retirement and leaver profile.

Enhanced Recruitment Initiatives

In order to ensure we attract and retain the right candidates for our training courses, we have committed a large amount of time, effort, and resources to developing various recruitment initiatives. These newly developed campaigns have improved our On-Call Firefighter recruitment and retention.

These strategies include:

- Investment in recruitment materials.
- Introducing ongoing On-Call recruitment campaigns.
- Increased our catchment areas from 5 to 8 minutes from the station.
- Offering more flexible and attractive On-Call employment contracts.
- Introduction of an enhanced disturbance fee.
- Facilitating a regular On-Call recruitment & retention staff forum.
- Utilising our Wholetime personnel to maintain On-Call availability.
- The recruitment of 2 x On-Call Support Officers * (See below for the roles and outcomes)

Changes to the NFRS Website

We have made significant improvements to our website in order to promote the role of On-Call Firefighters, and to gauge interest in key areas. We now have a dedicated link on the website where potential candidates can express an interest in the role. This not only promotes the role, but it also allows us to forward plan and align potential candidates to where we need them most. In 2022 we had a total of 245 submissions of interest, which is a huge increase in anything we have previously received.

*Introduction Of On-Call Support Officers **

On-Call support officers were introduced approximately 18 months ago. A subsequent 12 monthly review of the role was undertaken in July, with the following outcomes and outputs being delivered:

Operational Cover

- 2,449 hours providing On-Call cover at various locations throughout the service area.
- 112 hours attending operational incidents at various locations throughout the service area.

By utilising the 2 On-Call support officers to provide additional availability to stations where it is required, it can be determined that this additional staffing coverage has increased the overall staffing availability across a wide range of our stations. Additionally, utilising On-Call support officers has prevented the need to send a member of the wholetime duty system to provide cover, and consequently reduce cover in key areas.

Community Risk Reduction Work

In addition to improving the operational cover, the following value has also been gained from the On-Call support officers:

- 50 - Safe and Well Visits.
- 50 - Periodic equipment checks plus input.
- 6 - Appliance changeovers.
- 20 - Hydrant inspections.
- 5 - Site Specific Risk Information Visits.
- 4 - School engagements/visits.
- 15 - Equipment defect reporting and equipment check ordering.
- 6 - Weekly station and equipment check at Holy Island.
- 2 - Transportation of vehicle for exercises/training.
- 4 - Attendance at Exercises as participants & observers.
- Development of station staff (CFRMIS, Redkite, FF development)
- Redkite, CFRMIS, and IRS input.
- Amendment of Weekly, Monthly, and Quarterly test sheets.
- Exercise planning for RDS stations.
- Assist HR with contacting potential recruits for RDS assessments or interview dates.
- Assist Training, Assurance & Safety (TAS) with facilitating training courses.
- Attendance at meetings (Incl. RDS Recruitment and Retention Subgroup, Promotion, and development workshops, Alnwick/Berwick/Prudhoe/Hexham Victim Offender Location (VOL) Meetings, Community Risk & Response Manager Meetings)
- Attendance at On-Call recruitment days.

NFRS have also invested in the On-Call Support Officer's role by training them to a Level 3 standard in fire safety. This allows them to conduct fire safety inspections of businesses across the communities of Northumberland. This will support our process of gathering accurate and up to date risk information.

Changes To On-Call Contracts

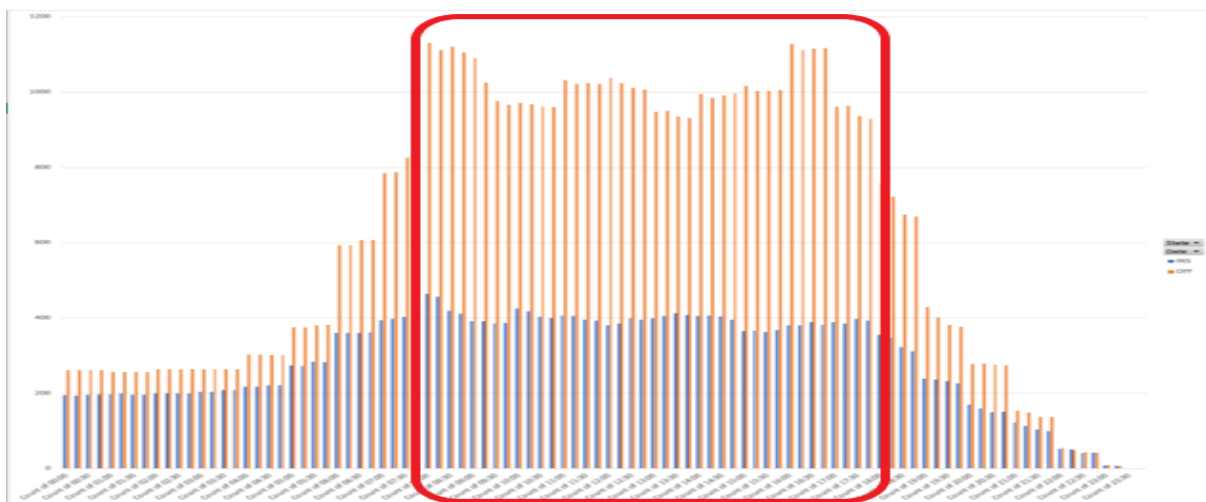
In the past our approach to offering On-Call contracts to prospective candidates has not provided a great deal of flexibility. In line with the National Joint Council "Grey Book" Working Conditions, NFRS offered contracts for either full availability (120 hours + per week), or restricted availability (circa 90-120 hours per week). Both existing contracts represent a significant individual commitment to meet the contract hours, and more importantly did not always reflect the station's availability requirements and the societal changes for that location.

For instance, often stations require daytime/weekday cover and on occasions, the individuals who have been able to offer this, could not commit to a 90+ hour contract per week (See figure 1 below: which shows the availability gap during the daytime hours of between 0800-1800).

We have now changed our approach to contracts, which allows individuals to apply for the role who may be able to provide critical hour coverage, but not necessarily be able to commit to the previous and inflexible hours from previous employment contracts.

This flexible approach means that the role of an On-Call Firefighter is more accessible to a larger and more diverse range of applicants. Furthermore, this will increase our resilience and improve the On-Call appliance availability.

Figure 1



Operational Activity Rates and Establishment Figures

Each single appliance On-Call station has a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) establishment of 10. The two appliance On-Call stations have an FTE of 15. The service will also endeavor to achieve these establishment figures, however there is also a need to be cognisance of other staffing and hourly contracts which may require the need to have bespoke personnel levels for each station.

Therefore, the need to have more personnel at busier stations needs to be considered. Additionally, there may also be a need to increase the number of FTE at an On-Call station if there is a need to increase cover for certain periods of time, which is difficult for the current crew to achieve. By considering the incident data and risk profile we have made a conscious effort to evaluate and where necessary increase the FTE establishments in key locations to support our On-Call availability while providing an effective response to operational incidents or events that may impact the community.

Looking Forward

We will continue to develop more flexible and innovative approaches to the recruitment and retention of On-Call firefighters. As part of our Community Risk Management Plan (CRMP), we will continue to evaluate our service delivery model, including a review of

our fleet and equipment to ensure we are matching our resources in line with the current and emerging risks to the communities of Northumberland.

An integral part of our CRMP is the ability to review our service delivery model, by doing so we can plan to match resources to risk more effectively. Having our staffing models at the correct Target Operating models will provide a modern, flexible, and resilient response model which is ready to deploy safely across the communities of Northumberland.

NFRS will continue to look for new and alternative approaches to how we deliver a safe, efficient, and effective Fire and Rescue Service for the people and communities of Northumberland.

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Briefing Note to Communities and Place OSC

Directorate:	Planning & Local Services
Subject:	Briefing Note – For information: S106 Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) 2021-2022. Including breakdown of funds for each Local Area Committee.
Date:	8 th February 2023

The Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) regulations require all planning authorities that enter into S106 planning obligations to publish a yearly statement.

This is the third report to be submitted and published. This year's statement, following specific requests from members, now includes a breakdown of all S106 funds for each of the 5 Local Area Committees (LACS). It should be noted that in all areas, funding for education and healthcare are considered as ringfenced for future schemes and are shown as 'allocated' but not yet spent. This is because the timeframe for these types of infrastructure can span several years.

The addition of the LAC breakdown data is one of the first steps we are introducing to be more transparent about S106 agreements and to help everyone understand more about the financial and non-financial obligations contained within them.

Feedback from DLUHC (Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities) on last year's Infrastructure Statement was very positive, they commented

“ The Northumberland CC IFS for 20/21 (as for 2019/20) really was one of the very best: clear, concise, informative, very well presented case studies, great design overall and meeting all regulatory requirements”

“The key thing of course though for an IFS is the provision of clear information to developers and local residents, and your IFS appears to be exemplary in that”

Recommendations

This paper is for information purposes only.

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Northumberland Infrastructure Funding Statement

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From 1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

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About This Statement

This Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) is a report providing a summary of all financial and non-financial developer contributions, within Northumberland, for the financial year 2021/2022.

This is the third Infrastructure Funding Statement produced by Northumberland County Council. Recent changes to legislation (The Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations – Regulation 121A and Schedule 2) mean the Council is required to publish such a statement annually.

How to use this statement

The Infrastructure Funding Statement is intended to provide users with a guide to developer contributions in Northumberland. In summary, the statement comprises the following:

Executive Summary: This sums up the IFS, including the key headlines.

Section 1 provides an introduction and background.

Section 2 details the total amount of money agreed under all planning obligations in the reported year and summarises details of non-monetary contributions agreed in reported year, including details of affordable housing units.

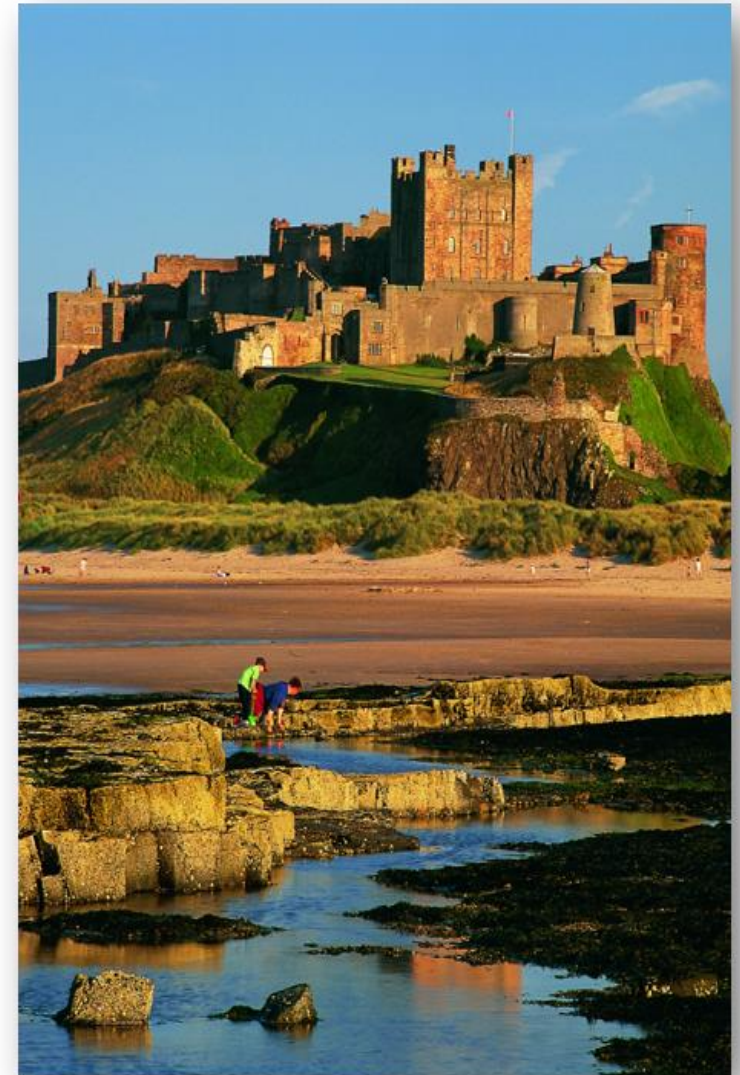
Section 3 details the money from planning obligations spent and committed in the financial year, and the money not yet spent.

Section 4 details the money agreed from Section 278 Agreements (Highways)

Section 5 offers some summing up and consideration of future priorities.

Appendix: case studies, some background to developer contributions to the Coastal Mitigation Service and an example affordable housing scheme

Glossary – There is a jargon busting glossary at the end of this document.



Executive Summary

This is the third Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS) produced by Northumberland County Council.

As Northumberland County Council is not currently a Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Charging Authority, this IFS does not report on CIL. It instead focusses on Section 106 agreements, and additionally reports on Section 278 (Highway Agreements).

The total amount of money to be provided under any planning obligations which were entered during the reported year is **£13,674,643.51**.

The total amount of money received from planning obligations during the reported year was **£4,631,842.89**. These contributions will play a critical role in delivering much needed affordable housing and necessary infrastructure and mitigation measures, including education, healthcare, sport and play and coastal mitigation.

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The delivery of **167** affordable homes have been agreed in the reported year along with **193** school places.

There was also **£3,485,334.18** secured by s278 Highway agreements during this year for highway improvement works.

The total amount of money retained at the end of the reported year is **£10,830,516.24**. The Council will work to ensure the money is effectively and lawfully spent.

Section 1. Introduction

Planning Obligations are planning tools that can be used to secure financial and non-financial contributions, and to put in place certain requirements or restrictions, to ensure new development can be made acceptable in planning terms.

The terms 'Planning Obligations' and 'Section 106 agreements' usually refer to the same thing. They are legal agreements which can be attached to a planning permission to support development and mitigate the impacts of development.

The term 'developer contributions' may also be used. This can refer to the same thing, but can also encompass other 'contributions', namely the Community Infrastructure Levy and contributions for highway works linked to new development.



Northumberland County Council currently secures planning obligations. It is therefore the authority's responsibility to ensure that the requirements for obligations are necessary, fair and reasonable. It is also the authority's responsibility to ensure that contributions are spent lawfully and effectively and that these are reported on. The aim of this Infrastructure Funding Statement is to improve transparency of monitoring and reporting, specifically in respect of Section 106 agreements for financial and non-financial contributions, but also Section 278 Agreements.

A Community Infrastructure Levy In Northumberland

The Community Infrastructure Levy, is a fixed rate levy, charged per square metre of new development. It can be used to fund a wide range of infrastructure required to support development across the local authority area. To date, **Northumberland County Council is not a charging authority i.e., there is currently no Community Infrastructure Levy charge in Northumberland.**

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The government has signalled potential reforms to the Levy and to wider system of developer contributions. The Council is closely monitoring the proposals, and potential implications for Northumberland.

Should the Levy be introduced, details of the money collected and how it is spent will be reported in future versions of the Infrastructure Funding Statement.

Detailed guidance on CIL is provided in national Planning Practice Guidance.



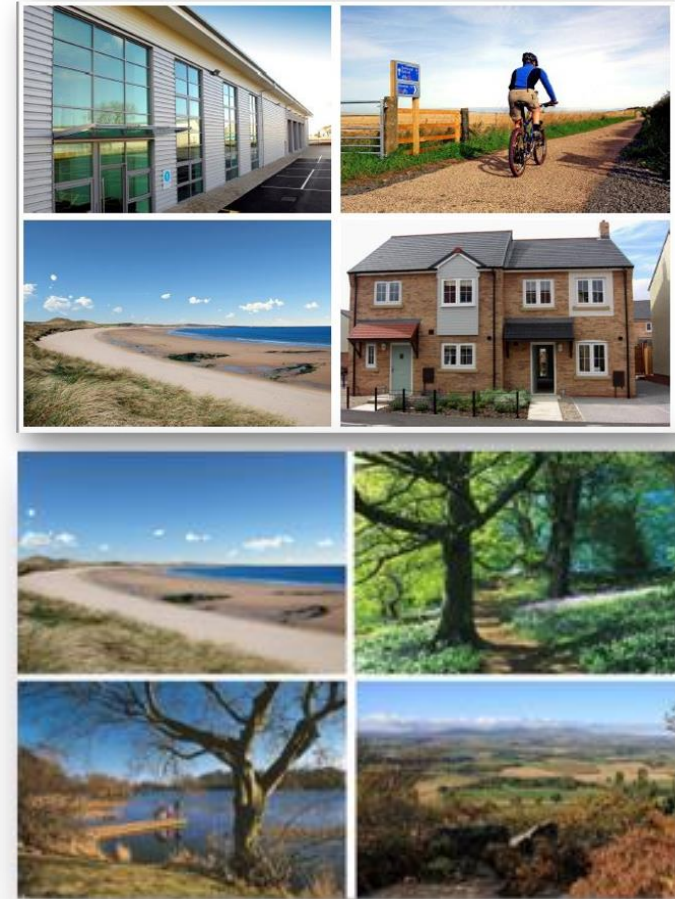
Planning Obligations in Northumberland

The planning obligations reported on in this Infrastructure Funding Statement, were collected under the provisions of the Northumberland Consolidated Planning Policy Framework and associated Supplementary Planning Documents.

Detailed guidance on Section 106 agreements is provided in national Planning Practice Guidance. The following summarises the basics:

- Section 106 agreements are used to mitigate the impacts of development and make it acceptable in planning terms;
- Section 106 can only be used where they meet certain legal tests. That is that the obligations must be:
 - A. necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
 - B. directly related to the development; and
 - C. fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development;
- Section 106 obligations can include:
 - Requirements for parts of a development to be used in certain ways, for example for affordable housing; Requirements for certain works to be undertaken or for other requirements and/or restrictions on the form of the development; or
 - Financial contributions to address the impacts of development (the focus of this IFS).

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Section 2

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Details the total amount of money under all planning obligations in the reported year and summarises details of non-monetary contributions in reported year, including details of affordable housing units.

A. The total amount of money to be provided under any planning obligations which were entered during the reported year is **£13,674,643.51**.

This figure does not consider indexation (inflation/deflation) that may be applied when the money becomes due.

B. The total amount of money received from planning obligations during the reported year was **£4,631,842.89**

C. The total amount of money received prior to the reported year that has not been spent is £7,699,318.41

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Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2019 Amendment) Regulation 121A Schedule 2 Section 3

Please note, amounts shown in this report are maximum amounts and the final contribution paid can vary and is dependent on viability, phasing of the scheme and submission of any reserved matters which could alter the final payment. The reader should also be aware that proposed developments may never commence or can change during time. Trigger points for payments may never be realised for a variety of reasons.

Section 2 cont....

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Details the total amount of money under all planning obligations in the reported year and summarises details of non-monetary contributions in reported year, including details of affordable housing units.

D. During the reported year the following non-monetary contributions have been agreed under planning obligations

i) The total number of Affordable Housing units to be provided is 167.

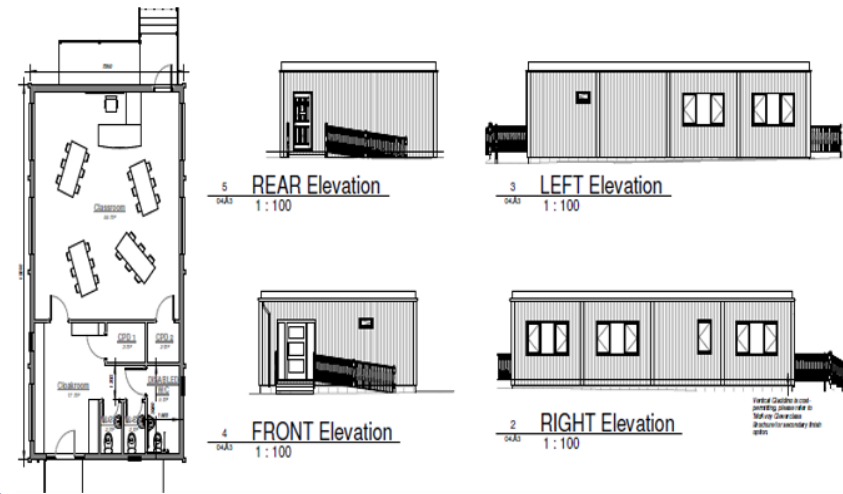
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The following Education provisions have been agreed under S106 agreements: Total school places 193.

Type	
Primary School	127
Secondary/High School	63
Special Education Needs (SEN)	3



Temporary modular school building



Section 3

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Details the money from planning obligations spent and committed in the financial year and the money not yet spent.

E. The total amount of money from planning obligations allocated towards infrastructure during the reported year was £7,001,792.65 Of this amount £6,049,521.80 was not spent during the reported year.

F. The total amount of money from planning obligations spent during the reported year was £1,500,645.06 Of this amount £980,048.00 was spent by a third party on behalf of Northumberland County Council.

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Committed Funds

Affordable Housing

The Council have received 5 applications for funding for Affordable Housing schemes seeking a combined total of £2.2M

G. The items in the table have had money allocated towards them during the reported year with unspent allocations:
Please note expenditure of contributions are often time limited and many projects require several months and in some cases years for the schemes to be implemented. Awards are closely monitored to ensure funds are spent in accordance with the legal agreements.

Infrastructure	Allocated
Education 2021-22	£105,600.00
Ecology 21/22	£224,166.96
Newbrough and Warden Sportsfield Association	£20,835.00
Hexham TC - Sele Skatepark	£81,000.00
Cambois Rowing Club	£9,467.00
Education 22/23	£1,579,828.41
Education 23/24	£1,400,799.00
Affordable Housing 2022/2023	£574,943.00
Affordable Housing 2023/2024	£301,085.03
North Healthcare 2022/2023	£179,399.64
SE Healthcare 2022/2023	£359,886.00
West Healthcare 2022/2023	£17,400.00
SE Highways 2022/2023	£378,974.57
North Highways 2022/2023	£436,400.00
Ecology 2022/2023	£293,172.00
Ecology 2023/2024	£68,881.19

Section 3 cont...

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Details the money from planning obligations spent and committed in the financial year, and the money not yet spent.

H. In relation to money which was spent by Northumberland County Council during the reported year:

i. The items of infrastructure that planning obligation money has been spent on and the amount spent are shown in the table:

Infrastructure	Spent	Date Spent	Spend Description
Corbridge Tennis Club	£36,642.00	8-Apr-21	*Includes Third Party spending
NCC Maintenance of open space	£4,000.00	31 March 2009 to 01 April 2021	
Bethall Beadnell	£2,300.00	31 March 2015 to 01 April 2021	
Cramlington Town Council	£10,638.00	2-Aug-21	*Includes Third Party spending
Tynedale Cricket Club - ground works	£18,663.00	6-Oct-21	*Includes Third Party spending
Highways TRO Priory Gardens	£3,000.00	6-Aug-21	
Broad Road SEahouses	£3,120.00	31 March 2019 to 01 April 2021	
Bernicia Rosebrough	£899,011.00	8-Oct-21	*Includes Third Party spending
Highways The Bunker	£35,000.00	28-Jul-21	
Stakeford and Bomardsund Cricket	£15,094.00	18-Mar-22	*Includes Third Party spending
WilloughbyBank POS	£28,595.85	13-Oct-21	

ii) The amount of planning obligation money spent on repaying money borrowed, including any interest, with details of the items of infrastructure which that money was £0.00

iii) The amount of planning obligation money spent in respect of administration of planning obligations and monitoring in relation to the delivery of planning obligations during the reported year was £17,240

I. The total amount of money retained at the end of the reported year is **£10,830,516.24**

Section 4

1st April 2021 to 31st March 2022

Details the money agreed and spent from Section 278 Agreements

Some development schemes require a contribution towards highway improvement works (in addition to any Section 38 or Section 278 agreements.) Examples of highway obligations can include, contributions towards the cost of installing Road Traffic orders, speed restrictions, new roundabouts, or improved pedestrian crossing. Photographs here show an improved pedestrian scheme in Blyth.

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Highway Infrastructure

- **Section 278 Matters**

Community Infrastructure Levy Regulations (2019 Amendment) Regulation 121A Schedule 2 Section 4

- The following matters are agreements entered into during the reported year in respect to Highways Agreements under Section 278 of the Highways Act 1980. Totaling **£3,485,334.18**

- Please see the allocation and bond sums as described below.

Site:	Planning Ref:	Bond Sum
Stamlington - Beacon Lane	15/01898/DISCON 10/S/00473/FUL	£2,558,698
Maneshaugh (Woodland Rise), Corbridge Road, Hexham	15/02221/REM 13/01208/OUT	£70,000
Bedlington - Choppington Road	16/04731/OUT	£182,648
Land North East of Pegswood First School, Pegswood	19/02747/FUL	£105,000
Land North East Of Tesco Alemouth Road Hexham Northumberland	19/00277/FUL	£214,809
Acklington, Land North West of Acklington Drive	18/00560/OUT, 20/03673/REM	£354,179

Section 5

Conclusions

The money agreed, received and spent under Planning Obligation agreements can be seen to make a valuable contribution to securing infrastructure and mitigation measures, which can support development, benefit local communities and support the provision of local infrastructure in Northumberland.

The Council will work, with stakeholders, to ensure that contributions which have not yet been allocated or spent, are appropriately and effectively delivered.

The Council will also work to continually improve the systems in which planning obligations operate, such as the mechanisms by which planning obligations are agreed, how they are allocated and how they are monitored. In respect of the latter, it should be noted that the Council has recently introduced fees for monitoring to ensure effectiveness of processes and procedures. Monitoring fees will similarly be reported in future Infrastructure Funding Statements.

FUTURE PLANNING OBLIGATIONS

Future income from planning obligations is difficult to predict. At this point in time the Council considers it cannot provide an estimate. This is in part on account of a changing Development Plan context. The Council will however look to introduce forecasting in future Infrastructure Delivery Plans.

FUTURE COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY

Pending potential national reforms to the Community Infrastructure Levy, should such a charge be introduced in Northumberland, future iterations of the Infrastructure Funding Statement will include details of the Levy collected and how it has been allocated and spent. It will also project likely future Levy income over the next financial year.

OUR FEEDBACK

Community and stakeholder understanding and engagement in developer contributions is a key objective. If you have any comments on the usability of this document or if there are matters you would like to see addressed in future versions of the Infrastructure Funding Statement, to enhance transparency, please contact the Council's Planning Department.

Section 5 cont.

Spending Priorities

Developer contributions will be used to deliver strategic policies including:

Affordable Housing - Supporting the delivery of affordable homes is a priority for the Council. Evidence shows that many households in Northumberland cannot afford market housing. New development will be required to provide a proportion of affordable housing, usually on-site as part of new development.

Coastal Mitigation Service – Increased recreation-related disturbance on the coast is a particular concern because most of the Northumberland coast is designated as SSSI on account of its nationally important bird populations; and much of it is also designated as SPA and 'Ramsar Site' (because of the international importance of some of these populations). In order to ensure that effective mitigation can be provided to address this problem, the Council has introduced the Northumberland Coastal Mitigation Service. This is a developer-funded wardening service to protect the coastal environment (see Appendix).

Education provision – new housing generates additional pupils. Where there are capacity constraints at nearby schools it may be necessary to secure developer contributions towards expanding capacity and creating additional pupil places.

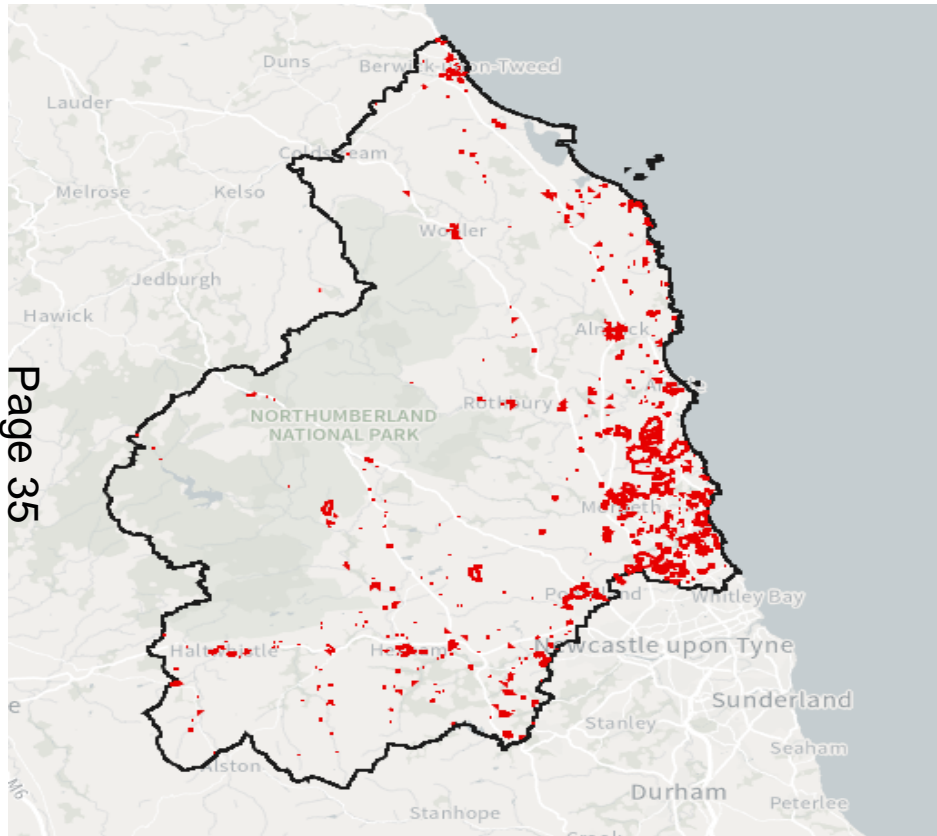
Healthcare provision – there are known capacity constraints in some parts of the County in respect of primary health care such as GP practices. Where appropriate and necessary, developer contributions will be sought to address the additional needs generated by new development.

Open space and sport and play - the provision of open space, sport and play varies across the County. Where appropriate, developer contributions will be sought to address provision. In the most part this will target improvements to existing provision, for example to improve quality or accessibility.

THE NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL PLAN AND NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANS

The Northumberland Local Plan was adopted on the 31st March 2022. The Local Plan is the new statutory development plan for Northumberland, alongside all 'made' Neighbourhood Plans. The Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plans set out new policies under which future planning obligations will be secured.

Map showing locations of developments with S106 agreements



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Looking for a copy of a S106 agreement?

Please use this link to search our Northumberland map to help locate it.

[Interactive Self-Serve Section 106 Agreement Map](#)

Local Area Committees

- Northumberland's planning committees are broken down into 5 different area committees
- Figures on the following five pages show the total of \$106 funds collected for each local area since contributions were recorded by NCC (circa 2012 onwards to present day)

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND	TYNEDALE (13)	CASTLE MORPETH	CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON and SEATON VALLEY(12)	ASHINGTON AND BLYTH (16)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alnwick (1) ● Alnwick (1) ● Amble ● Amble West with Warkworth ● Bamburgh ● Berwick East ● Berwick North ● Berwick West with Ord ● Longhoughton ● Norham and Islandshires ● Rothbury ● Shilbottle ● Wooler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bellingham ● Bywell ● Corbridge ● Haltwhistle ● Haydon and Hadrian ● Hexham Central with Acomb ● Hexham East ● Hexham West ● Humshaugh ● Prudhoe North ● Prudhoe South ● South Tynedale ● Stocksfield with Broomhaugh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choppington ● Druridge Bay ● Longhorsley ● Lynemouth ● Morpeth Kirkhill ● Morpeth North ● Morpeth Stobhill ● Pegswood ● Ponteland East and Stannington ● Ponteland North ● Ponteland South with Heddon ● Ponteland West ● Stakeford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bedlington Central ● Bedlington East ● Bedlington West ● Cramlington East ● Cramlington Eastfield ● Cramlington North ● Cramlington South East ● Cramlington Village ● Cramlington West ● Hartley ● Holywell ● Seghill with Seaton Delaval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ashington Central ● Bothal ● College ● Cowpen ● Croft ● Haydon ● Hirst ● Isabella ● Kitty Brewster ● Newbiggin Central and East ● Newsham ● Plessey ● Seaton with Newbiggin West ● Sleekburn ● South Blyth ● Wensleydale

Local Area Committee Breakdown

North Northumberland

Type	Potential	Received	Spent	Balance	Allocated	Unallocated
Alnwick Town Centre & Public Transport	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£-	£20,000.00	£-	£20,000.00
Affordable Housing	£2,976,970.00	£2,435,482.00	£1,326,294.00	£1,109,188.00	£1,109,188.00	£-
Community Facilities	£298,966.35	£226,966.35	£183,837.85	£43,128.50	£-	£43,128.50
Ecology	£1,716,599.77	£411,151.23	£46,260.38	£364,890.85	£347,185.58	£17,705.27
Education	£5,146,272.00	£990,972.00	£-	£990,972.00	£990,972.00	£-
Sport & Play	£674,120.00	£419,120.00	£134,074.92	£285,045.08	£138,200.00	£146,845.08
Healthcare	£1,669,496.60	£569,096.60	£-	£569,096.60	£507,493.60	£61,603.00
Highway	£488,400.00	£330,400.00	£24,500.00	£305,900.00	£305,900.00	£-
Pre 2009 funds carried forward from former Councils	£291,379.00	£256,795.00	£191,980.00	£64,815.00	£37,160.00	£27,655.00
Other	£32,000.00	£25,000.00	£-	£25,000.00	£-	£25,000.00
Recycling	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£-	£-	£-
General Sport	£420,612.00	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-
Transport	£123,000.00	£123,000.00	£110,000.00	£13,000.00	£-	£13,000.00
Total	£13,860,315.72	£5,810,483.18	£2,019,447.15	£3,791,036.03	£3,436,099.18	£354,936.85

Local Area Committee Breakdown Tynedale

Type	Potential	Received	Spent	Balance	Allocated	Unallocated
Historic Kilns Restoration	£60,000.00	£60,000.00	£-	£60,000.00	£60,000.00	£-
Affordable Housing	£1,173,539.00	£787,187.50	£250,000.00	£537,187.50	£531,000.00	£6,187.50
Ecology	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£-	£10,000.00	£-	£10,000.00
Education	£198,000.00	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-
Play	£1,819,099.29	£1,584,215.32	£1,300,155.41	£284,059.91	£88,094.00	£195,965.91
Sport	£2,015,789.00	£1,887,810.00	£1,615,376.97	£272,433.03	£216,857.90	£55,575.13
Healthcare	£172,536.00	£17,400.00	£-	£17,400.00	£17,400.00	£-
Highway	£38,000.00	£38,000.00	£38,000.00	£-	£35,000.00	-£35,000.00
SUDS	£83,188.00	£83,188.00	£83,188.00	£-	£-	£-
Open Space	£36,000.00	£36,000.00	£15,000.00	£21,000.00	£21,000.00	£-
Total	£5,606,151.29	£4,503,800.82	£3,301,720.38	£1,202,080.44	£969,351.90	£232,728.54

Local Area Committee Breakdown

Castle Morpeth

Type	Potential	Received	Spent	Balance	Allocated	Unallocated
Affordable Housing	£5,426,635.64	£3,635,796.03	£1,991,835.57	£1,643,960.46	£1,643,960.46	£-
Community Facilities	£63,500.00	£63,500.00	£37,500.00	£26,000.00	£26,000.00	£-
Ecology	£214,395.96	£36,873.44	£-	£36,873.44	£24,390.00	£12,483.44
Education South	£3,134,374.80	£1,212,493.00	£277,373.85	£935,119.15	£935,119.15	£-
Healthcare	£344,521.24	£152,342.04	£-	£152,342.04	£152,342.04	£-
Highways	£535,813.00	£535,813.00	£173,523.60	£362,289.40	£362,289.40	£-
Minerals and Waste	£338,280.86	£338,280.86	£205,831.11	£132,449.75	£99,723.94	£32,725.81
Recycling	£21,070.00	£21,070.00	£21,070.00	£-	£-	£-
	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00	£-	£-	£-
Transport	£1,308,000.00	£888,000.00	£488,580.60	£399,419.40	£381,419.40	£18,000.00
Total	£11,396,591.50	£6,894,168.37	£3,205,714.73	£3,688,453.64	£3,625,244.39	£63,209.25

Local Area Committee Breakdown

Cramlington Bedlington and Seaton Valley

Type	Potential	Received	Spent	Balance	Allocated	Unallocated
Affordable Housing	£1,185,686.00	£1,185,686.00	£1,013,011.00	£172,675.00	£172,675.00	£-
Planning Co-ordinator	£40,000.00	£40,000.00	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
Community Facilities	£30,000.00	£20,000.00	£20,000.00	£-	£-	£-
Community Sport	£1,715,996.00	£458.00	£458.00	£-	£-	£-
Ecology	£2,329,697.61	£159,590.21	£63,442.61	£96,147.60	£67,905.00	£28,242.60
Education	£8,985,488.00	£987,500.00	£-	£987,500.00	£987,500.00	£-
Sport	£401,733.20	£318,913.20	£278,271.98	£40,641.22	£10,000.00	£30,641.22
Healthcare	£786,000.00	£197,250.00	£-	£197,250.00	£197,250.00	£-
Highways	£937,400.00	£797,900.00	£184,471.29	£613,428.71	£606,428.71	£7,000.00
Pre 2009 funds carried forwarded from former Councils	£26,580.00	£26,580.00	£20,080.00	£6,500.00	£-	£6,500.00
Play	£660,633.90	£428,097.90	£422,021.40	£6,076.50	£-	£6,076.50
South West Sector (SWS) Sport	£863,500.00	£396,750.00	£42,000.00	£354,750.00	£-	£354,750.00
Transport	£22,000.00	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-
Travel Plan Co-ordinator SWS	£116,600.00	£-	£-	£-	£-	£-
total	£18,101,314.71	£4,558,725.31	£2,063,756.28	£2,494,969.03	£2,051,758.71	£443,210.32

Local Area Committee Breakdown

Ashington and Blyth

Type	Potential	Received	Spent	Balance	Allocated	Unallocated
Affordable Housing	£554,539.00	£417,268.00	£100,000.00	£317,268.00	£317,268.00	£0.00
Community Facilities	£397,220.00	£397,220.00	£340,700.00	£56,520.00	£0.00	£56,520.00
Ecology	£1,041,869.00	£353,411.00	£29,400.00	£324,011.00	£322,475.00	£1,536.00
Education	£6,038,015.75	£1,188,928.41	£75,000.00	£1,113,928.41	£1,123,395.41	£-9,467.00
Play	£337,643.90	£336,707.90	£323,315.90	£13,392.00	£0.00	£13,392.00
Sport	£588,412.59	485,308.39	£364,609.13	£120,699.26	£0.00	£120,699.26
Sport General	£656,000.00	0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Healthcare	£717,600.00	£99,300.00	£0.00	£99,300.00	£99,300.00	£0.00
Highway	£1,101,895.53	£434,684.53	£222,500.00	£212,184.53	£212,184.53	£0.00
Pre 2009 funds carried forwarded from former Councils	£46,973.12	£46,973.12	£36,473.12	£10,500.00	£0.00	£10,500.00
Open Space	£13,502.00	£13,502.00	£13,502.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Transport	£243,132.30	£3,132.30	£0.00	£3,132.30	£0.00	£3,132.30
total	£11,736,803.19	£3,776,435.65	£1,505,500.15	£2,270,935.50	£2,074,622.94	£196,312.56

APPENDIX Space for Shorebirds – Coastal Mitigation Service

The Northumberland coast plays host to an amazing array of birdlife. Nearly all of the Northumberland coast is protected because of the nationally and internationally important bird populations that live there, including a wide range of migratory and wintering waders and breeding tern species.

Wading birds such as turnstone and purple sandpiper live on our rocky shores, finding their food and safe places to roost. Human recreation can however interrupt their normal behaviours causing them to fly away, costing them energy reserves that can be hard replace during the cold dark winter months. These birds fly north in late spring to breed on arctic tundra and coasts in order to raise their families.

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Space for Shorebirds is the public facing name of Northumberland County Council's Coastal Mitigation service. This is a wildlife ranger service that is funded by developer contributions to address the impact of increased visitor pressure on coastal bird populations arising from housing and tourism development. The focus of Space for Shorebirds is education and engagement to increase awareness of bird populations and asking people to give the birds space in order to reduce disturbance. We do this primarily by having a physical presence at the coast talking to beach users about the birds and by extensive use of social media.



Map showing contribution Areas

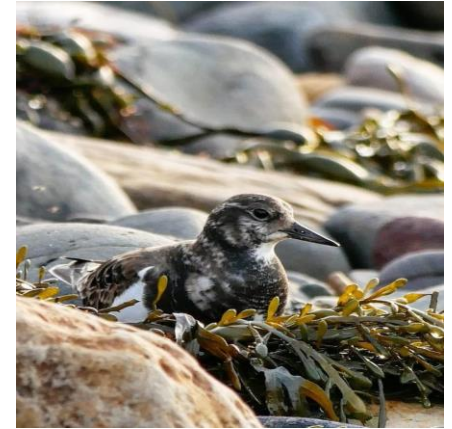
APPENDIX Space for Shorebirds - Coastal Mitigation Service

During the year to April 2022 the service also developed more relationships with parish magazines, where we provide articles and bird photographs to the magazines and they kindly include our text, helping us to reach other parts of the community that aren't active on social media. Partnership working is a feature of Space for Shorebirds and during the year rangers worked with Coast Care (volunteering charity), the Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership, Berwickshire and Northumberland Marine Nature Partnership, Northumbria Police and landowners whose assistance is vital during the breeding bird season.

The year to April 2022 was the first year following covid when the rangers were able to offer a full Shorebirds for Beginners events calendar, including events such as guided walks. In total 10 events were held and 83 people in total attended.

The feedback from the events has been inspiring, and several people new to shorebirds have gone from these sessions to volunteering with Coast Care, then in turn have become involved in supporting our breeding season work by undertaking surveys and carrying out nest watch duties.

A small sample of feedback from Shorebirds for Beginners events: "What a fantastic morning. Thanks to Richard and Katherine for the lovely weather, great birds and really interesting explanations" "Absolutely lovely morning, really interesting & Richard & Katherine were both so kind and welcoming. Such an important thing to learn about our birds and how our actions walking along the coast can impact them.



Top: Turnstone at Seaton Point
Bottom: Ringed plover chick at Embleton

APPENDIX Space for Shorebirds



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Rangers
& volunteers
undertaking pirri
pirri burr control



Purple Sandpiper at Stage
Rock, near Bamburgh



Shorebirds for
Beginners Event at
Newbiggin



Colin the dog ranger with
Katherine the ranger

APPENDIX A Case Study: Affordable Housing

Longstone Manor, Acklington Road, Amble

Home Group Limited are a national Registered Provider who provide quality affordable housing units to local communities. The site already had planning permission for a scheme which was providing 15% affordable homes, however, it was identified that Amble needed more newer affordable housing units for rent which were not provided on the other developments. Home Group Limited applied for £1,367,500 to provide **an additional 45 affordable units onsite** which would help meet the current demand for the area. This was made possible and viable by assisting Home Group with funding from the housing developer fund. A key factor in providing the grant was 2 larger 4-bedroom family homes which are difficult to obtain on the mainstream housing developments.

Longstone Manor is situated on the edge of Amble and is currently being developed by Persona Homes (Home Group private developer site). The development will be built out over the next 5 years so the units will provide a good supply of affordable units for the future.

The breakdown in house and tenure types is as follows:-

Rented units

2 x 2-bedroom units

15 x 3-bedroom units

2 x 4-bedroom units

Shared ownership

12 x 2-bedroom units

14 x 3-bedroom units



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A Case Study: Education

Where a new housing development is forecast to create a demand for school places in excess of those available in the catchment area of the development, the local authority will seek an education contribution from developers that reflects the likely costs of the additional places required.

The LPA carry out a consultation with the Education department on all major planning residential applications of 10 or more houses. A contribution will always be sought where a school's actual pupil population is at 95% or more of its maximum capacity.

Since the introduction of the Council's Education infrastructure Contribution Policy in September 2017, almost 200 consultation responses have been issued. To date 95 legal agreements have been agreed and signed which include a contribution for Education provision with an expected overall total in the region of £17m*.

*Note, that the expected amount of contributions is subject to change and can be reduced significantly if a scheme is amended, expires, or re-negotiations based on viability or changes in the reserved matters stage.



New school approved for Seaton Delaval

To date **£3,995,127** has been paid through developer's contributions for Education provision in Northumberland.

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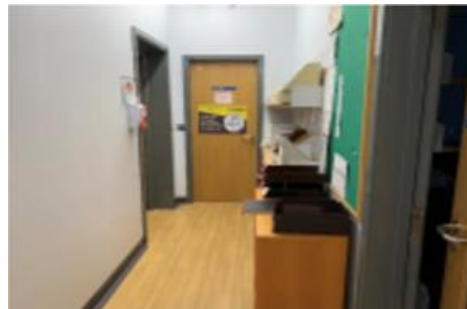
A Case Study Healthcare

GP's can increase their capacity by investing in a number of Infrastructure improvements. Some of these will involve constructing completely new GP buildings, physical space with extensions or alterations, but other possible uses of S106 funds could involve technology or equipment to reduce consultation times, thus allowing more patients to be seen.

S106 funding has recently been used to carry out some internal modelling works at Guidepost Medical Health Centre, North Parade, GuidePost, Choppington, NE62 5RA

This work to the Surgery was to expand patient capacity and services at the Health Centre.

Building Work was carried out to change the existing admin and office space to create additional consulting room.



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A Case Study: Sport and Play

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MUGA
Multi Use Games Area

MUGA - Tedder Place Longhoughton Northumberland

£40,000 S106 funds were match funded with contributions from the RAF Benevolent fund and Parish Council to provide a scheme costing £95,000



APPENDIX A Case Study: Sport

Barnesbury Cycling Club were about to give up on their dream of a Regional Standard BMX Track in Bedlington and ditch their amazing fund-raising efforts as they struggled to get the final part of their required funding. The Council advised them £10,000 was available for them to apply for through the Developers Fund for Sport and Play.

The Club successfully applied and used this money to secure other match funding for a scheme worth £121,000. So great value for \$106 money

The club has appointed specialist track builders Clark & Kent Contractors Ltd – who built the track for the London 2012 Olympic Games – to build the 250-metre track, which will feature a challenging range of obstacles, including

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tep-ups, doubles, triples, rollers and banked corners. Barnesbury Cycling Club, said: “We have a good number of members taking part in BMX races at regional and national level, and realised that with the North East’s only other active competition-standard track currently able to stage Regional standard race events, located down in Hartlepool, we needed to be able to offer better facilities closer to home to help riders compete. As well as making a big difference for competitive BMX riders, it will also provide a fantastic opportunity for people of all ages across our local communities to try out a new sport”.

Who knows another Olympic Champion may come from Northumberland!



Glossary

IFS – shorthand for Infrastructure Funding Statement (this document).

Planning Obligation - Planning obligations are legal obligations entered into to mitigate the impacts of a development proposal. Planning obligations are also commonly referred to as 'section 106', 's106', as well as 'developer contributions'. (A Planning Obligation can also be via a 'unilateral undertaking', entered into by a person with an interest in the land without the local planning authority.) Obligations can only be sought where they are directly related to the development, fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development, and necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms.

Section 106 Agreement – Section 106 Agreements are legally binding agreements made under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 between a Local Planning Authority and applicants for planning permission/developers.

Section 278 agreement - Section 278 Agreements are legally binding agreements made under the Highways Act 1990 between Local Highway Authorities and Developers. Section 278 agreements are required to secure alterations or improvements to the highway.

Section 38 agreement – Section 38 agreements are legally binding agreements made under the Highways Act 1990 between Local Highway Authorities and Developers. Section 38 agreements are required when the highway is offered for adoption as a public highway.

CIL or Community Infrastructure Levy – The Community Infrastructure Levy, is a charge which can be levied by local authorities on new development in their area to help deliver the infrastructure needed to support development. The levy only applies in areas where a local authority has consulted on, and approved, a 'charging schedule'. To date, Northumberland County Council is not a charging authority i.e. there is currently no Community Infrastructure Levy charge in Northumberland. Should the Levy be introduced, details of the money collected and how it is spent will be reported in future versions of the Infrastructure Funding Statement. The Community Infrastructure Levy can also be described as a type of 'developer contribution'.

Glossary

Local Plan - A Local Plan, also referred to as a development plan or development plan document, is at the heart of the planning system, with a requirement set in law that planning decisions must be taken in line with the plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise. Plans set out a vision and a framework for the future development of the area, addressing needs and opportunities in relation to housing, the economy, community facilities and infrastructure – as well as a basis for conserving and enhancing the natural and historic environment, mitigating and adapting to climate change, and achieving well designed places.

Infrastructure Delivery Plan - (Sometimes referred to as **IDP**) An Infrastructure Delivery Plan identifies the likely infrastructure requirements of an area, associated with development. In Northumberland, the current Infrastructure Delivery Plan covers the plan period, up to 2036. The Plan is the output of engagement with infrastructure providers to identify current infrastructure capacity, and to determine likely future infrastructure requirements based on the Local Plan. Focussing on strategic infrastructure requirements, the IDP seeks to identify completed, committed, and planned investment across physical, social and green infrastructure types. Where possible the IDP identifies where funding for infrastructure will come from. It also identifies where there are funding gaps.

Agreed – Contributions that have been agreed within a signed legal document. These contributions have not yet been collected. The collection of contributions is usually triggered at certain points of development, or upon commencement of development. If the planning applications are not implemented, the contributions will never be received.

Received – Contributions received, either monetary or non-monetary, by Northumberland County Council

Allocated – Contributions that have been received and allocated to a specific use or project.

Spent/ Delivered – Monetary or non-monetary contributions that have been spent / delivered.

Transferred - Monetary or non-monetary contributions are frequently transferred from the Council to a third party which then delivers the contribution.

Glossary

This Financial Year or This reported year - unless stated otherwise, this refers to the period 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022

Affordable Housing - affordable housing is defined in the National Planning Policy Framework as housing for sale or rent, for those whose needs are not met by the market (including housing that provides a subsidised route to home ownership and/or is for essential local workers). It must also comply with a specific definition of affordable homes (being either: affordable homes for rent, starter homes, discounted market sales housing, or other affordable routes to home ownership)

Further Reading



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Please find the links to useful resources and contact details regarding data and information throughout this report;

To view the latest table showing all S106 financial contributions held and received by the Council. See [Section 106 Contributions Table](#)

To apply for Affordable Housing monies, please refer to the Affordable Housing protocol guidance and application form on the [Affordable Housing web page](#).

To apply for Sport and Play monies please refer to the [Funding for Sport and Play web page](#).

Looking for a copy of a S106 agreement? Please use this link to search our Northumberland map to help locate it.

[Interactive Self-Serve Section 106 Agreement Map](#)

We appreciate all feedback from customers on the provision of this information. If you have any questions or wish to provide feedback, please complete the form below. We will aim to respond to your comments/questions within 20 working days.

[Section 106 Feedback](#)

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Northumberland County Council

Communities and Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2022-2023

1. Terms of reference:

- (1) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the County Council and Active Northumberland, Woodhorn Museum Charitable Trust and Northumberland Tourism.
- (2) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
 - Development Planning
 - Neighbourhood Planning
 - Conservation
 - Housing
 - Climate Change
 - Countryside, Biodiversity and Landscape Quality
 - Waste Management and Energy Use
 - Public and Community Transport Network and Travel to School
 - Highway Maintenance, Streetscape and the Local Environment
 - Local and Neighbourhood services
 - Crime, Community Safety, and Fear of Crime, including CONTEST, Prevent and Channel
 - Antisocial Behaviour and Domestic Violence
 - Fire and Rescue
 - Emergency Services and Emergency Planning
 - Customer Services
 - Provision of Cultural and Leisure Facilities
 - Improving Quality of Life through Access to Culture and Leisure;
 - Supporting Economic Growth in the Arts, Culture and Leisure Sectors

2. Issues to be Timetabled/Considered

Food Recycling Pilot
Woodhorn Charitable Trust

Northumberland County Council
Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022-2023

8 February 2023

Northumberland Infrastructure Funding Statement

Retained Firefighters

To consider the annual Infrastructure Funding Statement in respect of Section 106 Agreements.

To consider issues around the recruitment and retention of retained firefighters.

8 March 2023

Library Service Strategy 2021-26

To update the Committee on the implementation of the Strategy.

Utility Companies on the Highway

To receive an update on the Council's implementation of the Northumberland Street Works Permit Scheme.

5 April 2023

Housing

Housing White Paper – it is anticipated that this will become the Housing regulatory Bill in the Spring of 2023, and this is to inform members of the implication for the housing landlord function.

Homelessness & Rough Sleeper Strategy

This report will be considered by Cabinet in March and will outline the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2022-2026 for review and agreement

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Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Monitoring Report 2022-2023

Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	1 June 2022	Development of the Potland Burn Biodiversity Net Gain Site	RESOLVED that the Committee: 1. Supported the recommendations in the report. 2. The report and presentation be recommended for inclusion within the work programme for the Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council with an invitation to Ashington Town Council and Pegswood Parish Council to involve them in the discussion.	No further action required as this time.
Page 58	29 June 2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy 2022/25	RESOLVED that the Committee: 1. Supported the recommendations in the report. 2. The protocol for the setting of EVCP tariff be considered by Communities & Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee at a future meeting. 3. Encourage members to undertake the climate change training.	The Committee be consulted prior to the setting of the EVCP Tariff.
3.	29 June 2022	Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Proposed Food Waste Recycling Pilot Schemes	RESOLVED that the Committee: 1. Supported the recommendations in the report. 2. Consider involvement by local schools in the home compost bin trial. 3. Receive an interim report on the home compost trial in Autumn 2022 with a final report on the kerbside collection in the summer of 2023.	The Committee to receive an update on the trial before the end of the year.
4.	31 August 2022	Fleet Replacement Update	RESOLVED that the work undertaken to deliver a challenging fleet replacement programme during 2021/22, be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive this as an annual update.

5.	31 August 2022	Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan 2022/23	RESOLVED that: a. Cabinet be advised that the Communities & Place OSC endorses the recommendation in the report. b. The Cabinet be recommended to request that the Government makes the displaying of food hygiene ratings at food business premises mandatory.	Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 21 September 2022.
6.	5 October 2022	Endorsement of the Northumberland Destination Management Plan 2022-2032	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised that the Communities & Place OSC supported the recommendation contained in the report.	Cabinet considered the OSC's comments when it determined the report on 11 October 2022.
7.	5 October 2022	Storm Arwen, Community Resilience Update	RESOLVED that (a) The report be received. (b) The Communities and Place OSC continues to support the concept of community resilience within Northumberland.	The Committee will consider the Storm Arwen recommendations in respect of Adult Care at the January meeting.
Page 59	26 October 2022	Active Northumberland Annual Outcome Report 2021-22 including Service Plan Successes 2021-22	RESOLVED that that Active Northumberland's Annual Outcomes Report 2021-22, be received.	The Committee will continue to receive annual reports of the performance of Active Northumberland.
9.	7 December 2022	Electric Vehicle Charging Tariff Setting Methodology	RESOLVED that that the report be received.	No further action is required at this stage.
10.	7 December 2022	Corporate Feedback Performance 2021/2022	RESOLVED that the report be received.	The Committee will continue to receive annual reports on Corporate Feedback.

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