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**Date:** Tuesday, 03 October 2022

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **ASHINGTON AND BLYTH LOCAL AREA COUNCIL** to be held in **ASHINGTON JW RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, ELLINGTON TERRACE, ASHINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE63 8TP** on **WEDNESDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2022** at **4.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

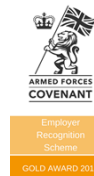
Rick O'Farrell  
Interim Chief Executive

**To Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council members as follows:-**

**J Lang, E Cartie, B Gallacher (Vice-Chair (Planning)), L Grimshaw (Chair), K Nisbet, K Parry, M Purvis, J Reid, E Simpson, C Ball, D Carr (Vice-Chair), C Humphrey, W Ploszaj, M Richardson, A Wallace and A Watson**



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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

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Minutes of the meetings of Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July 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 Registrable Interest or Non Registrable 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](mailto: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. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

To reply to any questions received from members of the public which have been submitted in writing in advance of the meeting. Questions can be asked about issues for which the Council has a responsibility. (Public question times take place on a bimonthly basis at Local Area Council meetings: in January, March, May, July, September and November each year.)

As agreed by the County Council in February 2012, the management of local public question times is at the discretion of the chair of the committee.

Please note however that a question may possibly be rejected if it requires the disclosure of any categories of confidential or exempt information, namely information:

1. relating to any individual;
2. which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual;
3. relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person
4. relating to any labour relations matters/negotiations;
5. restricted to legal proceedings
6. about enforcement/enacting legal orders
7. relating to the prevention, investigation of prosecution of crime.

And/or:

- is defamatory, frivolous or offensive;
- it is substantially the same as a question which has been put at a meeting of this or another County Council committee in the past six months;
- the request repeats an identical or very similar question from the same person;
- the cost of providing an answer is disproportionate;
- it is being separately addressed through the Council's complaints process;
- it is not about a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which affects the county;
- it relates to planning, licensing and/or other regulatory applications
- it is a question that town/parish councils would normally be expected to raise through other channels.

If the Chair is of the opinion that a question is one which for whatever reason, cannot properly be asked in an area meeting, he/she will disallow it and inform the resident of his/her decision.

Copies of any written answers (without individuals' personal contact details) will be provided for members after the meeting and also be publicly

available.

Democratic Services will confirm the status of the progress on any previously requested written answers and follow up any related actions requested by the Local Area Council.

## **5. PETITIONS**

This item is to:

- a. Receive any new petitions:** to receive any new petitions. The lead petitioner is entitled to briefly introduce their petition by providing a statement in writing, and a response to any petitions received will then be organised for a future meeting;
- b. Consider reports on petitions previously received:**
- c. Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered:** any updates will be verbally reported at the meeting.

## **6. LOCAL SERVICE ISSUES**

To receive a verbal update from the Area Managers from Technical Services and Neighbourhood Services in attendance about any key recent, ongoing and/or future planned Local Services work for the attention of members of the Local Area Council, who will also then have the opportunity to raise issues with the Area Managers.

The Area Managers have principal responsibility for highway services and environmental services, such as refuse collection, street cleansing and grounds maintenance, within the geographic boundaries of the Local Area Council.

## **7. HIGHWAYS MAINTENANCE UPDATE**

Local Services will give a presentation to update members on Highways Maintenance in the area.

## **8. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME**

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To note the latest version of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings (any suggestions for new agenda items will require confirmation by the Business Chair after the meeting).

## **9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

**10. 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.

<b>Name:</b>		<b>Date of meeting:</b>	
<b>Meeting:</b>			
<b>Item to which your interest relates:</b>			
<b>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):</b>			
<b>Are you intending to withdraw from the meeting?</b>		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
<b>Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation</b>	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain. [Any unpaid directorship.]
<b>Sponsorship</b>	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.
<b>Contracts</b>	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.
<b>Land and Property</b>	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.
<b>Licenses</b>	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the council for a month or longer
<b>Corporate tenancies</b>	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.
<b>Securities</b>	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"> <li>i. the total nominal value of the securities* exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</li> <li>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.</li> </ul>
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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)

# Agenda Item 2

## NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

### ASHINGTON & BLYTH LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Ashington & Blyth Local Area Council** held on **Wednesday, 13 July 2022 at 4:00 pm** in **Ashington JW Rugby Football Club Ltd, Ellington Terrace, Ashington, Northumberland, NE63 8TP.**

#### PRESENT

Councillor L Grimshaw (Chair)

#### MEMBERS

C Ball  
D Carr  
E Cartie  
B Gallacher  
C Humphrey  
J Lang

K Parry  
M Purvis  
E Simpson  
A Wallace  
A Watson

#### OFFICERS

M Carle	Lead Highways Delivery Manager
R Greally	Assistant Democratic Services Officer
R Wealleans	Neighbourhood Services Area Manager

#### 01 MEMBERSHIP

**RESOLVED** Member's noted the membership details.

#### 02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Apologies were received from the following Councillors; K. Nisbet, M. Richardson and W. Ploszaj.

### 03 MINUTES

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 July 2022, as circulated, be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 04 PETITIONS

Members received an update on a previous petition report brought to committee. An update from N. Dawson was read out to committee.

Staff in Neighbourhood Services and Public Protection require time to gather data and further information on the behaviour of dog owners and the amount of dog fouling on the playing pitches at Hirst Park. Data on the frequency, amount and scope of dog fouling will assist us in determining whether an area ban could meet the evidential threshold required to institute a ban, and whether we could expect to be able to counter objections from individuals and organised groups.

We propose to gather information over at least an eight-week period before returning to the Local Area Council with a second report.

Members welcomed the update but felt that Officer to Member communication needed to be improved across the board.

### 05 LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

M. Carle, Lead Highways Delivery manager, gave the following overview:-

All Highways Inspectors and maintenance crews continue to work Inspecting, fixing carriageway defects, making repairs and making safe category one defects across the South East area.

Gully emptier is fully deployed dealing with reported issues and cyclic maintenance.

#### **Larger Tarmac Patching**

Larger Tarmac Patching has been carried out in the following locations:

- Cleveland Avenue, Newbiggin
- Rutland Street, Ashington
- Newlands Road, Blyth
- Thropton Court, Blyth
- Ellington Road, Ashington

#### **Drainage Improvements:**

Drainage Improvements have been carried out in the following areas:

- Additional Gully Tanker deployed (Storm Arwen)
- Woodhorn Crossroads
- Inner Relief Road, Blyth (NWL Investigation)
- Gatacre Street, Blyth (NWL investigation)

### **LTP - Carriageway Resurfacing**

Footway and Carriageway LTP Resurfacing have been carried out the following areas:

- Princess Louise Road, Blyth (Prep)

### **Micro/Surface Dressing**

- Shearwater Way, Blyth (Prep)
- Rotary Park Way, Ashington (Prep)

### **Regeneration Scheme**

- Bowes Street, Blyth – Started Monday 10/01/22 (48 Weeks). Church Street estimated to be complete in around 3 weeks. Ongoing – Flagged footways on Bowes Street (Argos to top of street & opposite kerb line).
- Waterloo Road, Blyth – On target to be complete mid-July.

### **Other Work**

- Northern Line – South Newsham temporary access agreed and awaiting start date (Morgan Sindell).
- DVC's (Section 184) - Large influx in work – NCC continue to deliver:

### **Winter Maintenance**

Depots being restocked across the county with road salt.

SE area depot in Cowley Road salt storage is now restocked to its 4250 tonnes capacity.

The following comments were made in response to Member's questions:-

- Members were reminded that the reporting system was the most effective way to report problems with gullies etc. as it is recorded on a system. This allowed Officers to monitor the progress of the problem. The service had several ways to inspect problem gullies including camera inspections. It was confirmed that more gully cleaners had been ordered to improve the service.
- For certain gullies it may be that it needed to be changed to a 'pot' to increase capacity. Investigation would be needed on an individual basis.
- It was confirmed that there was legislation that dictated damaged pavements must be replaced like for like. There were times where slabs would have been replaced with tarmac as a temporary measure but after 28 days the pavement should be replaced to meet its original condition.

- Officers were aware of road dips in Lintonville Road it had been identified as utility trenching and had been passed on to streetworks.
- Woodhorn Road was a concern for members with suggestions that parts were down to original cobbles. Officers confirmed they would investigate and if necessary, it would be taken to LTP.
- Materials for Mainstreet in Blyth had increased therefore it had to re-evaluated to be cost effective but Officers acknowledge that the scheme must finished.
- Quay road was highlighted as a concern. Officers acknowledged that there was an on-going consultation and agreed with members that the safest option will be highlighted and used. M. Carle would speak to the team and get an update.
- Members raised concerns over cycle paths. They acknowledged that there was a large amount in the budget for foot and cycle paths for 2022 but felt that it was as important to maintain the current paths and ensure they were in an acceptable condition. Members were aware of budget restrictions but hoped that where possible maintenance was also included in plan. Officers confirmed that cycle paths were regularly inspected and the new flail mower had capacity to clear pathways.
- Officers confirmed that obstruction of a foot or cycle path was a police matter. If the pathway had a dropped curb it could result in a temporary traffic order which could be enforced by Northumberland County Council. It was suggested an enforcement officer could attend a future meeting to clarify the Council's position on enforcement.

R. Wealleans, Neighbourhood Services Area Manager, gave the following overview:-

### **Operational information to make the LAC aware of:**

#### **Waste Service**

- Residual, Recycling and Bulky waste collection services continue to perform well, we will continue to support our front-line service.
- New builds coming into the service area throughout the Southeast continue to grow as an example we are expecting the new estate beside Ashington Hospital to be over 600 properties upon completion.
- Garden waste service is also performing well but can be challenging on occasion.
  - As usual, we will undertake a garden waste service review at the end of the season to look for efficiencies and make the service more manageable.
  - We have over 250 new customers in our area so far this year.
  - This gives us a total of 9855 customers at present within the Southeast area as a whole.

#### **Grass Cutting**

- Just started cut 8 within Ashington area including Newbiggin and cut 8 in Blyth, we are slightly behind the projected cuts within Blyth but do expect to deliver all by the end of the season.
- Grass cutting proved to be a challenge for our teams at the start of the year.

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- We lost several days to rain in the early part of the season then we experienced some warm weather, where the grass grew rapidly.
- 5 bank holidays in the early part of this cutting season added to the challenge imposed on us by the changing weather patterns.
  - This typically presents two challenges, the first being to complete our cutting rounds efficiently to avoid having long (and seemingly unmanaged) grass on view.
  - The second is the inevitable grass arisings left following our cut of grass which can be longer than usual.
- Thankfully conditions have stabilised, and our amenity grass is returning to normal standards.

### **Weed Control**

- Service being delivered in house again this year.
  - All areas have received the first weed treatment we are also using a non-Glyphosate alternative in Play Parks within the area.
  - In house approach worked well in previous years so we are adopting the same this time around.
  - The Second Spray cycle has commenced in Ashington, and I will email Cllrs when I know your wards have been completed, in Ashington we have started within the Hirst Area with Woodhorn Villas, Woodbridge and The River's estate completed.
  - Newbiggin and Cambios have had there first spray and the second is due to commence shortly
  - You will remember from the last LAC update that blue dye is being used again this year.
  - I am working on securing a spare ride on mower machine which can have weed ripping brushes fitted to it, this gives a useful option for instant removal of weeds this compliments the smaller weed ripper machines in use at present.

### **GENERAL - COUNTY WIDE INFORMATION**

#### **Glass Trial:**

This is ongoing in the Bedlington area where we have collected 136 tonnes to date.

The total glass collected throughout the 4-trial area's is:

- 299t – November 2020 to October 2021
- 217t – November 2021 to date.

#### **In Bloom or Green Flag**

- We have had a Green Flag inspection carried out in Hirst Park and are awaiting results this month, we expect to announce a successful outcome.

The following comments were made in response to Member's questions:-

- Members thanked R. Wealleans and his team for their hard work throughout the year.
- Concerns were raised regarding Japanese Knott weed along Council Road. Officers would investigate and provide members with an update.
- Members acknowledged that using the ripper alongside the weed killer was very effective. Officers agreed but also highlighted the limited resources there were for weed killing.
- Officers confirmed that the cut that had taken place by the stream on Fulmar Drive was by the Environment Agency.
- The Blyth team were recognized for their hard work with the community group where they had rotavated difficult ground and created a stepped area.
- Officers confirmed they would look into communicating work programmes with members for cutting and weed killing so members were aware of the schedule.
- The flail mower was used to cut back pathways and cycle paths. It was explained that the cut had to be angled out to make the cut effective.
- Officers confirmed that 10 electric trimmers had recently been purchased for the County which could be used by operatives to tidy up areas around bins etc.
- It was acknowledged that there were limited resources for County Parks and issues were repeatedly being raised. Officers assured members that they did everything within their power to budget appropriately across the County.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

#### **06 MEMBERS LOCAL IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Members raised that the members scheme budget had not been increased for a number of years. It was suggested that in light of the cost of living crisis the budget be looked at.

**RESOLVED** that the information be noted.

#### **07 LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME**

Members were given an update that an archaeologist hoped to attend the September LAC meeting to give a talk on the recent discoveries at South Newsham Farm.

**RESOLVED** Members noted the update and the plan.

#### **08 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 4.00 p.m.  
(planning only)

**Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Northumberland County Council  
Ashington and Blyth Area Council  
Work Programme 2022-23**

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.
- (b) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- (c) To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- (d) To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- (e) To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- (f) To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- (g) To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- (h) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (i) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (j) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (k) To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.
- (l) To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.
- (m) To exercise the following functions within their area:-
  - (i) the Council's functions in relation to the survey, definition, maintenance, diversion, stopping up and creation of public rights of way.
  - (ii) the Council's functions as the Commons Registration Authority for common land and town/village greens in Northumberland.
  - (iii) the Council's functions in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
  - (iv) the Council's functions in relation to the Northumberland National Park and County Joint Local Access Forum (Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007.

(v) the Council’s role in encouraging wider access for all to the County’s network of public rights of way and other recreational routes.

**ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED**

**Standard items updates:** Public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), members’ local improvement schemes (quarterly).

**To be listed:**

Archaeological finds South Newsham Farm  
Northumbria Neighbourhood Police

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Updates
1.	11.5.22	<b>Make Hirst Park a no dog are petition</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> Members agreed that further investigation was needed to determine the correct course of action. The Officer should work with colleagues and draft a new report to bring to a future LAC meeting.	
2.	13.7.22	<b>Member's Local Improvement Scheme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted	

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