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Date: Tuesday, 04 July 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **ASHINGTON AND BLYTH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in **ASHINGTON JW RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB, ELLINGTON TERRACE, ASHINGTON, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE63 8TP** on **WEDNESDAY, 12 JULY 2023** at **5.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Dr Helen Paterson
Chief Executive

To Ashington and Blyth Local Area Committee 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. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The committee are asked to note the following membership and terms of reference for the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Committee which were agreed by Council on 174 May 2023.

The membership is made up of the county councillors who represent the 16 electoral divisions in the Ashington & Blyth area:

Chair: L Grimshaw

Vice-Chair: D Carr

Vice-Chair (Planning): B Gallacher

Quorum - 4

Conservative	Labour	Independen Group	Liberal Democrat	Green Party	Ind Non-Groupe
D Carr	C Ball		J Reid		
C Humphrey	E Cartie				
W Ploszaj	B Gallacher				
	L Grimshaw				
	J Lang				
	K Nisbet				
	K Parry				
	M Purvis				
	E Simpson				
	M Richardson				
	A Wallace				
	A Watson				

Terms of reference

(1) 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.

(2) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.

(3) 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.
- (4) 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.
- (5) 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
- (6) 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.
- (7) 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.
- (8) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (9) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (10) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.
- (13) To exercise the following functions within their area:-
- (a) the Council's functions in relation to the survey, definition, maintenance, diversion, stopping up and creation of public rights of way.
 - (b) the Council's functions as the Commons Registration Authority for common land and town/village greens in Northumberland.
 - (c) the Council's functions in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
 - (d) the Council's functions in relation to the Northumberland National Park and County Joint Local Access Forum (Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007.
 - (e) the Council's role in encouraging wider access for all to the County's network of public rights of way and other recreational routes.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. MINUTES

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- 8)

Minutes of the meetings of Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council held on Wednesday 10th May 2023 as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. LOCAL SERVICES 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 Committee, 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 Committee.

8. NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL BUS BOARD

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- 24)

The report requests the Local Area Committee's nomination for the Northumberland Local Bus Board. The Cabinet report and Appendix 2 related to the terms of reference are also attached for information.

9. APPOINTMENTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

Members are asked to confirm if they wish to remain as appointees to the outside bodies which were agreed by the Ashington and Blyth Local Area Council as follows:-

Ashington & Blyth LAC	Blyth Valley Disabled Forum	K Nisbet
Ashington & Blyth LAC	Community and Voluntary Action Blyth Valley	A Watson
Ashington & Blyth LAC	Northumberland Community Voluntary Action	Vacancy

10. LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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25 - 30)

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).

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th August 2023 (planning only).

12. 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)

Agenda Item 3

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

ASHINGTON & BLYTH LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Ashington & Blyth Local Area Council** held on **Wednesday, 10 May 2023 at 5:00 pm** in **Blyth Town Football Club, South Newsham Playing Fields, Sandringham Drive, Blyth, Northumberland, NE24 3PS.**

PRESENT

Councillor L Grimshaw (Chair)

MEMBERS

C Ball
E Cartie
B Gallacher
C Humprey
K Nisbet

K Parry
J Reid
M Richardson
A Wallace
A Watson

OFFICERS

J Caisley
W Daniels
R Greally

R Masson
P Soderquest

R Wealleans

Neighbourhood Police Inspector
Neighbourhood Police Inspector
Assistant Democratic Services
Officer
Highways Delivery Area Manager
Director of Housing and Public
Protection
Neighbourhood Services Area
Manager

4 Members of the press and public were in attendance

02 APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Jim Laing, Wojciech Ploszaj and Mark Purvis.

03 MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Ashington & Blyth Local Area Council meeting held on Wednesday 13 March 2023, as circulated, be a true record and signed by the Chairman.

04 LOCAL POLICING UPDATE

Inspectors W Daniels and J Caisley gave an update to committee. Neighbourhood police were getting a much needed uplift of staff. The force had suffered from financial cuts however the force was gradually recruiting. The neighbourhood police force was low in number currently but with the gradual recruitment there would be a more positive outlook and the force would have increased capability. The force operating model was to respond to the most vulnerable and tried to concentrate on activity that caused the most harm. It was highlighted that neighbourhood police officers had a lot of responsibility including domestic violence crimes and repeat offenders.

In the past 12 months the Blyth area had 4892 crimes reported the majority of the crimes reported were in the public safety and welfare category. This was usually where individuals had concerns over mental health and although the police were the first responders it was not always the best response for the individual. The number of crimes was lower than previous years. Shoplifting and burglary had been consistently low for a number of months the neighbourhood police had been working with retailers through a retail crime partnership with teams targeting repeat offenders.

Youth anti-social behaviour had been high in the area however not as high as previous years. Projects were in place to tackle the anti-social behaviour and there was a concentration on the anti-social behaviour letter system which had seen a high success rate. The letter system would inform parents of their children's behaviour and would be followed up by visits and finally an acceptable behaviour agreement if needed. The force was aware of a number of areas that were affected by motorcycle disorder and there were plans to tackle it in specific areas. The inspectors encouraged the public to continue to report any activity regarding motorcycle disorders to ensure the force had accurate data to work from.

Over the past 12 months in the Ashington area there had been 4144 crimes committed which was an increase in number from the previous year. The majority of crimes reported in the area were within the public safety category. The road safety unit was tasked with improving speeding problems in the area. Staff were due to be trained to use the speed guns within the next two months. The area was also affected with motorcycle disturbances, it was challenging to identify offenders as many of the bikes had no registration plates and the riders often wore balaclavas and helmets. The youth anti-social behaviour was expected to increase with the better weather but the neighbourhood team were aware of the affected areas. A new project was underway which created a multiagency approach. The neighbourhood police were working with Northumberland Communities together and match funding was being used to create a post for a coordinator who would cover key themes within the network. Funding would be key to keeping the project a success and future funding stream were being sourced.

Members highlighted that there was a project being pursued which hoped to help tackle the motorcycle problem, however it was in the early stages planning. It was hoped that the project would allow young people to take their bike to a location where they would learn skills and be able to ride their bike. The neighbourhood police officers encouraged members to contact the police crime commissioner regarding funding as they were confident it would be supported.

Members also asked that they be updated regarding the coordinator project as they would be willing to assist with funding. It was confirmed to members that the Ashington area included Newbiggin by the Sea and West Sleekburn. The inspectors thanked members who had helped fund several defibrillators around Ashington and agreed it was an asset to the area. Neighbourhood Police reminded members that they were always available to speak to and encouraged member from both County Council and Town Councils to contact them regarding any concerns.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

06 LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

Raymond Wealleans, Neighbourhood Services Area Manager, gave an update to committee:-

Operational information to make the LAC aware of:

Waste Service

- Residual and Recycling waste collection services continued to perform well.
- The service were in the final stages of completing a detailed review of all kerbside collection rounds – in response to ever increasing housing stock numbers. More information on this would follow when the work is completed.
- Demand for the bulky waste service remained high but performance was good, this service was constantly monitored and booking slots adjusted accordingly.
- Garden waste service was up and running and was also performing well.
- There was a total of 9245 paid customers in the Ashington & Blyth area, with residents still coming on. There was a total of 10,127 last season.

Grass Cutting

- Required number of seasonal staff were appointed and started cutting late March/early April weather permitting.
- They were now on cut 2/3 in all areas.
- The service aimed to start the grass cutting season as stated in March but saw a few interruptions in the form of wet weather and the usual bank holidays, this made the gap between cut 1 and 2 a little longer than average but teams were recovering well.
- The very wet start had been challenging for the teams, but teams would push to recover during May (despite the extra bank holiday's)

Weed Control

- The team had undertaken the spraying of obstacles in all main areas and would continue to do so.
- Some wider area spraying, or ripping had been undertaken in the Southeast area including Newbiggin, Cambois, Blyth and Ashington Areas
- It was confirmed that blue dye would be used to combat weeds.

Street Cleansing

- Scheduled works continued within the Southeast area
- Fly tipping was still an ongoing problem particularly with the hirst and Cowpen Quay areas, the team were working with our enforcement team to identify and where possible prosecute.
- Sweepers were also working to schedule with no reported issues.
- A189 Spine Road Cleansing and Maintenance work took place over April with the teams working 5 Night Shift weekends A total of 2.5 tonnes of rubbish was removed, with just under 11 miles of road litter picked, cut, strimmed, swept and weed sprayed.

GENERAL - COUNTY WIDE INFORMATION

Verge Cutting will start before the next LAC

- Work will take 2 months, running through June and July
- Schedule remains unchanged from last year
- The service had 6.8 million sq. metres of verge to cut in the county.
- Local farmers were engaged with to help get through the significant workload.
- As usual, we will react quickly if we need to revisit any visibility splays due to re-growth.

The following comments were made in response to members questions: -

- It was confirmed that the land outside of the South Shore phase 1 development belonged to the County Council. Members were assured that the Council would look into the ownership and maintenance of the hedges in that area.
- Members thanked the team for their hard work on the spine road clear up project.
- Members acknowledged that fly-postering or fly-stickering needed to be reported especially if the content is of a distasteful nature. It would be the responsibility of the environmental enforcement team to look into enforcement against organisations who carried out the fly-postering.
- It was suggested by members to send out correspondence to those who had memorial benches what was acceptable to place on the benches as in

some cases the memorabilia were in excess. Officers acknowledged the issue and agreed to look into a solution.

Russell Mason, Highways Maintenance Senior Team Leader, gave an update to committee:-

All Highways Inspectors and maintenance crews continued to work inspecting, fixing carriageway/footway defects, making repairs, and making safe category one defects across the Southeast area.

The gully emptiers were fully deployed dealing with reported issues and cyclic maintenance.

Larger Tarmac Patching

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

- South Newsham Road, Blyth
- Links Road, Blyth
- Amersham Road, Blyth
- Briarley Road, Blyth
- First Avenue, Blyth
- Park Villas, Ashington
- Park Road, Ashington

Drainage Improvements:

Drainage Improvements had been carried out in the following areas:

- LTP - Carriageway Resurfacing
- Carriageway Resurfacing had been carried out the following areas:
- North View/Matfen Terrace, Newbiggin (LTP Prep) - Resurfacing 5th June
- Madison Street, Blyth, Prep work w/c 15th May - Resurfacing 8th June

Other Completed and Upcoming Schemes

- A189 Woodhorn RA – North Seaton RA – Southbound - large patching Started 23rd May.
- A189 Woodhorn Museum Entrance – Traffic safety scheme, this was installation of new road markings and refreshing of existing markings. This would be a night-time road closure for 5 nights starting 15th May.
- Ashington Central Primary School – Traffic Safety Scheme completed
- Hawthorn Road, Ashington Flag to Flex complete.
- Northern Line upgrades – Working alongside Network Rail the team would be carrying out improvement works at North Seaton Crossing, Ashington and Newsham Road Crossing, Blyth, there were no fixed dates for this yet but would be looking to start work in early late spring. The work consisted of

carriageway resurfacing at Newsham and footpath upgrades at North Seaton.

Regeneration Scheme

- Bowes Street, Blyth – was now almost complete. Final planting of all planters commencing Friday 12th May.

The following comments were made in response to members questions: -

- Officers confirmed that members could email or call to notify them of any specific issues raised.
- Members suggested that there should be a system in place where officers can communicate to members which gullies had been emptied in their area.
- Officers confirmed that the £3.8 million from Government for the LTP would be split equally in all areas of the County.
- It was confirmed that all issues recorded via fix my street would be prioritised in the same way regardless of the who reported it. The public should be encouraged to self-serve and report their issues themselves rather than relying on members of local and town councils.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

08 PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING UPDATE

Philip Soderquest, Director of Housing and Public Protection, gave a presentation (attached with the minutes) to committee. Ashington and Blyth area had the highest proportion of long-term empty (LTE) properties in Northumberland. There were 291 in Blyth and 295 in Ashington – Blyth and Ashington made up 26% of the total long term empty properties for Northumberland.

The Council had initiatives in place to try and combat the long-term empty homes. The housing service had joint initiatives with other services such as planning and public protection. In problematic areas there were targeted interventions which included engaging with the community and owners of the empty properties. There were 3 private sector housing officers to cover Northumberland. There was a proposal for an implementation of selective licensing in the Croft and Cowpen area of Blyth. In the last 12 months 14 empty homes had been brought back into use with interventions from the Private Sector Team in the Blyth area. The Homes England funding programme had succeeded in completing 4 empty dwelling management orders in Blyth, as well as 7 properties being purchased, repaired and added to Council housing stock.

In Ashington there had been previous targeted intervention including working with community groups. The housing team were working closely with Advance Northumberland to use empty properties for dispersed temporary accommodation. In the past 12 months there had been 24 long term empty properties brought back into use through interventions and the Private Sector team.

The following comments were made in response to members questions:-

- Officers acknowledged the challenge with probate and was aware of a number of properties that were in that position. Probate limited the ability for intervention but the Authority was seeking legal advice on a number of challenging properties.
- One of the main challenge with long term empty properties in the area was that many of the properties in Northumberland were where the mortgage liability was greater than the worth, or where it was not a viable option to improve the property to rent as the work would cost more than the property value.
- Officers were actively working with Advance Northumberland to maximise their stock and bring their long term empty properties back into use. It was acknowledged the cost implications associated with bringing properties back into use and that there was a risk it could cost Advance money.
- It was stressed the difficulty of enforcement within the housing sector. The resources were limited and there was limited capacity. Housing Law did not allow for much interference. There was no law that gave the authority power to take properties.
- Officers acknowledged that there was a high number of absentee landlords in the area and this was most likely to do with the low property prices in the area. It was confirmed that the increase in Council Tax for empty properties had been successful and had the desired effect.
- Members thanked Philip for his hard work and dedication to the authority for many years. They wished him well in his retirement and hoped he had a well-deserved rest.

RESOLVED that the information be noted.

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was due to be agreed at the Annual Meeting of the County Council on 17 May 2023 and was likely to take place in June 2023. Details would be circulated when the date had been confirmed.

Chair _____

Date _____



Northumberland County Council

CASTLE MORPETH LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

MONDAY 10TH JULY 2023

NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL BUS BOARDS

Report of: John Riddle, Cabinet Member for Improving our Roads and Highways

Lead Officer: Stuart McNaughton, Strategic Transport Manager

Purpose of report

To agree the Local Area Committee's nomination for the Northumberland Local Bus Board.

Recommendations

This Local Area Committee is recommended to:

- 1. Nominate a member of the Castle Morpeth Local Area Committee to act as the area's representative on the Northumberland Local Bus Board.**

Link to Corporate Plan

The Local Bus Board will help deliver on the 'Driving Economic Growth' priority within the Corporate Plan through helping to deliver a connected county by improving the bus network across Northumberland.

Key issues

- 1.** In May 2023, NCC Cabinet noted the decision of the North East Joint Transport Committee to make an Enhanced Bus Partnership for the region. The cabinet report is appended to this report
- 2.** The Enhanced Bus Partnership incorporates a package of regional and local bus schemes including:
 - a.** New ticketing products, which will enable cheaper, simpler, multi modal and multi-operator fares, with the aim of attracting more bus passengers to the network;
 - b.** New services and improved services, delivering new routes to connect communities and improving frequencies and operating hours for existing

services. Funding for service improvements in Northumberland is expected to total £7.8m and be spent by 31 March 2025.

- c. Improved reliability and speed of buses through Bus Priority Infrastructure and Intelligent Transport Systems Investments, allowing users to rely on buses and attracting more people to use their local services.
- d. Investment focused on connectivity in rural areas.
- e. Funding to update outdated bus stops in the county to correct safety or accessibility issues that may be barriers to travel; and
- f. Ensuring services run as a cohesive network, including branding and enhanced passenger information. This will be in the form of a new website and app as well as additional staffing and online information.

- 3. Once funding is received, the council will begin to deliver a range of schemes to improve bus patronage, modal share, performance, and customer satisfaction.
- 4. As part of the delivery of the Enhanced Bus Partnership, local transport authorities have been asked to establish Local Bus Boards. The aim of the Local Bus Board is to allow representatives from across Northumberland to meet with bus operators to increase understanding between the parties involved, specifically but not limited to, reporting and discussion of forthcoming bus service changes in Northumberland.
- 5. The Local Bus Board would seek to improve working arrangements for the discussion of bus service reliability, service improvements, highways infrastructure measures, fares initiatives and information to the public.
- 6. Draft Terms of Reference for the Northumberland Local Bus Board (NLBB) are appended to this report. In summary:
 - a. The NLBB is not a public meeting and will not be a decision-making body
 - b. The ordinary frequency of meetings will be four times per year and will be chaired by the relevant portfolio holder.
- 7. Also set out in the Terms of Reference is the proposed membership of the NLBB and this includes a representative from each of the Local Area Committees. To that end, this report requests a nomination from this LAC to act as the local representative of the NLBB. On receipt of nominations from across the LACs, the first Local Bus Board will be arranged for the autumn.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy	This approach will provide ongoing support to transport providers and support the economic recovery of the region, as well as supporting the Council's strategic objective of connecting people by provided access to education, employment, and social activities.
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Finance and value for money	None.
Legal	None.
Procurement	None.
Human Resources	None.
Property	None.
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/>	None.
Risk Assessment	None.
Crime & Disorder	None.
Customer Consideration	None.
Carbon reduction	None.
Health and Wellbeing	None.
Wards	All Wards

Background papers

[May 2023 Cabinet Report - North East Bus Service Improvement Plan](#)
[Northumberland Local Bus Board - Draft Terms of Reference](#)

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CABINET

TUESDAY, 9 MAY 2023

NORTH EAST BUS SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN

Report of: Glen Sanderson, Leader of the Council

Lead Officer: Janice Rose, Interim Director of Regeneration

Purpose of report

To outline the implications of the Bus Service Improvement Plan for Northumberland bus services and infrastructure.

Recommendations

Cabinet is recommended to:

- 1) Note the decision of the North East Combined Authority and the North of Tyne Combined Authority, acting together through the North East Joint Transport Committee to make an Enhanced Bus Partnership for the region;**
- 2) Delegate authority to the Executive Director for Regeneration, in consultation with the Executive Director of Finance (Section 151 officer), to accept the funding for bus service improvements, once confirmed, from Transport North East; and**
- 3) Authorise the creation of a Northumberland Local Bus Board as set out in Appendix 2.**

Key issues

The North East Joint Transport Committee on Tuesday 21st March 2023 agreed to formally make an Enhanced Bus Partnership. This is a key step in unlocking Bus Service Improvement Plan funding of £163.5million for the region. This funding is for financial years 2023/24 to 2024/25 with £73.5m for capital investment and £90.0m for revenue investment.

Revenue funding will be used, in part, to implement a range of new ticketing products, which will enable cheaper, simpler, multi modal and multi-operator fares, with the aim of attracting more passengers to the network. Proposed fare products specific to Northumberland residents include:

Product	Price
Under 22 singles	£1
Under 22 regionwide day ticket (multi modal)	£3
Northumberland adult day ticket (multi-operator)	£5

Further revenue funding will be used to procure new services and improved services, delivering new routes to connect communities, and improving frequencies and operating hours for existing services. Funding for service improvements in Northumberland (subject to confirmation) is expected to total £7.8m.

Overview of the Enhanced Partnership and associated Bus Service Improvement Plan funded initiatives will be facilitated by the creation of a regional Bus Board together with a requirement to establish a Local Bus Board at a Northumberland level. The Local Bus Board would not be a decision-making body but would seek to improve working arrangements for the discussion of bus service reliability, service improvements, highways infrastructure measures, fares initiatives and information to the public.

BACKGROUND

1. The National Bus Strategy was published by the Department for Transport (DfT) on 15 March 2021 and set out central government's vision and the opportunity to deliver better bus services for passengers, through ambitious and far-reaching reform of how services are planned and delivered.
2. The North East Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) bid responded to the National Bus Strategy and was published in October 2021. The BSIP committed the region to the establishment of an Enhanced Partnership (EP) plan and scheme. An EP is a statutory partnership between Local Transport Authorities (LTA's) and their local bus operators and sets out how they will work together to deliver BSIP outcomes, An EP consists of two parts:
 - An EP plan – a high-level vision and objectives for bus services in the local area and closely follows or replicates relevant sections of the BSIP, setting out a clear vision of the improvements to bus services that the EP is aiming to deliver; and
 - One or more EP schemes – an accompanying document which sets out the requirements that need to be met by local services that stop in the EP area and precise detail of how the BSIP vision and objectives will be achieved, including any commitments made by the local authority or standards to be met by bus operators.
3. Making an EP is an essential step in unlocking the regions BSIP funding, failing to do so would limit the region's ability to fund and deliver improvements to bus services needed in the region. This investment is hugely important to the region and a failure to deliver an EP, and therefore BSIP, will be a missed opportunity in terms of the economic, health, social and environmental benefits they will bring.
4. An EP plan and an EP scheme have been developed by Transport North East (TNE) in partnership with LTA's and bus operators and the content of these documents have been agreed with the DfT. The partnership involves continuous engagement with all parties working together to deliver the ambitions set out in the BSIP and EP Plan, and the EP Scheme sets out obligations on local authorities and local bus operators. To that end, a North East Regional Bus Partnership Board (Partnership Board) has been established to oversee the North East EP. This Partnership Board includes representation from Northumberland County Council (NCC) Stuart McNaughton, Acting Head of Economy and Regeneration.
5. On 2 March 2023 the Leader of the Council took the delegated decision as agreed by Cabinet on 10 May 2022 and authorised Northumberland County

Councils participation in the making of an Enhanced Bus Partnership Plan and Scheme.

6. Following approval by the North East Joint Transport Committee (JTC) on Tuesday 21 March 2023 it was agreed to make the EP. This is a key step in unlocking confirmed regional BSIP funding of £163.5million. This funding is for financial years 2023/24 to 2024/25 with £73.5m for capital investment and £90.0m for revenue investment. Once funding is received, we will begin to deliver schemes which work towards the BSIP Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) to improve bus patronage, modal share, performance, and customer satisfaction. The package of regional and local schemes include:

- New ticketing products, set out in the table, which will enable cheaper, simpler, multi modal and multi-operator fares, with the aim of attracting more passengers to the network;

Product	Price	Proposed Implementation
Under 22 singles	£1	May 2023
Under 22 regionwide day ticket (multi modal)	£3	May 2023
Northumberland day ticket (multi-operator)	£5	July 2023
County Durham day ticket (multi-operator)	£4	July 2023
Tyne & Wear day ticket (multi-modal)	£6	July 2023
Two-Zone day ticket (multi-modal)	£6.50	July 2023
Regionwide day ticket (multi-modal)	£6.80	July 2023

- New services and improved services, delivering new routes to connect communities and improving frequencies and operating hours for existing services. A key requirement of the funding identified sustainability as a key factor when planning interventions. To that end officers have worked extensively with operators to identify a package of interventions that have the highest likelihood of being commercially viable after the funding has ended. These interventions will form the initial phase of work. Notwithstanding these interventions, additional funding will be available to implement a package of bus service enhancements identified locally following engagement with Elected Members and Town and parish Councils. Funding for service improvements in Northumberland subject to confirmation is expected to total £7.8m to be spent between 1 April 2023 and 31 March 2025. Details of the current bus network is set out in Appendix 1;

- Improved reliability and speed of buses through Bus Priority Infrastructure and Intelligent Transport Systems Investments, allowing users to rely on buses and attracting more people to use their local services. Many of these schemes are targeted in Tyne & Wear, but Northumberland bus users will benefit because of improved journey times to Newcastle and further afield;

Northumberland Highway Schemes	Description
Blyth A189 Southbound to A193 Eastbound bus lane.	Widen carriageway to provide additional bus lane to facilitate bus movement through A189 roundabout.
Cramlington Low Main Place to B1326 right turn bus lane.	Widen Road and signalise junction to facilitate right turn bus movement and provide new left turn entrance to supermarket car park in advance of junction to ease volume of traffic moving through junction.
Cramlington Dudley lane southbound bus lane at A1171 roundabout.	Widen Southbound carriageway to provide addition bus lane to facilitate bus movement through A1171 roundabout.

- Investment focused on connectivity in rural areas such as ‘on demand’ ‘demand responsive transport’ and small ‘pocket park and ride’ sites;
 - Funding to update outdated bus stops in the county to correct safety or accessibility issues that may be barriers to travel; and
 - Ensuring services run as a cohesive network, including branding and enhanced passenger information. This will be in the form of a new website and app as well as additional staffing and online information. A Code of Conduct and Bus Passenger Charter have also been agreed, ensuring that bus users and bus operators work together ahead of network changes and passengers can come to expect consistent standards throughout the network.
7. The making of the EP Plan and EP Scheme, set out an intention to formalise a governance structure to oversee the operation of the EP. A Partnership Board has been established and has been meeting in shadow form. LTAs are being asked to establish Local Bus Boards. Cabinet is requested to give approval for the creation of a member led Local Bus Board for Northumberland as set out in Appendix 2.
 8. The aim of the Local Bus Board is to allow representatives from across Northumberland to meet with bus operators to increase understanding between the parties involves, specifically but not limited to, reporting and

discussion of forthcoming bus service changes in Northumberland. The Local Bus Board would seek to improve working arrangements for the discussion of bus service reliability, service improvements, highways infrastructure measures, fares initiatives and information to the public.

9. All relevant actions within the EP Scheme and EP Plan will be funded through the BSIP award, or are costs already met by Northumberland County Council. It should be noted that the EP Scheme contains a measure requiring Northumberland County Council to maintain their supported services and concessionary travel budget at the actual spend of financial year 2022/23 for the duration of the EP.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy	This approach will provide ongoing support to transport providers and support the economic recovery of the region, as well as supporting the Council's strategic objective of connecting people by provided access to education, employment, and social activities.
Finance and value for money	The North East's BSIP set out an ambitious request for Government funding for the delivery of measures relevant to bus services. Entering an EP is a requirement to receive ongoing Government funding for bus services. Future reports will be brought to Cabinet for decision making if the EP requires any financial support from the Council for specific schemes.
Legal	<p>The overarching principle of the EP is that there are no decision-making powers aligned to the any of bodies which will make up the governance structure of the EP; and that these bodies should be focused on building consensus as to the best way to proceed on issues. Once consensus is reached on a matter, if a decision is required by, for an example, a Local Authority, the matter must be passed forward to that the Local Authority for a decision to be reached through that Local Authority's established governance.</p> <p>The Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations 2000 confirm that the matters within this report are not functions reserved to Full Council.</p>
Procurement	New/enhanced services will be contracted in accordance with existing procurement arrangements
Human Resources	None

Property	None
Equalities	(Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Implementation of the EP will assist in reducing social exclusion by improving access for the young, elderly, unemployed/low waged and people with disabilities.
Risk Assessment	The main risk associated with the programme is that any significant underspend or failure to deliver schemes that have external funding linked to them may lead to a loss of that funding and jeopardise the potential to secure additional funding in future years.
Crime & Disorder	Proposals within the BSIP, to be developed through the EP, will assist in improving safety and security for the travelling public
Customer Consideration	None
Carbon reduction	The EP will be a crucial element in providing a sustainable transport system capable of supporting Northumberland's environmental, social, and economic objectives. It seeks to reduce car dependence and increase sustainable travel, thereby contributing to the reduction of carbon emissions.
Health and Wellbeing	Improving opportunities for sustainable travel through improved bus services will encourage more activity and benefit health by improving air quality.
Wards	All wards

Background papers:

- [National Bus Strategy](#)
- [National bus strategy: bus service improvement plans – guidance to local authorities and bus operators](#)
- [Bus Partnership & Scheme – Report to Cabinet – May22](#)

Report sign off

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Appendix 2: Northumberland Local Bus Board – Draft Terms of Reference (to be agreed at first meeting of the Bus Board)

1. Aims and Objectives

The aim of the Northumberland Local Bus Board is to allow representatives from across the county to meet with officers and bus operators (where necessary) to discuss and understand forthcoming alterations to the bus network and consider any planning work that is being carried out at both local and regional levels. Discussions may include changes to routes and timetables, punctuality, reliability, highway infrastructure, fares initiatives and public information.

2. Frequency and Conduct of Meetings

The Northumberland Local Bus Board will not be a public meeting. Attendance at Board meetings will be by invitation only and is expected to include:

- the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services
- a representative from each of the four Local Area Committees
- the Head of Economy and Regeneration
- an officer from the Local Services Transport team responsible for contract management and compliance
- a representative from the Northumberland Disability Partnership
- a representative from the Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC)
- a representative from Transport Focus/Confederation of Passenger Transport
- representatives of one or more local bus operators where this is deemed necessary to address specific discussion points

The Board is not a decision-making body.

Meetings will be chaired by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services unless otherwise directed by the Cabinet Member.

The agenda for each meeting will be prepared by an officer from the Strategic Transport team in consultation with the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services. A meeting note will be prepared and circulated to all attendees.

The ordinary frequency of meetings will be four times per year. It is recognised, however, that it may be necessary to arrange meetings at short notice (for example, to respond to Government announcements and associated funding opportunities). Any requests for additional meetings should be approved by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services.

Task and finish groups may be set up. These will act within the remit specified by the Board and a written report of their activity will be provided to the next meeting of the Board.

3. Procedure for reporting Bus Service Changes

The standard procedure for reporting forthcoming commercial bus service changes will be:

- An officer from the Strategic Transport team will provide a written report to the Board containing, as a minimum, commentary of any proposed changes including revisions to routes, frequencies, hours of operation and the types of vehicles used as well as their date of introduction (in accordance with the required registration process).
- These changes will be circulated to board members by e-mail and if they wish to comment they should do so by reply within seven days. The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services will arrange for a written response to be sent to bus operators' representatives (where necessary), setting out the Board's comments and requesting a response within seven days.
- Bus operators' representatives will then provide a written response to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services, which will be circulated by e-mail to the Board for further discussion.

4. Procedure for reporting matters by the Cabinet Member and attendees

The procedure for the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services to raise other matters will be:

- The Authority will provide a written report to bus operators' representatives on the matter unless the urgency of it means it must be raised verbally at the meeting.
- The bus operators' representatives will provide a written or verbal response as appropriate to be discussed by the Board. The Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services will then agree a written response to be sent to the bus operators' representatives setting out the Board's comments and requesting a response to be provided by the next meeting of the Board.
- The bus operators' representatives will then provide a written response to the Board to be discussed at the next available Board meeting.

Should other Board attendees wish to raise a specific matter for discussion, they should make a request to the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services, asking the Cabinet Member to consider raising the matter via the procedure above.

5. Review of Terms of Reference and Membership

The Terms of Reference and membership of the Board will be reviewed on an annual basis and approved by the Cabinet Portfolio Holder for Local Services.

**Northumberland County Council
Ashington and Blyth Area Committee
Work Programme 2023-24**

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).

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