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Date: Wednesday, 17 January 2024

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in **MEETING ROOM 1 - BERWICK LEISURE CENTRE, NORTHUMBERLAND RD, TWEEDMOUTH, BERWICK UPON TWEED, TD15 2AS** on **THURSDAY, 25 JANUARY 2024** at **2.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

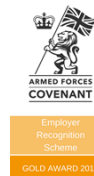
Dr Helen Paterson
Chief Executive

To North Northumberland Local Area Committee members as follows:-

S Bridgett, G Castle (Chair), T Clark, C Hardy, G Hill (Vice-Chair), I Hunter, M Mather, W Pattison, G Renner-Thompson, C Seymour, M Swinbank, T Thorne and J 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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- 10)

Minutes of the meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Committee held on Thursday 27 July 2023 and 28 September 2023 as circulated, to be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

3. DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

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

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

Registerable Interest or Non Registerable Interest in a matter being considered in exercise of their executive function, they must notify the Monitoring Officer and arrange for somebody else to deal with it.

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

4. 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 or 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 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. BUDGET 2024-25 AND MEDIUM-TERM FINANCIAL PLAN

This presentation will outline the Council's strategy to the 2024-25 Budget within the context of the Corporate Plan. The presentation will provide details of the approach to setting the budget for the next financial year and the broad impact this will have on the delivery of services.

7. PLAYZONE SPORTS DEVELOPMENT PRESENTATION

To receive a presentation from Kathie Keady - County Sports Development Manager.

8. COMMUNITY CHEST PRESENTATIONS

Recipients from the Community Chest in the Berwick area will give a short presentation to committee explaining how the grant has helped their business or charity.

9. LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

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

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 28 March 2024 at 6:00 pm.

11. URGENT BUSINESS (IF ANY)

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)—

	<p>(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.</p>
<p>Securities</p>	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities* of a body where— (a) that body (to the councillor’s knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the council; and (b) either— 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.</p>

* ‘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)

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NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the **North Northumberland Local Area Committee** held at MAIN HALL, WARKWORTH WAR MEMORIAL HALL, 40 CASTLE ST, WARKWORTH, MORPETH NE65 0UN on Thursday, 27 July 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

G Castle (Chair)
(in the Chair)

MEMBERS

T Clark
G Hill
M Swinbank

C Hardy
I Hunter
T Thorne

OFFICERS

G Bucknall
Easton
B Hodgson
R Little
N Masson

Highways Delivery Area Manager
Public Transport Manager
Neighbourhood Services Area Manager
Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Legal Services Manager (Deputy Monitoring Officer)

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

E Ross

Stronger Shores

Around 25 members of the public were present.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridgett, Mather, Pattison, Seymour, and Watson.

2 DISCLOSURE OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS

Councillor Hardy explained that he had a personal and prejudicial interest in item 10 of the agenda and would leave the room while the item was discussed.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

3 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Questions from Berwick Town Council had been received via email and a written response would be provided from officers.

Q.

L Long – Swarland & Newton Action on Climate (SNAC), asked whether NCC could explain how verge cutting contributed to increasing plant life diversity and whether it was consistent with good verge guidelines.

A.

B. Hodgson - Neighbourhood Services Area Manager, explained that NCC did follow good verge guidelines from Plantlife and aimed to cut verges annually and would leave areas upon request however would cut specific verges if they impacted on sightlines.

Q.

M. Wyllie – Rotary Amble & Warkworth, asked who determines which sightlines were planned to be cut.

A.

B. Hodgson - Neighbourhood Services Area Manager, explained that verges were mapped on a digital system however he would be happy to meet with local residents and organisations to discuss particular verges.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

4 PETITIONS

- (a) No new petitions had been received.
- (b) There were no petition reports for members to discuss.
- (c) No updates on previous petitions.

5 LOCAL SERVICES ISSUES

Highways

Resurfacing

Five schemes in the North had been complete in the new year's LTP, those were:

- Billendean Roundabout
- Highcliffe Estate, Spittal
- Netherton Burnfoot
- A1068 Hipsburn towards Warkworth
- Dean Drive, Berwick

Maintenance

The gang had been working through the extensive list of drainage and minor flooding issues along with replacing road signs however the allocated funds were likely to run out before completing the full list.

The pothole trial had started in North Northumberland as well as Tynedale, so a contractor had been posted in with a hotbox, planer and roller cutting out and squaring off potholes. In the trial period, they would be concentrating on A & B class roads and would assess productivity in three months.

The Highways Inspectors and NCC response gangs had continued to work on emergency potholes or any that were not suitable for the contractor.

Fix My Street had been launched and councillors were asked to encourage members of the public to report issues through the new system.

Following the update from G. Bucknall – Lead Highways Delivery Manager, members were invited to ask questions, in which the following information was provided:

- Potholes were only actionable if they were a minimum of 40mm deep or at least 300mm in diameter.

Members thanked Graham and the team for their continued challenging work.

Local Services

Waste Service

Residual, Recycling, and bulky waste collection services had continued to perform well. A review of routes had taken place which had resulted in a change of collection day for over 4000 households, all households affected were in the southeast and were sent a leaflet informing them of the new collection date and were provided with a calendar showing future collection dates.

Garden waste services had also been performing well, and the Neighbourhood Services team were planning to review the service at the end of the season to look for efficiencies. There had been 194 new customers join the programme to make a total of 5808 customers in the North area.

Grass Cutting

The majority of the teams were onto cut seven of the season, with some days

being lost due to the poor weather however the team were confident that they would hit their target number of cuts for the season.

Weed Control

All areas had received the first weed treatment and the second treatments had been started in areas.

Members thanked Bob and the team for their ongoing challenging work.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

6 **NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES PRESENTATION**

B. Hodgson - Neighbourhood Services Area Manager gave the committee a presentation covering general information on grass cutting, along with challenges faced by the teams and information on weed control.

Following the presentation, elected members and public were invited to ask questions. The following information was then provided:

- NCC used chemicals around the base of trees to reduce the need to trim the areas as resources were limited, the chemicals used would usually last for approximately three months, which the risk of damage to trees.
- Parish and Town councils were able to identify areas where grass areas did not need to be cut as often and work with the Neighbourhood Services team to ensure a balance of safety and biodiversity.
- NCC were reviewing ways in which cut grass was displaced.

Members thanked Bob for the presentation.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

7 **STRONGER SHORES**

E. Ross – Stronger Shores was in attendance and gave members a presentation on the Stronger Shores project, this included information on National Policy, objectives of the project, Natural Capital along with sites and types of research each site was undertaking.

Following the presentation, elected members and public were invited to ask questions. The following information was then provided:

- Due to funding constraints the boundary ran to Lindisfarne however Stronger Shores would be working with Berwick Marine Partnership.
- The project would be working with Northumbria Water.

Members thanked Emily for attending, and for the information on the Stronger Shores project and requested that the slides and contact information to be emailed to members and Parish Councils after the meeting.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

8 NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL BUS BOARD

N. Easton - Public Transport Manager gave a brief summary of the report and invited members to nominate a member to represent the North Northumberland Area in a Northumberland Bus Board committee.

After a brief discussion, Councillor Swinbank was nominated to represent the North Northumberland area, this was agreed by members.

RESOLVED that Councillor Swinbank would be the North Northumberland representative for the Local Bus Board.

9 APPOINTMENTS OF OUTSIDE BODIES

The following change was made to the North Northumberland Outside Bodies:

- The removal of Councillor Castle to sit on Alnwick Sporting Club. Councillor Castle had advised that it was no longer running.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

Councillor Hardy left the meeting at this point.

10 NORTH SUNDERLAND HARBOUR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

N. Masson – Head of Legal Services, introduced the report to members and provided an update and outlined the proposed next steps with regard to Council's appointment of two Harbour Commissioners to the North Sunderland Harbours Commission.

Councillor Castle proposed to accept both recommendations, which was seconded by Councillor Thorne. A vote was taken and was unanimous.

RESOLVED that

1. That members ratified the composition of the interview panel consisting solely of Councillor Hill.
2. Kerren Rodgers and James Boulton were appointed as Harbour Commissioners to the North Sunderland Harbour Commission for a period of 3 years under the North Sunderland Harbour Order 1931.

Councillor Hardy returned to the meeting at this point.

11 LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED that this was noted.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area was noted as Thursday, 28 September 2023.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

CHAIR.....

DATE.....

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

At the meeting of the **North Northumberland Local Area Committee** held at BAMBURGH PAVILION, BAMBURGH, NORTHUMBERLAND, NE69 7BP on Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 6.00 pm.

PRESENT

G Castle
(Chair) (in the Chair)

MEMBERS

G Hill
C Seymour
T Thorne

G Renner-Thompson
M Swinbank
J Watson

OFFICERS

L Dixon
P Jones
R Little
K Westerby

Democratic Services Assistant
Director of Environment and Transport
Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Highways Delivery Manager

4 members of the public were present.

13 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridgett, Clark, Hardy, Hunter, Mather, and Pattison.

14 **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Q.

E Haddow – Shilbottle Parish Council, asked for a breakdown in which cemeteries NCC maintain and which Parish and Town Councils pay for additional maintenance.

A.

P Jones - Director of Environment and Transport explained that it was mixed across the County and would provide a written response to Shilbottle Parish Council.

Councillor Thorne explained to the committee that following the July meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Council in Warkworth, he had written to National Highways regarding a patch of verge grass which was continually being cut and national highways had agreed to stop cutting which would allow wild orchids to grow and bloom.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

15 **PETITIONS**

(a)

Members noted that the Safety at Swinhoe petition had been opened and a report would follow at a future North Northumberland Local Area Committee meeting once the petition had closed.

(b)

There were no petition reports for members to discuss.

(c)

No updates on previous petitions.

16 **FIX MY STREET PRESENTATION**

P Jones – Director of Environment and Transport, and K Westerby – Highways Delivery Manager gave the committee a presentation on Fix My Street which included information on:

- Previous Systems
- Envisaged Benefits
- Implementation/Development
- User Benefits
- Fix My Street Access
- Fix My Street Website

- User Account Page
- Fix My Street Mobile Application
- Local Alerts
- Staff View
- Reports Received
- Trends – Response Rates
- Statistics
- Detailed Analysis of Reports
- Next Steps

Following the presentation, committee members and public were invited to ask questions and further information was provided:

- Public toilets were under parks maintenance but would be their own category in future updates to the application.
- Rights of Way were included in the Fix My Street application.
- The Northumberland Fix My Street linked with the national Fix My Street application.
- Customers and elected members were able to reopen a case if they did not feel like the issue had been resolved.
- Contractors and Officers were unable to complete an issue until a photo is taken and uploaded into the database.
- Fix My Street was used to educate and inform customers with certain issues such as potholes.
- NCC grit bins and gritting routes would be added to the Fix My Street application at a future date and then future development would include Parish Council grit bins.
- QR codes on grit bins were being looked into for potential future implementation.
- The back-office system that staff would use would flag up repeat issues.
- The data from Fix My Street would be looked at to drive future LTPs.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

17 **LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

RESOLVED that this was noted.

18 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

RESOLVED that the next meeting of the North Northumberland Local Area Committee was noted as Thursday, 30 November 2023.

RESOLVED that this was noted.

CHAIR.....

DATE.....

Northumberland County Council
North Northumberland Local Area Committee
Work Programme 2023/24

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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:-

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- (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, Petitions

To be listed:

- Publicity
- Domestic Violence
- Dentist Shortage

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- Budget
- Playzone Sports Development Presentation
- Community Chest Presentations

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- Policing in Rural Communities
- RAMP and NSBS Presentations
- Decommissioning of Analogue Telephone Lines

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**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE - NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND
MONITORING REPORT 2023/24**

Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
	27.07.23	STRONGER SHORES	RESOLVED that this was noted.	
	27.07.23	LOCAL SERVICES – GRASS CUTTING AND WEED CONTROL	RESOLVED that this was noted.	

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	27.07.23	NORTH SUNDERLAND HARBOUR COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS	RESOLVED that 1. That members ratified the composition of the interview panel consisting solely of Councillor Hill. 2. Kerren Rodgers and James Boulton were appointed as Harbour Commissioners to the North Sunderland Harbour Commission for a period of 3 years under the North Sunderland Harbour Order 1931.	
	27.07.23	NORTHUMBERLAND LOCAL BUS BOARD	RESOLOVED that Councillor Swinbank would be the North Northumberland representative for the Local Bus Board.	
	27.07.23	APPOINTMENTS TO OUTSIDE BODIES	RESOLVED that this was noted.	

	28.09.23	FIX MY STREET	RESOLVED that this was noted.	
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