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Date: Monday, 13 November 2023

Dear Sir or Madam,

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **TYNEDALE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE** to be held in **THE AUDITORIUM, FUSE MEDIA CENTRE, MOOR ROAD, PRUDHOE, NORTHUMBERLAND NE42 5LJ** on **TUESDAY, 21 NOVEMBER 2023** at **6.00 PM**.

Yours faithfully

Dr Helen Paterson
Chief Executive

To Tynedale Local Area Committee members as follows:-

T Cessford (Chair), H Waddell (Vice-Chair), S Fairless-Aitken (Vice-Chair (Planning)), A Dale, C Horncastle, JI Hutchinson, D Kennedy, N Morphet, N Oliver, J Riddle, A Scott, A Sharp and G Stewart



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AGENDA

PART I

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

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. MINUTES

(Pages
1 - 10)

Minutes of the meeting of the Tynedale Local Area Committee, held on 12 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 may be received in writing in advance of the meeting or asked at the meeting. Questions can be asked about issues for which the Council has a responsibility. If questions are received in advance of meetings it will increase the likelihood of an answer being provided at the meeting. (Public question times take place on a bimonthly basis at Local Area Committee 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 Committee.

5. PETITIONS

(Pages
11 - 30)

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:

i) Request for Additional Traffic Calming Measures at Woodlands, Hexham

To receive information regarding a follow up survey since the petition was originally considered on 11 July 2023.

c) Receive any updates on petitions for which a report was previously considered: any updates will be verbally reported at the meeting.

6. FIX MY STREET

To receive a presentation on Fix My Street by Kris Westerby, Highways Delivery Manager.

7. WINTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESILIENCE

(Pages
31 - 34)

The report provides an overall update of the pre-season preparations ahead of the forthcoming winter services season.

8. LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages
35 - 42)

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).

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 16 January 2024 (venue to be confirmed).

10. URGENT BUSINESS

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

IF YOU HAVE AN INTEREST AT THIS MEETING, PLEASE:

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

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.

Agenda Item 2

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL

TYNEDALE LOCAL AREA COUNCIL

At a meeting of the **Tynedale Local Area Council** held at Hexham House, Gilesgate, Hexham, Northumberland, NE46 3NH on Tuesday, 12 September 2023 at 4.00 p.m.

PRESENT

Councillor SH Fairless-Aitken
(Vice-Chair (Planning), in the Chair)

MEMBERS

A Dale
I Hutchinson
N Morphet

N Oliver
A Sharp
G Stewart

OFFICERS

D Hunt

A Olive
M Robbins
N Turnbull

Neighbourhood Services Area
Manager
Highways Delivery Area Manager
Strategic Estates Manager
Democratic Services Officer

ALSO PRESENT

9 members of the public.

19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Cessford, Horncastle, Riddle, Scott and Waddell.

20. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the following meeting of the Tynedale Local Area Council, held on 11 July 2023, as circulated, be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

LOCAL AREA COUNCIL BUSINESS

21. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Ch.'s Initials.....

Wendy Breach, Hexham Civic Society, asked if the County Council had designs for how the refurbished Shambles would be protected from poor drivers.

Mike Robbins, Strategic Estates Manager, reported that a project to safeguard the historic Shambles Market structure in Hexham Town Centre was currently in development following allocation of funding by the County Council.

The project brief identified safety measures to protect the grade II listed building from potential vehicle impact so it could continue to be a prominent feature in the town and could be used for markets and events with parking provision in the vicinity.

An application for Listed Building Consent would be submitted in the coming months and the Civic Society, alongside any other stakeholders, would have an opportunity to make comment upon the proposed scheme. At that stage the Council would be in a position to confirm more detailed timescales for the project's delivery.

As a follow-up question, Wendy Breach asked why priority was been given to highways and not heritage.

The Strategic Estates Officer commented that the planning process welcomed all views. The proposed scheme was not likely to replicate exactly what was in place now. They hoped to find a balance between protecting the building whilst providing some car parking spaces.

22. PETITIONS

This item was to:

a) Receive any new petitions:

There were none.

b) Consider reports on petitions previously received:

i) The Falcon Centre Wylam

The Local Area Committee were requested to acknowledge the petition and receive an update on progress made in addressing the issues raised regarding the Falcon Centre being used as a community hub and requested sympathetic consideration of a future application for a community asset transfer. (A copy of the report enclosed with the signed minutes).

Steve Grinter, Chairman of the Falcon Centre Action Group (FCAG), was in attendance with other members and supporters of the FCAG. He explained that the group had been working for three years to secure the Falcon Centre as a Community Hub with a vision for the development of activities and initiatives to complement existing community services and address new social concerns and interests. A survey had been distributed to 960

households in Wylam. 170 completed forms had been returned with strong support for the suggested priorities previously identified as well as a wide range of additional ideas and offers of help and support. Identified priorities included:

- To maintain and develop library services in cooperation with NCC library services. Discussions had been held with the Head of Library Services and the local librarian. They planned to develop a team of volunteers to supplement and enhance the current library offer by offering increased opening hours and services beyond the current 12 hours per week, such as book groups and continuing education classes.
- In partnership with Wylam Parish Council to further develop the Railway Museum, engage with local historians to provide space for local archives to be stored and accessed. To develop partnerships with organisations including the National Trust with a view to linking with Stephenson's Cottage.
- To provide a focus for Health and Well-Being. Services Provision and initiatives would include cooperation and partnership with new NHS Integrated Care Services and County Wide developments relating to Social Prescribing and community-based health and well-being services. The Action Group was aware of the County Council's aim to be a Marmot Authority and how activities and initiatives of the Falcon Centre could support the County Council's ambition.
- The Falcon Centre's vision embraced cooperating with organisations and agencies addressing employment and work interests and concerns. This would support Community Wealth Building, an interest of the County Council and its partnership with the North East Regional Authorities.
- A local meeting place and information point to provide a community café to serve users of the centre. To provide a focus for refreshment and information for tourists especially those using nearby popular walking routes. To provide a facility for cyclists including cycle repairs and cycle proficiency training.

The above demonstrated that the FCAG was ambitious. They appreciated that not all of the activities could be implemented in the short term and a phased approach would be required. They planned to conduct a feasibility study, linked to the development of a business plan, to help decide the order activities and programmes should be implemented.

They strongly believed that the plans fitted well with the priorities identified by the County Council, NHS and Health and Well-Being services. Their plans were supported by Wylam Parish Council. Time and funds were needed to develop their application for a Community Asset Transfer. Progress had been held back for over 2 years with lack of funding. They had raised over £2,000 of the £26,278 required to undertake necessary surveys and other work to complete the feasibility study and business plan.

They hoped the committee would support the group to secure the future of the Falcon Centre including provision of financial support for the feasibility study and business plan. He stated that they had not received any funding from the Council.

Mike Robbins, Strategic Estates Officer, confirmed that a number of the Council departments, including strategic estates, libraries and regeneration, had been working with the FCAG since 2020. The building was not in a good condition, was deteriorating and was not well used. It was now only occupied by the library and museum, as toddler groups had gone elsewhere.

He stated that there had been little progress in the last three years. He had not been given the information regarding the costs for the feasibility study and business plan although Mr. Grinter confirmed during the discussion at the meeting that he would provide this data. Officers were happy to accept the petition and would continue to work with the FCAG but needed to consider all options for the building.

In answer to questions from members, it was confirmed that:

- Library services would continue to be provided in Wylam but this might be from another building.
- Whilst the current building had character, the building was not fit for purpose and required substantial investment.
- All options would be considered including possible demolition and rebuilding.
- The perception of officers was that there had been little progress in the previous 3-year period.
- The effect of the FCAG's proposals on other buildings and services within the village and future sustainability would need to be considered.

A member asked if a further report could be considered by the Local Area Committee before a report was considered by Cabinet or a decision taken on the future of the building.

Mr Grinter reported that a number of applications had been made for funding of the feasibility study and decisions were awaited. A previous application for Council funding for the feasibility study had been declined as it had not been met the grant criteria.

RESOLVED that:

1. The petition requesting support for the efforts of the Falcon Centre Action Group (FCAG) to secure the future of the Falcon Centre as a community hub, be received.
2. The potential of FCAG to take on the Falcon Centre as a building to develop as a community hub, be noted.
3. The issues raised in the petition by Wylam residents, their wish to see FCAG supported in their work to take on and develop the Falcon Centre as a community hub, be noted.
4. The ongoing work of NCC staff to support the FCAG, be noted.
5. The commitment that a library offer will be maintained within Wylam, be noted.

6. Given the time that the FCAG have already had to develop a proposal, in the best interests of the service and the building, other options for the future use of the building, in parallel with any proposal FCAG put forward, should be explored.

c) To consider updates on petitions previously considered:

Traffic safety at Woodlands Hexham – an update was to be presented to the meeting of the Tynedale Local Area Committee in November 2023.

Request to impose a speed limit on a section of the C234 between Warden Bridge and Fourstones petition – a member enquired whether an update was available. The Democratic Services Officer agreed to check.

23. LOCAL SERVICES UPDATE

Members received the following updates from the Area Managers from Neighbourhood Services and Technical Services:

Technical Services:

- Highways inspections were up to date and being carried out in accordance with the Council's statutory duty with actionable defects being repaired.
- The 3-month pothole trial of repairing category 2 defects was coming to an end. The purpose of the trial was to improve the condition and quality of the road surface. In the Tynedale area, work under the trial had been carried out on 17 different carriageways. In total nearly 1,700 metres² of permanent patching had been undertaken.
- Following heavy rain at the weekend, a number of properties had flooded due to the volume of water. Teams were assisting with clean up and looking at the drainage in those areas.
- The gulley wagon would be diverted to locations which had flooded for the next 7-10 days. The wagon had recently been working in the North Tyne valley to carry out cleansing in the villages within 30mph zones. In the previous 2 weeks, it had mainly been undertaking reactive cleansing as well as cleansing within LTP Schemes. Traffic management would be needed when it focused on B classified roads.
- The cost of works for all LTP schemes had been calculated with a number of projects having been completed. An additional £3.8 million of funding from government had enabled a number of additional projects to be carried out including several schemes in the Tynedale area. Footway improvements and road safety schemes were also being carried out with a summary given projects scheduled, underway or completed.
- Preparation for winter services work had commenced with salt bins being replenished within the next few weeks.

In answer to questions from members, it was confirmed that:

- Adoption of highways in Woodlands Rise would be followed up.

- Footway work in Hexham Town Centre was progressing with the one-way system working well. Work on the opposite footway was scheduled to commence in January.
- The source of blocked drains in Oakland car park in Prudhoe was being investigated.
- A JCB and team had concentrated on ditches in areas of high ground in the Tynedale area for the previous 2 years. Councillors concerned about specific locations were requested to email these to the Highways Area Manager so they could be programmed into the schedule to optimise use of the resource.

Councillors Sharp, Dale and Oliver expressed their appreciation for work undertaken in their wards.

Neighbourhood Services:

- There had been some challenging periods of wet weather during the summer which had meant that grass cutting had been suspended in some areas due to concerns regarding the possibility of damage given ground conditions. This had led to long grass and more arisings. It was expected that the minimum required number of cuts (10-13) was still expected to be achieved with 8 cuts having been carried out so far. Staffing issues had also caused difficulties with 4 members of staff on temporary contracts leaving for permanent employment elsewhere.
- A delay on verge grass cutting had arisen due to a contractor withdrawing at short notice and until a replacement had been appointed. Areas which had been left long to encourage wildflowers and a more diverse range of flora as part of an environmental project would be cut later in the season with a machine and flail to collect arisings.
- Wet and windy weather had hindered the team's ability to treat weeds. Any areas of concern should be reported as soon as possible as further treatment could only be undertaken within the next 6-8 week period.
- Annual winter maintenance schedules were due to commence at the end of October. Members were requested to send an email with details of any areas requiring attention.
- The normal schedule for street sweeping would continue for approximately the next month until it was required to focus on leaf hotspots. Any areas of concern should be brought to the area manager's attention. Teams were currently undertaking reactive work in the areas which had been flooded at the weekend.
- Over 1,000 issues had been reported via Fix My Street which had been launched in May 2023.
- Residual, Recycling and Garden waste collection services were all operating well with a few minor vehicle breakdowns or staffing shortages. These were notified to affected ward councillors. Income from garden waste had exceeded the target for the year. Whilst no further significant changes to collection rounds were expected, they were kept under review to ensure the service was as efficient and effective as possible to cope with ongoing housing growth and the increasing demand for garden waste collection services in some areas. Additional resource was being made available for the collection of bulky waste. The collection of domestic

waste tonnages also remained higher than normal with various operational adjustments made to cope with the demand.

In answer to questions from and issues raised by members, it was confirmed that:

- The flail machinery could only be used in large flat areas and where there was a nearby area which could be used to tip arisings. It was requested that enquiries for the use of the equipment be emailed after the meeting.
- A similar level of resource had been in place to deal with weeds for the previous 5 years. They could not be treated during wet or windy weather. Conditions had been particularly wet since the end of June which had prevented treatment. Unfortunately, the Council did not have sufficient resources to deploy staff for manual extraction.
- There was 1 HGV road sweeper and 1 5 tonne sweeper for use across the Tynedale area. An arrangement with Hexham Town Council saw use of an additional pavement sweeper in the town. The vehicles followed a programme which attempted to sweep streets 4 times each year. This programme was suspended in the autumn for leaf clearance, during severe winter weather and when any reactive work was required.

The Chair thanked all staff who had been out working in the recent bad weather. Training and a more detailed update on the Fix My Street system was expected in the next couple of months.

The Chair and members thanked the Neighbourhood Services Area Manager for his update and work undertaken in their wards. The Chair reminded members to contact officers by email if they needed to report any issues of concern.

RESOLVED that the updates be noted.

24. THE TANGA CLUB

Katherine Miller, Chair of Trustees, and Rachael Sanderson, Project Manager, were in attendance to give an overview and raise awareness of the work of the charity. (A copy of the presentation was enclosed with the signed minutes).

Katherine Miller explained that the charity had been started in November 2019 by herself and 5 other parents as a place where their children could mix regardless of whether they had special educational needs, disabilities or other vulnerabilities. She had wanted somewhere to take her son who had autism and ADHD acquired from a brain injury. It was a safe place where children with additional needs and their families and friends could meet. Within a few weeks more than 50 children and their families had started attending sessions. Participants ranged from babies and young children up to the age of 25.

Children were now referred to them by the NHS, social care, schools and by word of mouth. The charity now had more than 400 members with some

participants travelling for an hour to attend sessions. An official diagnosis was not required to participate although they did what they could to help ensure children were put on the correct pathway helping parents access Education, Care and Health Plans.

They provided recreational activities and activities to develop skills and support to parents and careers with information, advice and guidance.

The charity had now had 8 trustees from a diverse range of backgrounds including marketing, engineering and finance. Funding for 3 years had been received from the National Lottery which would end in April 2024. A nominal fee was charged to contribute to the costs of activities which were often heavily subsidised.

Activities during the Covid Pandemic had moved online with provision of activity bags and self-care packages.

They ran a range of activities including:

- A youth club at the Torch Centre
- Activity sessions
- Crazy creatures
- Quiet Tanga
- Day trips with transport including seasonal events such as Halloween and Christmas.
- Forest School
- Holiday for 160 people at Centre Parcs
- Parent carer support group with retreat days to allow parents a break from caring responsibilities.
- A lending library for toys and equipment which enabled parents to try high value items before deciding to buy them.

Their vision for the future included:

- Meeting the ever growing need
- Career support
- A respite retreat

They hoped to formalise arrangements within the charity and eventually employ paid members of staff; currently most activities took place with the assistance of volunteers. It would also be beneficial to have their office and activities at the same location.

In answer to a question, it was confirmed that:

- They had received funding from the council for half term activities such as forest school which was a free session held once per week and included a hot meal. They had also benefitted from Community Chest funding for equipment for the office and the lending library.

- They assisted parents and carers directly rather than working with schools and SEND officers.
- They had a 100% success rate with overturning decisions for PIP and DLA appeals.
- The need for the service was rising with the numbers of children receiving various diagnoses in mainstream schools increasing.

Members of the committee expressed their admiration for the work of the charity, and several had suggestions for funding opportunities. Given that most of the work was undertaken by the parents and volunteers, it was essential that they had the right support in place for the long-term future of the charity to help families in need. It was agreed that contact details and the presentation would be circulated electronically after the meeting.

RESOLVED that information be received.

25. LOCAL AREA COUNCIL WORK PROGRAMME

A list of agreed items for future Local Area Council meetings was circulated. (A copy is enclosed with the minutes.)

Members were invited to email any requests to the Chair and / or Democratic Services Officer between meetings.

Suggestions for inclusion in the work programme:

- Go North East re bus services in the Tynedale area.
- The recent County Council report 'Annual Portfolio Report – Improving Our Roads and Highways'.

RESOLVED that the work programme be noted.

26. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting (planning only) would be held on Tuesday 10 October 2023.

CHAIR _____

DATE _____

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UPDATE TO WOODLANDS PETITION REPORT

At the Tynedale Local Area Council meeting of Tuesday 11th July, concerns were raised about the speed data included in the report, as it was felt that the survey was carried out in the incorrect location at the boundary of the 30mph and 20mph limit.

As a result, two new speed surveys were undertaken between 28th July and 9th August 2023. Detailed summaries are attached but are briefly summarised as follows:-

30mph limit Survey

For westbound traffic, there was an average 3105 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 29mph, with an 85th percentile of 33.1mph.

For eastbound traffic, there was an average 3760 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 29.1mph, with an 85th percentile of 33.1mph.

20mph limit Survey

For westbound traffic, there was an average 1741 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 24.6mph, with an 85th percentile of 29.1mph.

For eastbound traffic, there was an average 2602 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 25.1mph, with an 85th percentile of 29.4mph.

For information, the 85th percentile is that speed or less at which 85% of vehicles are travelling. The remaining 15% of vehicles are travelling at that speed or more. In order for enforcement of the speed limit to be carried out, the 85th percentile needs to be a minimum of 24mph within a 20mph speed limit and 35mph within a 30mph speed limit).

There were several occurrences where vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit, and the limit necessary to meet enforcement requirements. However, while we can't confirm, it is possible that some of these may have been emergency service vehicles given the close proximity of Hexham General Hospital. The Fire Station and Police Station are both also located nearby, with the fire station located on Maiden's Walk and the police station on the B6531 at the west of Hexham.

Based on the data available following these two surveys, the data obtained in the 30mph section does not meet the criteria for enforcement, however, it is clear that the data obtained in the 20mph section does. As such the data has been passed onto colleagues at the Road Safety Unit of Northumbria Police for further investigation.

When the petition was submitted originally, a request for additional traffic calming measures was made, however, physical measures would be inappropriate on this strategic A Class route. Given the average the average speeds (in the 20mph limit) of 24.6mph and 25.1mph it is unlikely that additional measures would see a reduction in

speeds. Our current 20mph guidance states that if average speeds are 24mph are less than physical measures aren't required.

As has been mentioned previously The A695 is a primary route linking Hexham with Newcastle-upon-Tyne, and as such is identified as part of the Resilient Road Network that maintains economic activity and will be prioritised to be kept open in times of severe weather.

This section of the A695 is a long straight section of road which can lend itself to speeding, that does not meet the normal criteria to be a 20mph speed limit but has been implemented as part of the programme of measures around schools. This is borne out by the new speed survey data in the fact that there are no issues in the 30mph section.

Accident data

According to accident data from Northumbria Police (which does not include any damage only incidents or near misses which may have occurred) there have been two personal injury collisions in the previous five years on Woodlands.

One "serious" personal injury occurred in January 2023, 27 metres west of the junction with Hillside Road. The occurred when a driver of a car (vehicle 1) heading west towards Hexham Town Centre lost concentration resulting in a collision with a car parked on the nearside (vehicle 2). This collision forced vehicle 2 into the rear of another parked car (vehicle 3).

One "slight" personal injury collision occurred 78 metres east of the junction with Monks Terrace. This occurred when a goods vehicle (over 3.5 tonnes and under 7.5 tonnes) travelling west veered across the road to its offside, colliding with the offside of a car which was travelling eastbound. The goods vehicles left the carriageway to the offside.

Existing Signs and Road Markings

The existing signs and road markings have been reviewed and are considered appropriate for the location and road type, therefore no further action is therefore planned at this time.

The lead petitioner may wish to contact the police to discuss Community Speedwatch, I understand the next window for any applications opens in January 2024, we can provide contact details if required of the lead officer, and the website address for further information with these minutes if desired.

Neil Snowdon

Principal Programme Officer
Highways Improvements
Technical Services

Time	Total	Vpp 85	Mean	SD	Vbin 6 12	Vbin 12 19	Vbin 19 25	Vbin 25 31	Vbin 31 37	Vbin 37 43	Vbin 43 50	Vbin 50 56	Vbin 56 62	Vbin 62 68	Vbin 68 75	Vbin 75 81	Vbin 81 87	Vbin 87 93	Vbin 93 99
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100	4	-	35.8	8.8	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	3	-	34.4	5.5	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
300	3	-	37.5	10.2	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	3	-	36	7.3	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	8	-	32.7	8.6	0	1	0	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	21	37.5	31.8	6.8	0	0	2	9	7	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	85	35.1	30.6	5.2	1	1	5	44	28	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	153	33.6	29.1	5.9	1	5	17	81	40	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	206	32.3	28	5.7	3	13	27	114	44	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	264	31.8	27.3	5.7	4	21	40	147	46	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	307	32.1	27.8	5.3	3	17	46	174	60	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1200	347	32	27.9	5.1	6	13	49	204	69	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1300	331	32.4	28.6	5	5	9	36	195	78	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1400	342	32.2	28.6	4.8	3	9	35	216	71	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1500	360	32.4	29.3	4.1	1	4	26	236	83	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	386	32.5	29.4	4.3	2	4	23	253	93	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1700	336	33.2	29.7	4.3	2	4	21	207	88	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1800	211	34.7	30.8	4.7	1	1	8	113	73	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1900	147	35.3	30.8	5.4	2	1	6	73	51	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	99	36.4	31.6	5.7	1	1	4	46	35	9	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	69	36.6	31.5	5.5	0	0	3	34	22	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2200	49	35.8	31.1	5.6	0	0	3	26	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2300	18	40.4	34	8	0	0	1	6	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-19	3329	32.6	28.8	5	31	102	331	1983	775	90	12	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
06-22	3665	32.9	29	5.1	34	104	346	2145	890	120	17	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
06-00	3732	33	29.1	5.2	34	105	349	2177	911	127	19	5	2	1	0	1	0	0	0
00-00	3760	33.1	29.1	5.2	34	105	350	2185	919	134	22	6	2	1	0	1	0	0	0

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Vehicles = 48881

Posted speed limit = 30 mph, Exceeding = 20068 (41.05%), Mean Exceeding = 33.28 mph

Maximum = 94.6 mph, Minimum = 6.2 mph, Mean = 29.1 mph

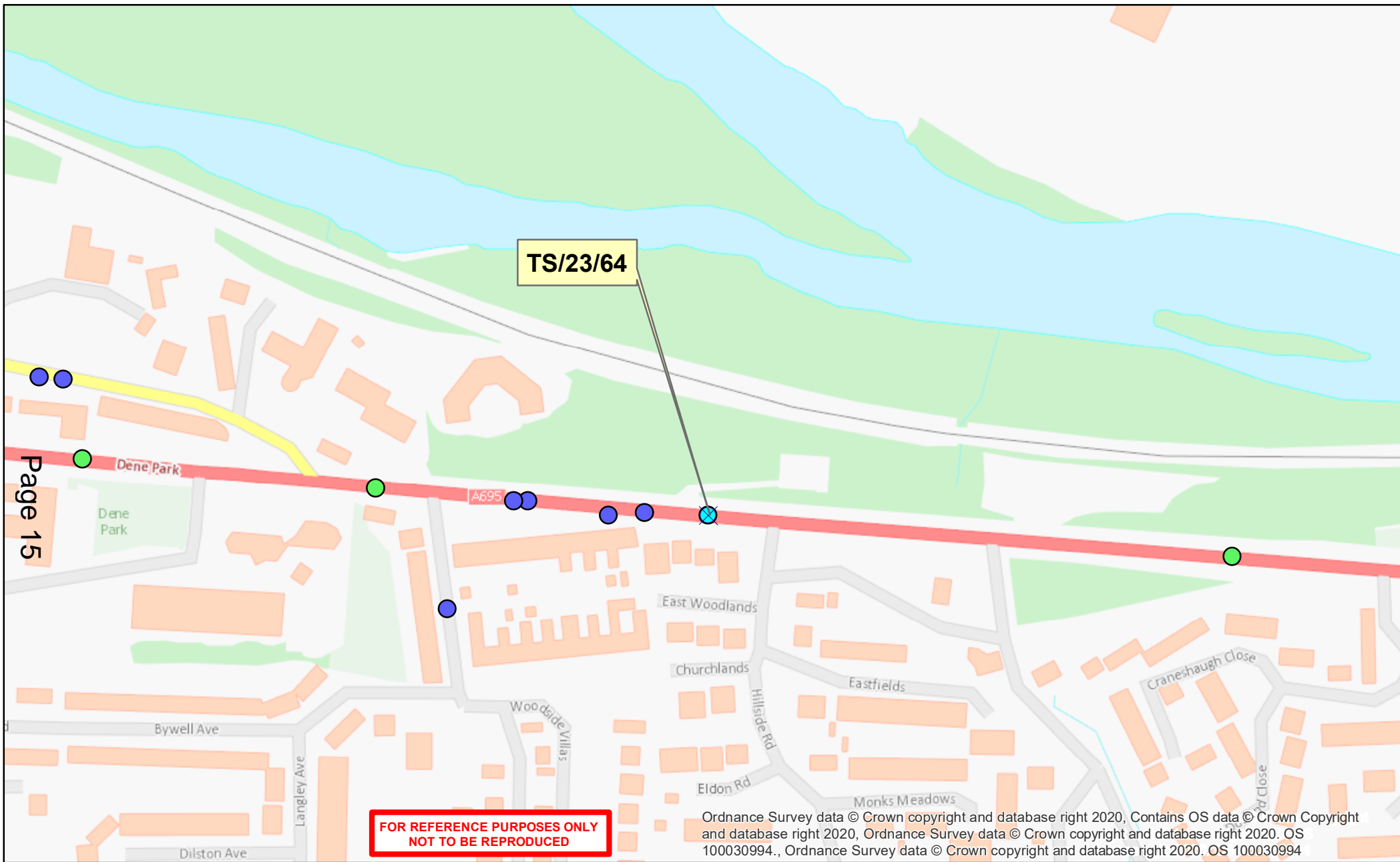
85% Speed = 33.05 mph, 95% Speed = 36.85 mph, Median = 29.30 mph

12 mph Pace = 24 - 36, Number in Pace = 40710 (83.28%)

Variance = 27.37, Standard Deviation = 5.23 mph

Time	Total	Vpp 85	Mean	SD	Vbin 6 12	Vbin 12 19	Vbin 19 25	Vbin 25 31	Vbin 31 37	Vbin 37 43	Vbin 43 50	Vbin 50 56	Vbin 56 62	Vbin 62 68	Vbin 68 75	Vbin 75 81	Vbin 81 87	Vbin 87 93	Vbin 93 99
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100	3	-	35	8.5	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
200	2	-	33.7	6.9	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
300	1	-	33.5	6.4	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	5	-	32	7.3	0	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	13	36.7	32.8	4.8	0	0	0	5	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	34	38.8	33.4	5.4	0	0	0	12	14	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	141	34.8	30.6	4.6	0	1	7	78	44	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	224	32.3	28.5	4.8	1	7	28	137	45	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	232	31.8	27.6	5	2	13	34	139	40	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	267	31.7	27.4	5.3	5	14	36	164	44	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	275	31.7	27.3	5.2	4	16	40	163	47	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1200	281	31.7	27.7	4.6	2	9	47	171	46	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1300	276	32.3	28.6	4.2	1	3	34	172	59	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1400	266	32	28.7	3.9	1	1	28	176	55	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1500	238	32.9	29.3	3.9	1	2	16	154	59	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	227	33.2	29.7	4	1	1	12	144	62	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1700	207	33.6	30.2	4	1	1	8	124	65	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1800	153	34.7	30.7	4.7	1	0	6	83	52	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1900	101	36.1	31.3	5	1	0	4	48	36	9	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	71	35.9	31.5	5.2	0	0	3	35	25	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	45	36.1	31.4	5.2	0	0	2	22	16	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2200	24	37.4	32	5.5	0	0	2	9	9	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2300	11	38.4	32.3	6.3	0	0	1	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-19	2787	32.5	28.7	4.7	19	67	297	1704	617	71	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-22	3039	32.9	28.9	4.8	20	67	307	1822	709	95	13	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-00	3074	33	29	4.8	21	68	309	1836	722	100	14	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
00-00	3105	33.1	29	4.9	21	68	311	1847	734	105	15	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0

Vehicles = 40371
 Posted speed limit = 30 mph, Exceeding = 15333 (37.98%), Mean Exceeding = 33.33 mph
 Maximum = 94.6 mph, Minimum = 6.3 mph, Mean = 29.0 mph
 85% Speed = 33.11 mph, 95% Speed = 36.63 mph, Median = 28.97 mph
 12 mph Pace = 23 - 35, Number in Pace = 34314 (85.00%)
 Variance = 23.59, Standard Deviation = 4.86 mph



Additional Comments:

Grids
394799 - 563902

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Time	Total	Vpp 85	Mean	SD	Vbin 6 12	Vbin 12 19	Vbin 19 25	Vbin 25 31	Vbin 31 37	Vbin 37 43	Vbin 43 50	Vbin 50 56	Vbin 56 62	Vbin 62 68	Vbin 68 75	Vbin 75 81	Vbin 81 87	Vbin 87 93	Vbin 93 99
0	7	-	31.7	8.8	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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300	2	-	31.5	9.9	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	2	-	31.1	8.1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	7	-	29.9	7.3	0	0	2	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	18	32.9	27.2	6.2	0	1	7	6	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	70	31	26.5	5	0	3	22	35	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	117	29.8	25.4	4.5	0	5	48	53	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	157	28.6	24.4	4.2	0	11	77	61	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	185	28.5	24.3	4.2	1	12	91	70	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	200	28.4	24.5	3.9	0	12	98	80	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1200	218	28.5	24.4	4.2	1	14	109	83	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1300	218	28.5	24.4	4.1	1	13	107	87	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1700	229	29.4	25.2	4.1	0	9	102	99	17	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1800	152	30.3	26.3	4.4	0	5	51	78	16	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1900	113	30.9	26.3	5.1	0	4	42	51	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	77	31.6	27	4.9	0	2	23	38	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	54	32.4	27.3	6	0	2	18	24	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2200	35	32.2	27.4	6.4	0	2	10	16	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2300	13	36.3	29	7	0	0	4	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-19	2268	28.9	24.8	4.2	6	120	1059	934	137	10	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-22	2529	29.2	25	4.4	6	129	1148	1052	174	17	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-00	2577	29.3	25	4.5	6	131	1162	1073	182	19	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
00-00	2602	29.4	25.1	4.6	6	132	1166	1081	189	22	3	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0

Vehicles = 33820

Posted speed limit = 20 mph, Exceeding = 30089 (88.97%), Mean Exceeding = 25.95 mph

Maximum = 94.0 mph, Minimum = 6.5 mph, Mean = 25.1 mph

85% Speed = 29.36 mph, 95% Speed = 32.55 mph, Median = 24.83 mph

12 mph Pace = 19 - 31, Number in Pace = 28804 (85.17%)

Variance = 20.73, Standard Deviation = 4.55 mph

Time	Total	Vpp 85	Mean	SD	Vbin 6 12	Vbin 12 19	Vbin 19 25	Vbin 25 31	Vbin 31 37	Vbin 37 43	Vbin 43 50	Vbin 50 56	Vbin 56 62	Vbin 62 68	Vbin 68 75	Vbin 75 81	Vbin 81 87	Vbin 87 93	Vbin 93 99
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200	1 -		29.6	7.8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
300	1 -		29 -		0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
400	2 -		27.8	8.1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
500	6 -		30.4	4.4	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
600	18	34.1	28.6	5.6	0	0	4	8	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
700	78	31.7	26.9	5.1	0	3	22	38	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	124	29.1	24.7	4.5	1	8	56	51	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	133	28.1	23.8	4.3	1	13	68	45	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	148	28.3	24	4.2	1	11	80	49	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1100	152	28	23.6	4.4	1	16	79	49	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1200	159	28	23.8	4.5	1	16	81	55	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1300	159	28	23.8	4.2	0	14	82	57	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1400	158	28	23.9	4.4	1	12	83	56	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1500	135	28.3	24	4.2	1	10	70	46	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1600	128	28.9	24.5	4.4	1	8	62	49	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1700	112	29.5	25.2	4.5	1	7	44	51	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1800	80	30.2	25.6	4.8	0	4	30	36	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1900	54	31	26.1	5.1	0	3	19	25	7	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2000	39	31.5	26.5	5.7	0	2	12	17	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2100	26	31.4	26	5.4	0	1	10	10	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2200	15	32.4	27	6.3	0	1	5	6	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2300	6 -		27.8	6.9	0	0	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
07-19	1566	28.7	24.3	4.5	9	122	757	583	86	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-22	1704	28.9	24.5	4.6	10	129	801	643	106	11	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
06-00	1725	29	24.5	4.7	10	131	808	651	110	12	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
00-00	1741	29.1	24.6	4.7	10	131	810	658	115	13	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Vehicles = 22637

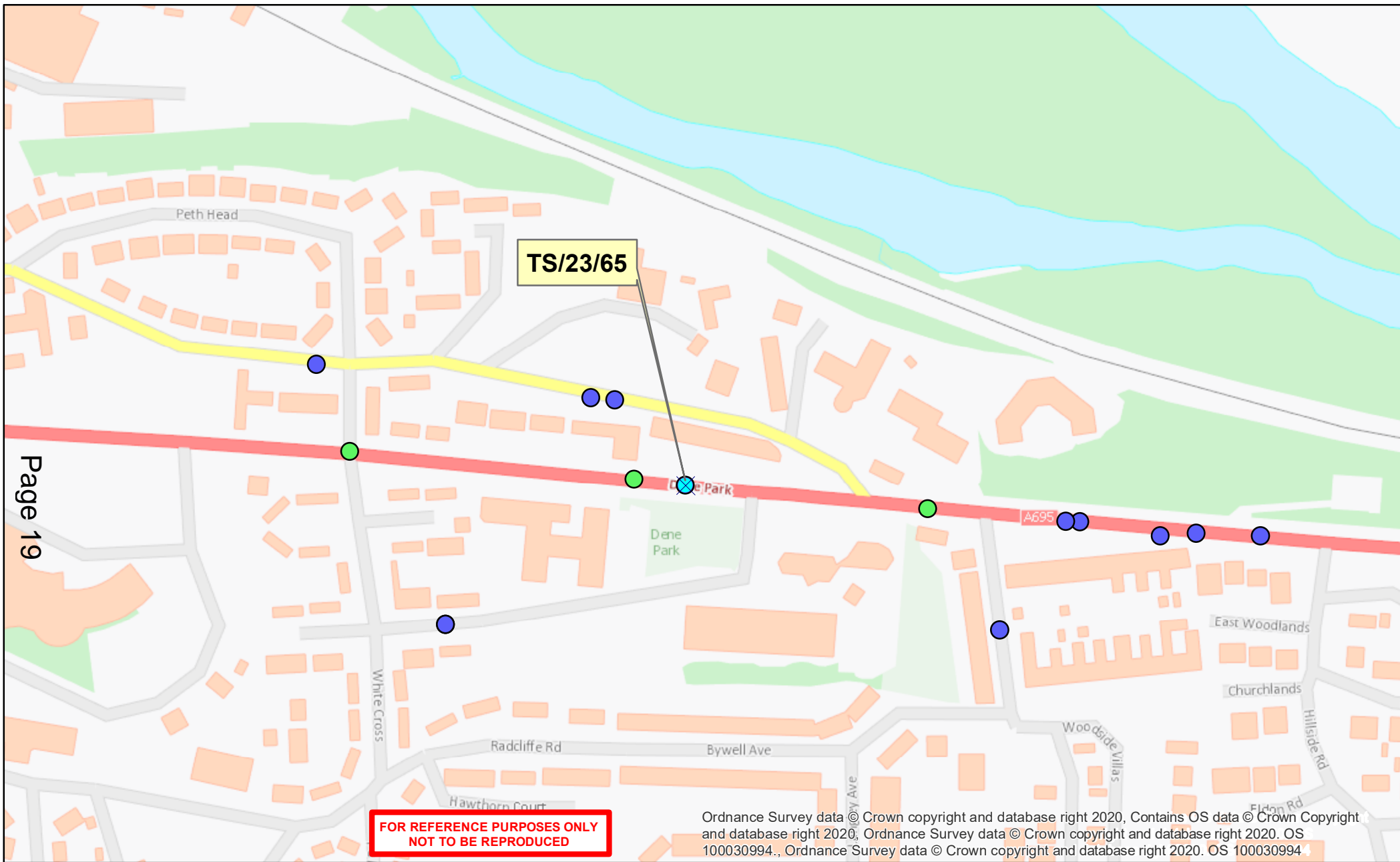
Posted speed limit = 20 mph, Exceeding = 19170 (84.68%), Mean Exceeding = 25.76 mph

Maximum = 94.0 mph, Minimum = 6.3 mph, Mean = 24.6 mph

85% Speed = 29.08 mph, 95% Speed = 32.27 mph, Median = 24.33 mph

12 mph Pace = 18 - 30, Number in Pace = 18928 (83.62%)

Variance = 22.15, Standard Deviation = 4.71 mph



Additional Comments:

Grids
394491 - 563931

<p>Northumberland County Council</p>	<p>Network Management Information System</p>		<p>Title: A695 Corbridge Road (Woodlands) Hexham</p>	
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TYNEDALE LOCAL AREA COMMITTEE

DATE: 11TH JULY 2023

PETITION – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC CALMING MEASURES AT WOODLANDS, HEXHAM

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

Lead officer: Paul Jones, Director of Environment and Transport

Purpose of report

To respond to the e petition which closed on 14th April 2023 regarding a request for additional traffic calming measures on Woodlands in Hexham.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Local Area Committee note the content of this report and support the actions proposed.

Link to Corporate Plan

Driving Economic Growth - Maintain the high standards of vital local services ensuring the natural and physical environments our residents live in, are active in and visit, are accessible, clean, tidy and safe. A transport network that is well maintained and connects people and business.

Key Issues

1. An e petition has been received, requesting that additional traffic calming measures are introduced on the A695 at Woodlands in Hexham.
2. The speed limit drops from 30mph to 20mph at Woodlands, however the petition states that the speed limit is rarely adhered to.
3. The petition requests that ideally a speed camera is introduced, however rumble strips or other methods which encourage motorists to slow down would also be welcomed by all road users who regularly use these junctions.
4. This online petition has been signed by 80 signatories.
5. Speed surveys were carried out as recently as May 2023 within the 30mph speed limit. According to data obtained, vehicles are complying with the speed limit in

place. Evidence shows that vehicles were slowing down when travelling west on the approach to the 20mph limit.

6. For westbound traffic, there was an average 3651 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 24.3mph, with an 85th percentile of 28.5mph.
7. For eastbound traffic, there was an average 3796 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 26.2mph, with an 85th percentile of 30.7mph.
8. According to accident data from Northumbria Police there has been one “slight” personal injury collision in the previous five years on Woodlands. This occurred 78 metres east of the junction with Monks Terrace. This occurred when a goods vehicle (over 3.5 tonnes and under 7.5 tonnes) travelling west veered across the road to its offside, colliding with the offside of a car which was travelling eastbound. The goods vehicles left the carriageway to the offside.
9. Accident data does not include any damage only incidents or near misses which may have occurred.

Background

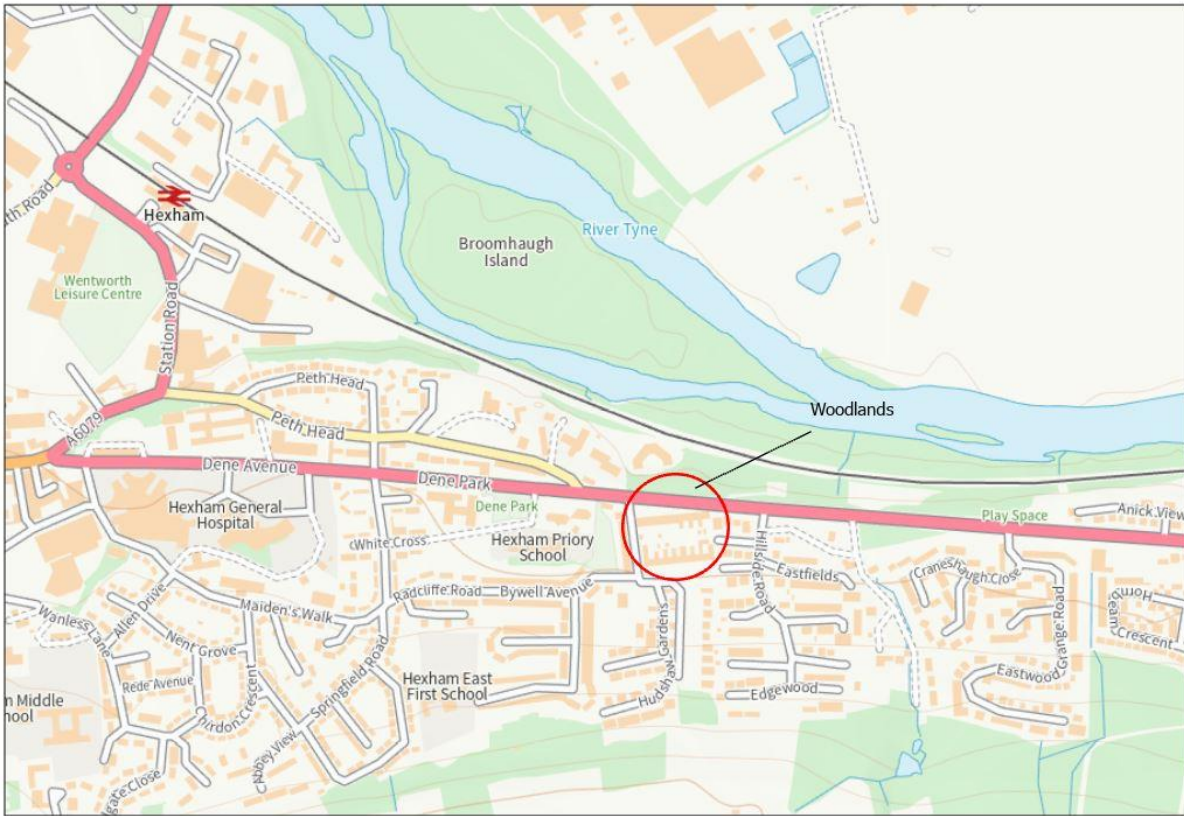
The Petition

The County Council has received an 80 name petition stating that :-

“The speed drops from 30 to 20 in front of this row of houses but is rarely adhered to, leading to a lot of near misses for people entering or exiting Dene Street and Monk’s Terrace. Further traffic calming measures are required, ideally a speed camera but rumble strips or other methods which encourage motorists to slow down would be welcomed by all road users who regularly use these junctions.”

Initial Comments

Woodlands lies at the A695 at the east end of Hexham. The A695 is a primary route which links Hexham with Newcastle-upon-Tyne and as such is identified as a part of the Resilient Road Network that maintain economic activity and will be prioritised to be kept open in times of severe weather.



Location plan for Woodlands

A 20mph speed limit was introduced in Hexham Town Centre in 2017, which includes the area on the A695 which runs past Hexham Priory School in line with the Council's commitment to introduce 20mph speed limits outside all schools in the County.

The start of the 20mph speed limit on Woodlands is clearly identified by 20mph terminal signs and roundels also painted on the road surface, with the addition of red surfacing.



Google street view image of start of 20mph on Woodlands, Hexham

In addition, a set of SLOW road markings are provided on the approach to the 20mph speed limit at a location approximately 45 metres west of the junction with Hillside Road as shown in the following image.



Google street view image of existing SLOW road marking on A695 on approach to 20mph speed limit

Speed Surveys

The latest speed surveys were undertaken in May 2023 within the 30mph speed limit. According to data obtained, vehicles are complying with the speed limit in place. Evidence indicates that vehicles are normally slowing down when travelling west on the approach to the 20mph limit. A detailed summary of the survey results is attached as Appendix A, but for ease of reference are briefly summarised as follows:-

For westbound traffic, there was an average 3651 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 24.3mph, with an 85th percentile of 28.5mph.

For eastbound traffic, there was an average 3796 vehicles per day, average speed was recorded to be 26.2mph, with an 85th percentile of 30.7mph.

For information, the 85th percentile is that speed or less at which 85% of vehicles are travelling. The remaining 15% of vehicles are travelling at that speed or more. In order for enforcement of the speed limit to be carried out, the 85th percentile needs to be 24mph within a 20mph speed limit and 35mph within a 30mph speed limit).

It should be noted that there were several occurrences where vehicles were recorded exceeding the speed limit, and the limit necessary to meet enforcement requirements. However, it should be noted that it is possible that some of these could have been ambulances on their way to and from call outs given the close proximity of Hexham General Hospital. Fire engines and police cars may also have been travelling at excessive speed when travelling east whilst attending any call outs. Both are also nearby, with the fire station located on Maiden's Walk and the police station on the B6531 at the west of Hexham.

Accident data

According to accident data from Northumbria Police (which does not include any damage only incidents or near misses which may have occurred) there has been one "slight" personal injury collision in the previous five years on Woodlands. This occurred 78 metres east of the junction with Monks Terrace. This occurred when a goods vehicle (over 3.5 tonnes and under 7.5 tonnes) travelling west veered across the road to its offside, colliding with the offside of a car which was travelling eastbound. The goods vehicles left the carriageway to the offside.

Existing Signs and Road Marking

The existing signs and road markings have been reviewed and are considered appropriate for the location and road type.

Proposed Actions

While we sympathise with the concerns raised in the petition, based on the data obtained from the speed surveys undertaken in May 2023 the existing speed restrictions, signing and road marking measures are appropriate for the location. With regards to the request for a speed camera, any new fixed cameras would be considered on a prioritised basis,

treating sites with the highest levels of serious and fatal injury collisions linked to illegal speeds as the first priority and at this stage this site would not meet this criteria.

As such no further action is planned at this time, although we will continue to monitor speeding concerns in this area.

Implications

Policy	The response to the issues raised in this petition is consistent with LTP Policies.
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None
Risk Assessment	n/a
Crime & Disorder	n/a
Customer Consideration	Petition raises various road safety concerns along this route.
Carbon reduction	n/a

Wards	Hexham East
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Appendix A – Summary of speed survey data

Background papers:

None

Report sign off

	Full Name of Officer
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
Executive Director of Finance & S151 Officer	N/A
Relevant Executive Director	Simon Neilson
Chief Executive	N/A
Portfolio Holder(s)	John Riddle

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Appendix A – Speed Survey Results

A695 Woodlands, Hexham

12/05/2023 - 18/05/2023

Eastbound

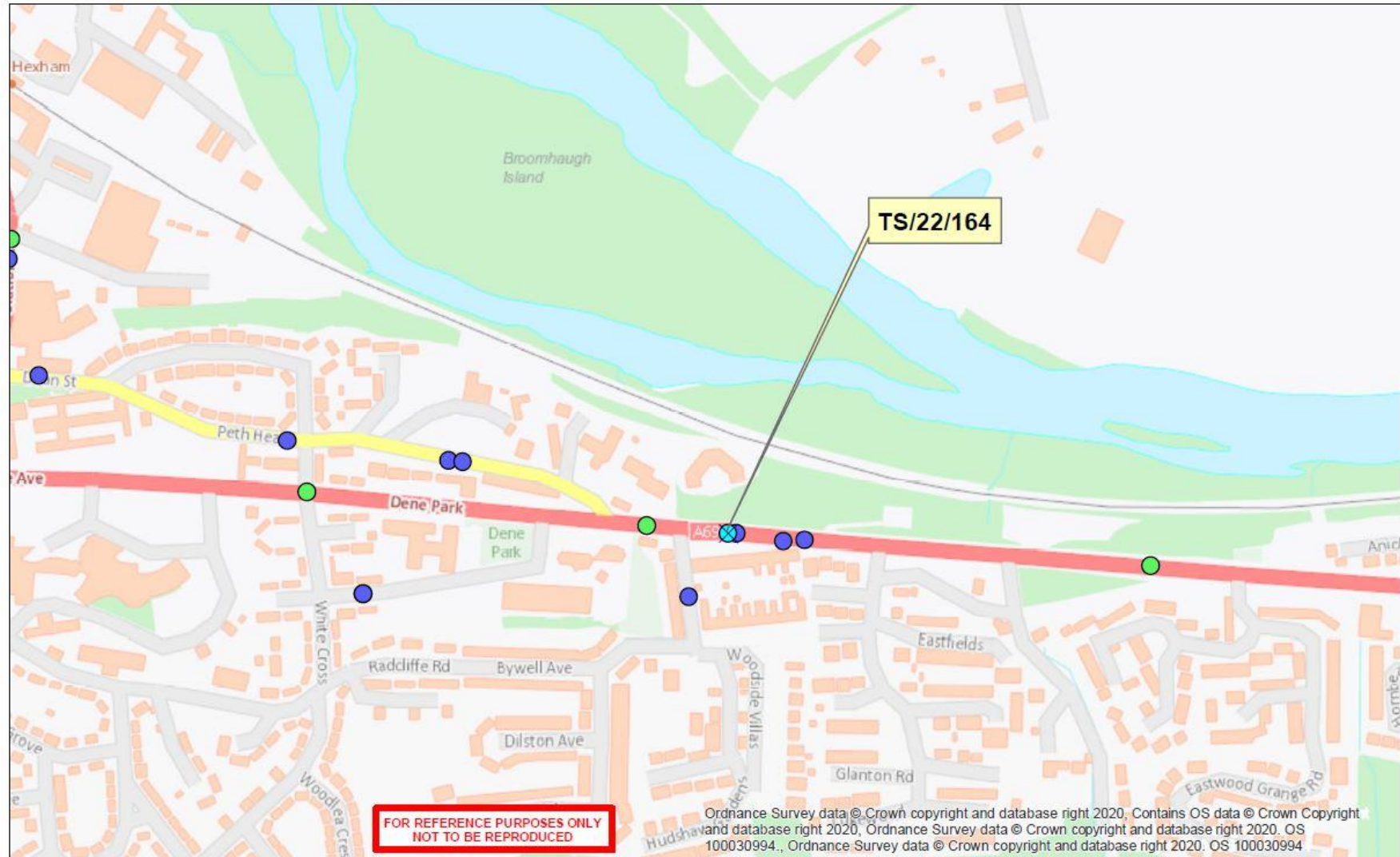
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700	107	33.8	28.5	5.4	1	3	21	54	24	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
800	194	31.1	26.4	4.9	1	10	57	96	27	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
900	235	30.5	26.2	4.5	2	9	77	118	26	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1000	266	30	25.7	4.4	1	12	102	124	25	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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1100	289	27.3	23.5	3.8	1	25	161	93	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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Winter Services Preparedness and Resilience Report 2023-2024

The purpose of this report is to provide an overall update of the pre-season preparations ahead of the forthcoming winter services season.

Key Issues.

The County Council undertakes its winter services activities to ensure, 'as far as is reasonably practicable' that the highway is maintained in a safe condition in accordance with our legal obligations under the Highways Act 1980. There has been no change to the service standards or winter maintenance policy since last winter. The Council is still treating the same lengths of road within the same agreed timeframes and meeting all of the Council's agreed policies and standards for winter services.

Background Staffing and Control of Operations, Highways and Transport

Winter Services are carried out by the Highways and Transport division. Kris Westerby, Highways Delivery Manager, has countywide responsibility for winter services, with Andy Olive, Area Highways Delivery Manager, acting as countywide operational lead.

All our primary and secondary routes remain unchanged from the 2022/23 season. Following the completion of previous contracts, the arrangements for additional support from agricultural contractors for dealing with snowfall and prolonged periods of extreme cold weather have been re-procured.

The delivery of the winter service overall requires 105 staff, including managers, supervisors, drivers and operatives. Staffing rotas are in place to ensure sufficient staffing resource is available on the three-shift rota. The majority of staff involved in winter services come from Highways, with a small number of drivers also coming from with Neighbourhood Services.

Highways have 3 Winter Service Delivery Managers (Russell Mason, Tony Bell and Andy Olive) who operate on a three-week rota (24/7) and whose job it is to consider the variable forecasting information and make a decision on the most appropriate course of action and what, if any, treatment is necessary based on the forecast information provided by our forecaster (Meteogroup) and bureau provider (Vaisala).

The Winter Service Delivery Managers then pass instructions on to the Winter Services Supervisors who manage the gritting operations. The Winter Services Supervisors also work on a rota basis with their shifts.

As you can imagine, this role can be very stressful and hectic at times. Members are, therefore, asked to only contact them directly in **an emergency situation**. All non-emergency situations should be reported through the Council's contact centre and the out of hours arrangements via Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service in the usual way and also Fix My Street.

Similarly, Members are requested **not to contact** Winter Services Supervisors out of hours as their rotas can change and officers not on call or on rest periods can be unnecessarily disturbed.

Weather Monitoring Arrangements are in place for the winter services manager to use the web based Vaisala weather system which collates all of our local weather station data.

This also give the Council direct access to regional forecasting information across neighbouring authorities. The Council has access through the MeteoGroup system and the Met office Hazard Manager for accurate weather data/forecasts.

Vaisala is a company who collect weather information from various sources including the Meteogroup and their own weather and road surface temperature monitoring equipment on site. They then run a large amount of weather models with this information to accurately predict weather conditions over the next 24 - 36 hrs using weather stations which are positioned around Northumberland.

This allows the Council to make informed decisions on road surface treatment. Forecasts are received on three occasions through the day to allow operational decisions to be made, with any change of forecast also notified to the Winter Services Delivery Manager at any time 24/7 so that changes to planned actions can be made as necessary.

All staff involved in Winter Services are available on mobile communication. This allows the teams to still ensure the operation is being conducted in an efficient and effective manner. Also, with our Exactrak system is vehicle hardware for specialist winter maintenance route management is an automated salt spreading technology across the Council's gritter fleet. This system that allows enhanced vehicle tracking, route management, automated navigation, automated gritting spread patterns, improved data collection and recording, and improved live monitoring of operations. This has improved the resilience of operations considerably as we will be able us deploy any driver with any gritter to any of the routes across Northumberland without them needing prior training on navigation and gritting spread patterns on the specific route being treated.

It also improves driver health and safety by automating the control of the spreading rate and patterns for the salt, so that they can focus on driving the vehicle in often very challenging weather conditions. This system is extremely valuable given the risks of potential driver absence due to seasonal illnesses and holiday cover.

Vehicles and Gritting Routes,

The fleet of 28 multi-purpose gritting vehicles with plough attachments have been serviced and prepared ahead of the winter so that all vehicles are on station by late October. In addition to the front line gritters, we also have 2 purposes built snowblowers for use in the high areas of the County to be deployed when conditions dictate, as well as a fleet of 4 gully tankers that are deployed throughout the County, which are available to assist should the need arise with flooding caused by rapid snow melt.

This coming season, we have 28 primary gritting routes. These routes are gritted regularly throughout the winter period in accordance with forecasts as a precaution against icing. In addition, we have 26 secondary gritting routes which are treated in more severe conditions and after the primary routes have been satisfactorily treated.

As part of the ongoing Fleet Replacement programme, we have taken delivery of nine state of the art Mercedes/Econ 6m³ and 9m³ capacity gritters over the last two seasons.

Fleet Services supply all the necessary expertise to keep the vehicle's operating at full capacity throughout the winter period. Four Hilltip spreaders and ploughs have been put in service and fitted to NCC 4x4 vehicles. These are placed across the operational areas and gives us another highly useful piece of equipment that can be deployed rapidly to some of the more difficult areas across the network. This will reduce demand on our gritting fleet and

allow it to continue to be dedicated to the primary and secondary network during snow events.

Salt Management The operation is delivered from 10 manned or unmanned depots across Northumberland. Andy Olive has the responsibility for ordering and management of salt and will oversee the ordering, delivery, and ongoing monitoring of stock levels throughout the winter period for each depot assisted by the area-based Quantity Surveyors. As mentioned above our route optimisation software will also monitor exact salt use across the entire fleet and across the network. This will provide the most accurate salt usage data the Council has ever received.

At the end of last season (2022/23), we had 31,000T of salt in stock across Northumberland. This is being replenished in all of our main depots and we will have a starting stock of 44,000 tonnes at the commencement of winter. This includes our strategic reserve in Powburn which holds 6,000 tonnes to add to Northumberland's resilience levels.

Grit Bins/Heaps All grit bins and salt heaps throughout the County are currently being inspected and replenished as necessary. This includes removing litter etc and making sure the existing condition is to standard. The service supports an inventory of over 1,600 grit bins and over 1200 heaps. Each bin has a notice and serial number attached giving contact details so members of the public can report a bin or heap requiring a refill during the winter period via the website Fix My Street or the Councils call centre.

Whilst the majority of grit bins are bright yellow, you may notice some green grit bins. These bins have been provided by the town or parish council who remain responsible for their upkeep and replenishment although, in practice they generally ask NCC to carry out this service on their behalf on a rechargeable basis.

Customer Services can be contacted for all winter service emergency request. For additional gritting, grit bin replenishment and general enquiries please use NCC web site Fix My Street or our customer services teams on 0345 600 6400.

Winter services information contained on the NCC website is being reviewed and updated accordingly to accurately reflect our operations. There will also be ongoing meetings between Highways and Transport division and Customer Services to ensure call handling procedures and internal communications are in place so that a joined-up service is delivered to the customer with one point of contact.

As with previous years, we will again be producing our customer information leaflet titled 'Highway Services in Winter', that provides useful information to the public on all aspects of the service. The leaflet, which includes when gritting will take place and on which roads and footpaths, as well as giving general advice on how-to drive-in winter conditions, will be available by the end of November following a thorough review of the information it contains.

The document will be distributed to all County Councillors and Town and Parish Councils. Information on the website includes details of our policies and maps of our primary gritting routes, along with those showing our strategic footpath network which will be treated in severe conditions such as snow or heavy icing. Alerts are sent out daily during the winter using social media. This will advise people on weather conditions and our proposed response. This information is also made available on the Northumberland County Council website.

Additional Support for our Snow Clearing contract with local Farmers and sub-contractors to assist our operations by removing snow from the more remote roads in rural Northumberland.

We are conducting an audit of the equipment and its condition. This is ahead of the winter period and the exercise will be completed by the end of November early December 2023.

This contract has provided the farmers and sub-contractors with designated routes. This will ensure that we are clearing the area in the most efficient way we can during a snow event and not revisiting areas which have been cleared. The contractor's plant and equipment are intergraded into our new automated gritting system to allow the Council full visibility of resources during intense periods of weather.

The Council has still retained voluntary groups which we refer to as "snow squads" who help with snow clearing from footpaths in villages such as Wooler, Belford and Bamburgh; Hexham Town Council also aid with snow clearance. The offer to be included in the 'Snow Squads' will be rolled out again this winter.

All volunteers have been trained, equipped with tools, and supplied salt to assist the Council and clear local footpaths around the County keeping the County residents safe.

In addition, we rely on our colleagues from Neighbourhood Services to assist with snow clearing and gritting of key car parks and footpaths.

Cross Boundary Working Arrangements are in place with Newcastle City, Durham County Council, Cumbria County Council & Scottish Borders Council, Colas and Highways England to aid each other in periods of heavy snow, to ensure that the strategic routes such as the A69, A686 and A68 are kept clear as far as possible. It should also be noted that the County Council supplies a management service to Newcastle City Council, whereby we decide when precautionary salting is needed across their administrative area as well as in Northumberland and provided under a contractual arrangement and generates added income for the County Council, which helps protect front line services from budget cuts.

Severe Weather Procedures During heavy snow conditions, it is normal for a "snow room" to be set up to coordinate our response to ensure efficient service delivery on the ground. Also, if required due to the severity of the event we will open the incident support room and work alongside the civil contingencies team and all emergency services within the area. Winter Storms/ Flooding Staff on the Winter Service rota will respond to precautionary gritting and winter events as normal. Where applicable and when the weather dictates, they will also respond to flooding issues supporting the existing Out of Hours rota in anything above and beyond the normal response levels. The authority receives severe weather warnings many days in advance from several sources including the Met Office Hazard Manager. This gives us the ability to track storms and plan resources around the potential impact

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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.

ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED

Standard items updates: Planning Applications (monthly), public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), members' local improvement schemes (quarterly)

To be listed:

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21 November 2023

- Petition Report –Woodlands, Hexham Request for Additional Traffic Calming Measures at Woodlands, Hexham
- Fix My Street Presentation
- Winter Preparedness and Resilience

16 January 2024

- *Local Services Update (TBC)*
- Members Local Improvement Schemes
- Rural Asset Multiplier Pilot Programme (RAMP) & Northumberland Small Business Service (NSBS)
- Borderlands Update
- Community Chest Recipients
- Budget 2024-25 and Medium-Term Financial Plan
- *Other items to be confirmed*

19 March 2024

- *Local Services Update (TBC)*
- Fostering Presentation
- *Other items to be confirmed*

21 May 2024

- *Local Services Update (TBC)*
- Members Local Improvement Schemes
- *Other items to be confirmed*

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Updates (if any)
1	11 July 2023	Petition Report - Request for Additional Traffic Calming Measures at Woodlands, Hexham	RESOLVED that: 1. The contents of the report be noted. 2. A further speed survey be carried out in the 20mph section, west of Woodlands. 3. Speeding concerns continue to be monitored in the area.	
2	11 July 2023	Northumberland Local Bus Board	RESOLVED that Councillor Riddle be nominated to act as the Tynedale Local Area Committee's representative on the Northumberland Local Bus Board.	
3	11 July 2023	Outside Bodies	RESOLVED that the following list of appointments be confirmed: Groundwork North East - Land of Oak and Iron Project Board – G Stewart Haltwhistle Partnership Limited - A Sharp Haltwhistle Swimming & Leisure Centre Man. Cttee - A Sharp Hexham TORCH Centre Management Committee - T Cessford Prudhoe Community Partnership – A Scott	

			Queens Hall Arts Trust – SH Fairless-Aitken Sport Tynedale – N Oliver Tyne Valley Community Rail Partnership Board – HR Waddell	
4	12 September 2023	Petition Report - The Falcon Centre Wylam	RESOLVED that: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The petition requesting support for the efforts of the Falcon Centre Action Group (FCAG) to secure the future of the Falcon Centre as a community hub, be received. 2. The potential of FCAG to take on the Falcon Centre as a building to develop as a community hub, be noted. 3. The issues raised in the petition by Wylam residents, their wish to see FCAG supported in their work to take on and develop the Falcon Centre as a community hub, be noted. 4. The ongoing work of NCC staff to support the FCAG, be noted. 5. The commitment that a library offer will be maintained within Wylam, be noted. 6. Given the time that the FCAG have already had to develop a proposal, in the best interests of the service and the building, other options for the future use of the building, in parallel with any proposal FCAG put forward, should be explored. 	
5	12 September 2023	The Tanga Club	RESOLVED that information be received.	

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