



Northumberland County Council

Forward Plan: Northumberland County Council

Notice of Key Decisions to be taken under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings & Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012 between 1 October 2021 and 31 March 2022

This Plan gives 28 clear days' notice of key decisions which either the Cabinet or individual Cabinet Portfolio Holders expect to take over the next few months. An authority cannot take a key decision without giving 28 clear days' notice unless an urgent decision is required.

"Key decisions" are defined as those Executive/Cabinet decisions which are likely:

- a. to result in the Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the Council's budget or making savings of an amount which is significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or the function to which the decision relates; or
- b. to be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral divisions within the area of the Council.

Occasionally it is not possible to give 28 days' notice of a specific decision and so include the details in the forward plan. In those circumstances urgent key decisions may still be made under the urgency procedures set out in the Access to Information Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution.

A decision notice for each key decision made is published within 6 days of it having been made.

Whilst the majority of decisions listed in this Plan will be taken at meetings which are open to the public to attend, there may be some decisions which are considered in private meetings because the reports for the meeting contain confidential or exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (see below for relevant paragraphs) and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

If you object to a report being considered in private you can tell us why by emailing democraticservices@northumberland.gov.uk or contacting the address below. Any representations received at least 8 working days before the meeting will be published with the agenda together with a statement of the Council's response. Any representations received after this time will be reported verbally to the meeting.

The Cabinet is made up of the Leader, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Members with the following portfolios:

Leader of the Council	Councillor Glen Sanderson
Deputy Leader & Cabinet Secretary	Councillor Richard Dodd
Cabinet Member (Corporate Services)	Councillor Nick Oliver
Cabinet Member (Adults' Wellbeing)	Councillor Veronica Jones
Cabinet Member (Community Services)	Councillor John Riddle
Cabinet Member (Business and Tourism)	Councillor Richard Wearmouth
Cabinet Member (Children and Young People)	Councillor Guy Renner Thompson
Cabinet Member (Healthy Lives)	Councillor Jeff Watson

Paragraphs under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – Exempt Information

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals an authority proposes;
 - a. to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - b. to make an order or direction under any enactment
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime

Copies of the Council's Constitution and agendas and reports relevant to any key decision may be accessed on the Council's website www.northumberland.gov.uk or may be viewed during normal office hours and copies or extracts obtained on payment of a reasonable fee (unless the publication contains exempt information) at:

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Title of Report	Brief Description of Report	Cabinet Portfolio holder / Officer contact	Decision maker & earliest date decision may be made	Relevant Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Wards affected	Reason for exemption under Sched 12A (if in private session)
Climate Change Update	To update on progress against the climate change action plan 2021-23 and next steps	Councillor Hugh Glen Howard Sanderson	Cabinet 8 March 2022		All Wards	N/A
Development of the Potland Burn Biodiversity Net Gain Site	A report setting out the expenditure required for the creation and management of new habitats at Potland Burn former surface mine to provide biodiversity net gain for Britishvolt, and setting out likely net gain requirements for future inward investment such as for supply chain companies associated with	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 8 March 2022		Bothal	N/A

	Britishvolt.					
Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of December 2021	The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue financial position as at 31 December 2021 for the Council against the Budget for 2021-22.	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 8 March 2022		All Wards	N/A
Final Decision on statutory proposals for Atkinson House	This report sets out an analysis of the representations (responses) received from interested parties to the statutory proposal published in relation to prescribed changes for Atkinson House Special School in Seghill, a secondary provision for boys with Social, Emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs in Northumberland during the four week statutory consultation that began on 13 January and closed on 10	Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson	Cabinet 8 March 2022		Ponteland North; Seghill with Seaton Delaval	N/A

	February 2022.					
Household Support Fund Update	This briefing paper provides an update of Northumberland County Council's progress for delivery of the DWP Household Support Fund (HSF) for the period 06th October 31st December 2022 and the initial MI report submitted to DWP on 21/01/2022.	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 8 March 2022		All Wards	N/A
Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan	To seek approval to formally 'make' the Longframlington Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in October 2021 . A local referendum held in the Parish of Longframlington on 20th January 2022 returned a majority vote in favor of using the Plan to make decisions on planning	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 8 March 2022			N/A

	applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations.					
Riding for the Disabled Association relocation from Tranwell (Pegasus Centre) to Kirkley Hall Campus (Northumberland College)	To summarise an evidence-based cost proposal to prepare Kirkley Hall equestrian area in readiness to accept Morpeth Group RDA as a base for their ongoing operation.	Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson	Cabinet 8 March 2022		Longhorsley; Ponteland East with Stannington	3
Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of December 2021	The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2021-22	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 8 March 2022		All Wards	3
Adoption of the Northumberland Local Plan	To present the Inspectors' Report into the independent	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 29 March 2022		All Wards	N/A

(2016 – 2036)	examination of the Northumberland Local Plan and to seek Cabinet's approval to recommend that the Council approve the adoption of the Northumberland Local Plan (2016-2036), including the Policies Map, as amended by main modifications and additional minor changes, following its Independent Examination by the Planning Inspectors appointed by the Secretary of State.					
Berwick Partnership Organisation	This report sets out the findings of the informal meetings that have taken place with schools in the Berwick Partnership since April 2021 to discuss the organisational issues facing the partnership and to identify potential models of organisation that could address those issues. The	Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson	Cabinet 12 April 2022		Berwick East; Berwick North; Berwick West with Ord	N/A

	<p>results of an informal survey with parents and the wider community in the area served by Berwick Partnership are also included in the report. Cabinet is also asked to permit the initiation of a further period of informal consultation with stakeholders in the area served by Berwick Partnership schools to establish whether any models of organisation that may be brought forward at a later date for consultation should consist of only 3-tier models of organisation or include 3-tier and 2-tier (primary/secondary) models of education.</p>					
Blyth Relief Road	To provide an update on progress made towards Blyth Relief Road and secure approval for next steps. The report will	Councillor Wojciech Franciszek Ploszaj	Cabinet 12 April 2022		Cowpen; Croft; Isabella; Kitty Brewster; Newsham; Plessey; South Blyth;	N/A

	<p>outline:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Route alignment proposals - Key information from the Outline Business Case - Next steps 				Wensleydale	
Bus Service Improvement Plan/Enhanced Partnership	<p>For Cabinet to approve, subsequent to a prior consultation and objection period and statutory consultation period, the proposed Enhanced Plan and Scheme(s). The Enhanced Plan and Scheme is a proposed statutory partnership with regards to a statutory transport plan including the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Cabinet is asked to approve prior to the Enhanced Plan and Scheme(s) being submitted to Central Government by 30th April 2022.</p>	Councillor Wojciech Franciszek Ploszaj	Cabinet 12 April 2022		All Wards	N/A
Community	To consider proposed	Councillor Barry	Cabinet 12		All Wards	N/A

Chest 2022/23	changes to the operation of the Community Chest scheme in line with recommendations made by Elected Members as part of the recent review of Local Area Councils.	Malcolm Flux	April 2022			
English National Concessionary Travel Scheme (ENCTS) Reimbursement	<p>Throughout the Covid-19 pandemic, at the behest of the Department of Transport (DfT) and the Cabinet Office, NCC have continued to reimburse bus operators at pre Covid levels in respect of concessionary travel reimbursement.</p> <p>DfT have now advised transport authorities to revert to reimbursing concessionary travel based on actual usage with effect from the 1st April 2022, albeit with a phased approach to the reduction of payments during the</p>	Councillor Wojciech Franciszek Ploszaj	Cabinet 12 April 2022		All Wards	N/A

	early part of the 2022/23 financial year. This report will seek endorsement to implement the DfT recommended approach.					
Procurement of Specialist Dementia Service	The report will seek approval for funding of a Specialist Dementia Service. Cost of the service is approximately £967,000 per year. The costs will be shared with the NHS and come from within existing resource.	Councillor Wendy Pattison	Cabinet 12 April 2022		All Wards	N/A
Financial Performance 2021-22 – Provisional Outturn 2021-22	The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue financial position as at Provisional Outturn for the Council against the Budget for 2021-22	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 7 June 2022		All Wards	N/A
Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 -	The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 7 June 2022		All Wards	3

Position at the end of March 2022	companies for 2021-22					
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