



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 July 2021 and 31 October 2021

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:

Democratic Services, Northumberland County Council, County Hall, Morpeth, Northumberland, NE61 2EF

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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)
Platinum Jubilee Celebrations in Northumberland – The County Council’s Role and Scope of Activity	The report provides an overview of the national programme of celebrations to mark the historic Queen’s Platinum Jubilee during 2022. The report also outlines the proposed role of the Council in both the high-profile national programme, and in the encouragement of communities to celebrate together across the County. The report requests a non-recurrent allocation of £60,000 to support delivery of a showcase event on Hadrian's Wall and	Councillor Jeff Watson	Cabinet 9 November 2021		All Wards	3

	<p>£15,000 to provide additional capacity to coordinate the County's community beacon response. The report also requests a non-recurrent allocation of £70,000 to enable creation of a 'Jubilee Events Fund' to support community Jubilee events across the County during 2022.</p>					
<p>Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Outcome of Kerbside Glass Recycling Trial</p>	<p>To report the key outcomes of the kerbside glass recycling pilot scheme which has been in operation since November 2020 and to recommend the next steps for this scheme and the estimated costs for rolling-out a kerbside glass collection service across the county. The report will also highlight how the roll-out and timing for this</p>	<p>Councillor John Robert Riddle</p>	<p>Cabinet 9 November 2021</p>		<p>All Wards</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	enhanced glass recycling service will be dependent upon the outcome of the latest consultation exercises undertaken as part of the Government's new Resources and Waste Strategy and provision of new burdens funding by the Government.					
Green Homes Grant, Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (LAD2) - Grant Funding	To seek authorisation for the Green Homes Grant Local Authority Delivery Round 2 of £2.2m grant funding – for both receipt and spend of capital funding, and subsequent inclusion in the Council's Capital Programme.	Councillor Hugh Glen Howard Sanderson	Cabinet 9 November 2021		All Wards	N/A
Revision of Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary	This report will seek approval to adopt revisions to the boundary of the Morpeth Conservation	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 9 November 2021		Morpeth Kirkhill; Morpeth North; Morpeth Stobhill	N/A

	Area					
Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-26	This report provides an update on the development of the 2022-23 Budget and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the period 2022 to 2026. This report also details budget proposals for 2022-23 to meet the budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2022-23 in December 2021	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 9 November 2021		All Wards	N/A
Northumberland Street Naming and Numbering Policy	The report seeks agreement to a policy determining how street names and numbering will be accepted by the Council. The report will set out what is acceptable and what is not, a policy in terms of names being used for	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 9 November 2021		All Wards	N/A

	deceased people and also what charges may be levied for the work involved in processing a request for a street name.					
Approval of the Council Tax Base 2022/23	The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base must be set between the 1st of December and 31st January. The tax base is a measure of the Council's taxable capacity which is used for the setting of its council tax. Legislation sets out the formula for calculation. Cabinet has delegated authority to approve the tax base.	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 7 December 2021		All Wards	N/A
Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25	The report requests approval to use Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25, a document designed to guide skills planning and the	Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson	Cabinet 7 December 2021		All Wards	N/A

	<p>approach in designing impactful vocational skills provision within the county to yield greatest impact for residents and the local economy.</p>					
<p>Corporate Plan Refresh 2021-24</p>	<p>The Report presents the Council's Corporate Plan for 2021-2024. The Plan for 2021-24 builds on the progress from the previous Corporate Plan and presents a refreshed vision, aims and priorities. This refresh takes account of the changing social and economic context as a result of the Covid Pandemic and the Council's priorities for leading recovery across the County in the coming months and years. The priorities in the Corporate Plan will be delivered through the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan,</p>	<p>Councillor Hugh Glen Howard Sanderson</p>	<p>Cabinet 9 November 2021</p>		<p>All Wards</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	Service Planning and Performance Frameworks.					
Wooler Neighbourhood Plan	To seek approval to formally 'make' the Wooler Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in May 2020. Covid regulations delayed the holding of referendums until after May 2021. A local referendum held in the Parish of Wooler on 10 June 2021 returned a majority vote in favour of the County Council using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations. Making the Plan has been delayed due to the need to take external legal advice	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 7 December 2021		Wooler	N/A

	on a matter raised by the Northumberland National Park Authority					
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