



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 June 2022 and 30 September 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 (with Corporate Services)	Councillor Richard Wearmouth
Cabinet Member (Community Services)	Councillor Colin Horncastle
Cabinet Member (Adults' Wellbeing)	Councillor Wendy Pattison
Cabinet Member (Local Services)	Councillor John Riddle
Cabinet Member (Business)	Councillor Wojciech Ploszaj
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)
Arrangements for Future Disposals of Land at East Sleekburn	This report describes the arrangements proposed to secure the land necessary for the construction of a Supply Chain park for the battery manufacturing complex at Cambois.	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 7 June 2022		Sleekburn	3
Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy 2022-25	To update on Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure and proposals for increasing provision across the next three years	Councillor Hugh Glen Howard Sanderson	Cabinet 7 June 2022		All Wards	N/A
Financial Performance	The report will provide Cabinet with the	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 7 June 2022		All Wards	N/A

2021-22 – Provisional Outturn 2021-22	revenue financial position as at Provisional Outturn for the Council against the Budget for 2021-22					
Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Proposed Food Waste Recycling Pilot Schemes	<p>To advise cabinet of future obligations to offer food waste collections to households arising from the Environment Act 2021 and to seek approval for a weekly household food waste collection pilot scheme to assess the viability of collections across Northumberland, together with a home food waste composting pilot scheme to consider potential options in rural areas where weekly food waste collections may not be practicable or affordable.</p> <p>The report will highlight the importance of the Council gaining an understanding of the financial, social,</p>	Councillor John Robert Riddle	Cabinet 7 June 2022		All Wards	N/A

	human resource and environmental implications of delivering a new food waste recycling service across the whole County when Government funding becomes available around 2024/25.					
Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of March 2022	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 7 June 2022		All Wards	3
Advance Northumberland Reserved Matters Approval	The report requests Cabinet approval to courses of action that are matters reserved to Northumberland County Council as Shareholder under the Articles of Association of its wholly-owned group company Advance Northumberland Ltd and its subsidiaries ("Advance").	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 12 July 2022		All Wards	N/A

Blyth Welding & Fabrication Inflationary Pressure Funding	To recommend to Cabinet that additional funds are drawn from the Strategic Regeneration Reserve to supplement the allocated funding from the Medium Term Financial Plan for provision of a technical welding & fabrication training centre in the Blyth area.	Councillor Guy Renner-Thompson	Cabinet 12 July 2022		Wensleydale	N/A
Homes for Ukraine – Finance	The report provides an overview for Cabinet of the Homes for Ukraine Scheme, and requests approval to spend in advance of payment being received from Government to support the delivery of the required Local Authority commitments	Councillor Colin William Horncastle	Cabinet 12 July 2022		All Wards	N/A
Recommissioning of an Integrated Sexual Health Service	To seek permission from Cabinet to commission an Integrated Sexual Health Service, which	Councillor Wendy Pattison	Cabinet 12 July 2022		All Wards	N/A

	<p>is a statutory obligation. The contract will be greater than £2m, therefore there is the need to ask Cabinet to delegate the expenditure to the Director of Public Health.</p>					
<p>Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan</p>	<p>To seek approval to formally 'make' the Haydon Parish Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in March 2022. A local referendum will be held in the Parish of Haydon on 30 June 2022 and it is expected that there will be a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council will then be obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach</p>	<p>Councillor Colin William Horncastle</p>	<p>Cabinet 13 September 2022</p>		<p>Haydon with Hadrian</p>	<p>N/A</p>

	European Union obligations, and that action should be completed within 8 weeks of the date of the referendum.					
Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of June 2022	The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2022-23	Councillor Richard Watson Wearmouth	Cabinet 13 September 2022		All Wards	3