



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 February 2024 and 31 May 2024

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 & Corporate Services	Councillor Richard Wearmouth
Cabinet Member (Supporting Business and Opportunities)	Councillor Wojciech Ploszaj
Cabinet Member (Caring for Adults)	Councillor Wendy Pattison
Cabinet Member (Improving our Roads and Highways)	Councillor John Riddle
Cabinet Member (Improving Public Health and Wellbeing)	Councillor Veronica Jones
Cabinet Member (Inspiring Young People)	Councillor Guy Renner Thompson
Cabinet Member (Promoting Healthy Lives)	Councillor Jeff Watson
Cabinet Member (Looking after our Environment)	Councillor Colin Horncastle
Cabinet Member (Looking After Our Communities)	Councillor Gordon Stewart

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)
Adult Social Care: Extra Care and Supported Living Strategy	To present the updated Extra Care and Supported Living Strategy (2024).	Cabinet Member for Caring for Adults	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A
Budget Engagement Report	This report summarises the budget engagement activities for the Council's Budget 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Plan Update 2024-28.	Leader of Council	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A
Budget 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-	The report presents the updated Budget 2024-25 and Medium Term Financial Plan	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A

2028	2024-2028 to Cabinet (for recommendation to County Council) following the receipt of the provisional local government settlement which is due to be announced in December 2023. The report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings					
Corporate Fraud Policies for 2024-25	To provide an update on the County Council's policies in relation to Corporate Fraud activity and seek approval for updated policies.	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A
North East Investment Zone	The report provides an update on the North East Investment Zone. Cabinet are asked to note the regional proposals and asked to approve the inclusion of a Business Rates Retention Site.	Cabinet Member for Supporting Business and Opportunities, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Cabinet 13 February 2024			N/A

School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2025/2026 Academic Year	This report informs Cabinet of the outcomes of the consultation on School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2025/26 Academic Year as required by the School Admissions Code 2021. Approval (determination) of these admission arrangements is also sought	Cabinet Member for Inspiring Young People	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A
Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group	This is a summary of all of the reports discussed by the Capital Strategy Group on 20 December 2023	Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Corporate Services	Cabinet 13 February 2024		All Wards	N/A
Hirst Masterplan	To introduce the Hirst Masterplan to cabinet and seek authorisation to move forward in developing its contents further.	Cabinet Member for Improving Public Health and Wellbeing, Cabinet Member for Looking After our Communities	Cabinet 12 March 2024		Ashington Central	N/A
Northumbria	To consider and	Cabinet Member for	Cabinet 12		All Wards	N/A

Road Safety Partnership	determine entry into a new Northumbria Road Safety Partnership (NRSP) with the five Tyne and Wear local authorities and Northumbria Police.	Improving Roads and Highways	March 2024			
Climate Change Action Plan 2024-26	To replace the expiring Climate Change Action Plan 21021-23 and to set out our intended strategies for reaching our climate change targets across the next three years and beyond.	Leader of Council	Cabinet 9 April 2024		All Wards	N/A
Energising Blyth: Levelling Up Deep Dive - Bowes Ct.	This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the delivery of the Bowes Court retro-fit of properties. It will recommend the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approve the Outline Business Case to enable progression to Full Business Case.? • Delegate authority, in accordance with the 	Cabinet Member for Supporting Business and Opportunities	Cabinet 7 May 2024		All Wards	N/A

	<p>Local Assurance Framework, to the Council's Executive Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) following consideration by the Energising Blyth Programme Board to approve the Full Business Case.?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delegate approvals to the Executive Director for Place and Regeneration to enter into any contracts relating to the project subject to confirmation of associated funding being in place and the appropriate procurement processes being followed.					
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