

# Northumberland County Council

## Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

### Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2022-2023

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## 1. Terms of reference:

- (1) To maintain an overview of the Council's Annual Budget and Budgetary Management via the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (2) To review the state of Northumberland and the County Council's activity in delivering its Corporate Plan.
- (3) To maintain an overview of the Council's performance management arrangements; highlighting areas of poor performance and monitoring recovery delivery plans.
- (4) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the Council and Advance Northumberland.
- (5) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
  - Corporate Services: Organisational Development, Health and Safety, ICT Strategy, Corporate Governance, Financial Services, Procurement Strategy, Risk Strategy, Shared and Traded Services
  - Partnership development coordination with local organisations
  - Relationships with external bodies
  - Regeneration and Economic Development
  - Strategic Transport Network and Infrastructure
  - Employability, Skills, and removing barriers to work
  - Capital Programme and Asset Management
  - Support to VCS organisations and the Council's relationship with town and parish councils.

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10 October 2022

**Covid 19 Business Support Update**

To consider an update highlighting the support to businesses administered by the Council through Grants and Business Rates Relief during the pandemic.

**Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24**

The Support Scheme needs to be approved annually by Council.

7 November 2022

**Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27**

This report provides an update on the development of the 2023-24 Budget and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the period 2023 to 2027. It also details budget proposals for 2023-24 to meet the budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2023-24 in December 2022. The report will be considered by Cabinet on 8 November 2022 including any comments put forward by the OSC.

12 December 2022

**Debt Recovery Update**

To provide the Committee with information regarding the level of outstanding debt owed to the Council and to give assurance as to the efficiency and effectiveness of its collection and recovery policies and systems.

**Economic Development**

To provide a six monthly update on economic development progress in the county

9 January 2023

13 February 2023	
<b>Budget 2023/24</b>	To invite members of all four OSCs to comment on the budget proposals for 2023/24.
13 March 2023	
3 April 2023	

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	11 July 2022	<b>Annual Workforce Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> members agreed to note and support the recommendations in the report.	The Committee will continue to receive annual updates.
2.	11 July 2022	<b>Debt Recovery Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information in the report be noted.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in December.
3.	11 July 2022	<b>Green Homes Grant</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
4.	11 July 2022	<b>Advance Northumberland Ltd and its subsidiaries–Request for Reserved Matter Approval</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report on the condition the following are included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. With regards to the Shareholder Representative Role Profile, the wording be amended to provide greater clarity on the role the Shareholder Representative should carry out at board meetings. Members suggested the wordings to be: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>iii. <i>To attend and play an active role at board meetings of the Company whilst recognising the authority to make decisions lies with the board of the Company.</i></li> </ol> </li> <li>2. The Committee would like a further report in 6 months, if appropriate, to review the implementation of the proposed new Articles of Association and the Shareholder Representative Role Profile.</li> </ol>	Cabinet approved the comments made by the OSC when it determined the report on 12 July 2022.

5.	11 July 2022	<b>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 – End of March</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive quarterly updates.
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