

## Forward Plan

### FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS OCTOBER 2022 TO JANUARY 2023

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Council Tax Support Scheme for 2023/24</b>            Since 1 April 2013 the Council is required to have its own council tax support scheme to provide assistance to council taxpayers on low incomes. The scheme needs to be approved annually and assistance is by way of a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due.            The Council Tax Support Scheme needs County Council approval.            (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes – 01670 624351)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC            10 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022            Council 2 November 2022</p>
<p><b>“Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund” submission</b>            To seek Cabinet approval for a submission to the Department of Health and Social Care to comply with the grant conditions of the Market Sustainability and Fair Cost of Care Fund 2022 to 2023.            (W. Pattison/N. Bradley - 01670 622868)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>
<p><b>Northumberland Destination Management Plan</b>            Destination Management is a process of leading, influencing and coordinating the management of all the aspects of a destination that contribute to a visitor’s experience, taking account of the needs of visitors, local residents, businesses and the environment. A Destination Management Plan (DMP) is a shared statement of intent to manage a destination over</p>	<p>C&amp;P OSC 5 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>

<p>a stated period of time, articulating the roles of the different stakeholders and identifying clear actions that they will take and the apportionment of resources. This report requests that the County Council endorse the Vision, Partnership Principles, Strategic Aims, and Priorities of the 10 year DMP for Northumberland.</p> <p>(J. Watson/Nigel Walsh 07789654472)</p>		
<p><b>Outcomes of Consultation on Berwick Partnership Organisation</b></p> <p>This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders arising from Phase 1 of informal consultation with stakeholders in the Berwick Partnership area and other relevant parties on whether any models of organisation that may be brought forward with specific proposals for schools (Phase 2) should consist of only 3-tier models of organisation or include 3-tier and 2-tier (primary/secondary) models of organisation.</p> <p>Cabinet is also asked to permit the initiation of the Phase 2 informal consultation with stakeholders in the area served by Berwick Partnership and other relevant stakeholders on proposals for individual schools in the partnership. The outcomes of Phase 2 consultation would be brought back to Cabinet at a later date.</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 6 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>
<p><b>Revised Joint Charter with Town, Parish and Community Councils</b></p> <p>This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval for the publication of the revised joint Charter between the Council and the Town, Parish and Community Councils (TPCCs) in Northumberland.</p>	<p>Communities and Place OSC 26 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>

<p>This revised Charter includes minor amendments to the 2019 edition and has been prepared following consultation with Northumberland Association of Local Councils (NALC). It defines joint principles to enable the Council and TPCCs to work effectively together to improve the economic, social and environmental well-being of Northumberland. (G. Sanderson/Iain Hedley -07747 473687)</p>		
<p><b>Supported Accommodation and Lodgings for Care Leavers and Young Homeless</b></p> <p>The report seeks permission from Cabinet to go to the market to commission a range of services to provide supported accommodation and lodgings for Northumberland care leavers and young homeless which will assist the Council in meeting its statutory duties.</p> <p>The Council has a responsibility to provide support and accommodation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Looked After young people and Care leavers under the Children Act 1989;</li> <li>• Young people presenting as homeless and needing accommodation in line with the Statutory guidance - Provision of accommodation for 16- and 17-year-olds who may be homeless and/or require accommodation</li> <li>• Separated children (formally known as unaccompanied asylum-seeking children);</li> <li>• Young people who require support after the age of 18 in line with the Staying Put agenda.</li> <li>• Other young people aged 16 and above who are beyond</li> </ul>	<p>FACS OSC 6 October 2022</p>	<p>11 October 2022</p>

<p>school leaving age who may require provision under this service as and when they meet varying Local Authority thresholds.</p> <p>The intention is to create a Dynamic Purchasing System (DPS) which will allow the Council to contract with a range of pre-qualified suppliers, supporting access to a range of placements across the County for eligible young people. Unlike a framework arrangement, a DPS allows suppliers to join at pre-agreed points of time, encouraging competition and making it easier for local suppliers to access the arrangement. This will support the Council in meeting its duties during a time of change; Ofsted regulation for this sector is due to be introduced in late 2023 and is expected to cause some disruption within the marketplace as providers determine whether they are willing and able to meet the new guidelines. A DPS will create a more flexible solution providing the Council with improved access to suppliers in order to meet need.</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/M. Connor 07833 437064)</p>		
<p><b>Working together with VCSE – Non recurrent variation to VCSE Infrastructure Contract</b></p> <p>This purpose of this report is to seek approval to expand the current Northumberland Communities Together (NCT) and Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) Infrastructure contract to include additional funding obtained from NHS Northumberland CCG, now the Integrated Care Board, to support the Thriving Together work between Northumberland Communities Together and the VCSE</p> <p>(W. Pattison/M. Taylor - 01670 622430)</p>		11 October 2022
<p><b>Applying the Council Owned Company Rationale to</b></p>		17 November 2022

<p><b>Advance Northumberland Ltd and Update on the Business Strategy Review</b></p> <p>In anticipation of agreement to the statement of principles and tests for establishing or continuing Council-owned companies established under the Localism Act, this report sets out the outcome of applying the agreed principles and tests to Advance Northumberland Ltd (ANL), as an existing company of Northumberland County Council, and provides an update on the Advance Northumberland Ltd Review of Business Strategy.</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/W. Ploszaj/S. McMillan – 07814298052)</p>		
<p><b>Bebside to Blyth Town Centre Cycling &amp; Walking Corridor</b></p> <p>This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the Bebside to Town Centre Cycling &amp; Walking Corridor project.</p> <p>(W. Ploszaj/L. Baker - 07919 217457)</p>		17 November 2022
<p><b>Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27</b></p> <p>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. This report 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.</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 01670 622168)</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC</p> <p>12 December 2022</p>	17 November 2022
<p><b>Energising Blyth: NEP1 – Dock Infrastructure – Capping Beam</b></p>		17 November 2022

<p>This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the Northumberland Energy Park (NEP1) Ash Dock Capping Beam. The Capping Beam will be installed along the already completed new dock walls and is necessary to operate the dock for investors as it provides structural stability for craneage, concrete apron and provides fixings for ladders and mooring fenders. The Business Case is seeking £500k Government grant through the DLUHC Town Deal Fund as part of the Energising Blyth Programme with a match fund of £900k (NELEP) and £31.6k (NCC).</p> <p>(W. Ploszaj/L. Baker - 07919 217457 )</p>		
<p><b>Family Hubs Development</b></p> <p>Northumberland has been selected as one of the 75 local authorities who can receive additional funding to develop the Family Hub offer. The overall amount potentially available for Northumberland between Autumn 2022 and March 2025 is indicated to be between £3.321m and £3.446m. Work has been ongoing to develop the Family Hub model in Northumberland for some time, building on the already established Early Help Locality Model across the county.</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/M. Connor - 01670 620349)</p>		17 November 2022
<p><b>Future of Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd and Northumbria Integrated Consultancy Ltd</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to provide options for consideration by Cabinet regarding the future status of the Council's wholly-owned company Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd and its subsidiary</p>		17 November 2022

company Northumbria Integrated Consultancy Ltd, propose the Role Profile for the Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd Controlling Shareholder's Representative ("CSR") and propose the appointment of the Executive Director of Finance as CSR of Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Ltd to provide alignment and uniformity with the Council's other wholly-owned company, Advance Northumberland Ltd (R. Wearmouth/W. Thompson – 07929836782)		
<b>Leisure Service Review</b> This report presents the findings and recommendations from the leisure service review. (J. Watson/ M. Taylor - 01670 622430) <b>(Confidential report)</b>		17 November 2022
<b>Market Position Statement</b> The report will ask Cabinet to approve the publication of the updated Adult Social Care Market Position Statement. (W. Pattison/A. Curry 07557948621)	H&W OSC 1 November 2022	17 November 2022
<b>Northumberland SEND Place Planning Strategy</b> To advise Cabinet of the development of a 5 year SEND Capacity and Place Planning Strategy for Northumberland and to seek approval of the strategy. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)	FACS OSC 10 November 222	17 November 2022
<b>Rationale for Companies</b> The purpose of this report is to propose a statement of principles, tests and decision filters which together determine the "Rationale" for the establishment or continuation of any company established by Northumberland County Council		17 November 2022

under the provisions of the Localism Act 2011. (R. Wearmouth/W. Thompson – 07929836782)		
<b>Regent Street, Blyth Improvements (Northern Gateway Phase 2)</b> This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of the Regent Street Improvements (Northern Gateway Phase 2) project. (W. Ploszaj/L. Baker - 07919 217457 )		17 November 2022
<b>Statutory Proposals for schools in the Coquet Partnership and Barndale House Special School</b> This report will set out an analysis of the representations received from interested parties relating to the Council's statutory proposals for the local authority-maintained schools in the Coquet Partnership (Amble First, Amble Links, Broomhill, Red Row and Grange View CE First Schools and James Calvert Spence College). The report will also set out an analysis of the representations received in relation to a separate statutory proposal for the creation of a satellite school for Barndale House Special School in the current James Calvert Spence College building at South Avenue, Amble, which is relevant to but not dependent on the outcome of the statutory proposal for the maintained schools in Coquet Partnership. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 6222810)	FACS OSC 10 November 2022	17 November 2022
<b>Council Tax Base 2023/24</b> The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base must be set between the 1st of December and	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 12 December 2022	13 December 2022



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 have delegated authority to approve the tax base. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes – 01670 624351)		
<b>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of September 2022</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 30 September 2022. (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)	N/A	13 December 2022
<b>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of September 2022</b> 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 (R. Wearmouth/M. Calvert - 01670 620197) (Confidential report)	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 12 December 2022	13 December 2022
<b>Budget 2023-24 , Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27 and 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account</b> The report presents to Cabinet, the updated Budget 2023-24, Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27 and 30 year Business plan for the Housing Revenue Account. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon – 01670 622168)	CSEG OSC 9 January 2023	10 January 2023
<b>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2022-23 – Council Tax and Business Rates</b>		10 January 2023

<p>The report will advise members of the estimated surplus or deficit balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates at 31 March 2023. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) requires the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Council Tax Collection Fund estimate by 15th January each year. The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 require the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Business Rates Collection Fund estimate on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year.</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon – 01670 622168)</p>		
<p><b>Recommissioning of an Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service for Adults in Northumberland</b></p> <p>To seek permission from Cabinet to commission an Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service for Adults in Northumberland. This Service will be commissioned using the Public Health Ring-Fenced Grant. The grant conditions state that Local Authorities must improve the take up of, and outcomes from, its drug and alcohol misuse treatment services, based on an assessment of local need. 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>(W. Pattison/John Liddell M: 07929 775559)</p>	<p>H&amp;W OSC 6 December 2022</p>	<p>10 January 2023</p>
<p><b>Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27</b></p> <p>The report presents the updated Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27 to Cabinet following the receipt of the provisional local government settlement which is due to be announced during December 2022. The</p>	<p>Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 February 2022</p>	<p>14 February 2022 Council 22 February 2022</p>

<p>report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 01670 622168)</p>		
<p><b>Revenues and Benefits Policies for 2023/24</b> The report sets out the policies that the Revenues and Benefits services operate for the administration of council tax, business rates, housing benefit and council tax support. The report is for information and approval of any updates or legislation changes that need to be made. The policies need County Council approval on 22 February 2023. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes 01670 624351)</p>		<p>14 February 2022 Council 22 February 2022</p>
<p><b>Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 December 2022. (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)</p>	N/A	14 March 2023
<p><b>Financial Performance 2022-23 – Position at the end of March 2023 (Provisional Outturn)</b> The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 31 March 2023 (provisional outturn) (R. Wearmouth/K. Harvey - 01670 624783)</p>	N/A	9 May 2023