Forward Plan

FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS FEBRUARY TO MAY 2023

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account The report presents to Cabinet the 30 year Business plan for the Housing Revenue Account. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon – 01670 622168) Alternative Provision to Support Children Permanently Excluded from School The report seeks permission from Cabinet to undertake a tender process to support the provision of Alternative Education for children of statutory school age. This is a statutory service which is demand led meaning that the Council must provide full time schooling for permanently excluded pupils from the 6th school day. The request is necessary due to the approaching expiry of an existing tender and a likely change in emphasis by the Department for Education in respect of regulation which may have an impact upon levels of expenditure. 	CSEG OSC 13 February 2023 FACS OSC 2 Feb 2023	14 February 2023 14 February 2023
(G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - (01670) 622281)		
Berwick Theatre Revised Outline Business Case The report is to provides an update about some important changes to the Business Case for the Berwick Theatre (New Maltings) project, including changes to the project costs, funding requirement, and value for money assessment.		14 February 2023

It subsequently seeks approval to request a further investment of £5m from the Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal to cover rising capital costs. (G. Sanderson/ J. Rose 07500 097568)		
Budget 2023-24 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023-27 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 report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 01670 622168)	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 February 2022	14 February 2022 Council 22 February 2022
Council Response to the Independent Review of its Cultural Investment Portfolio The report summarises the findings of the independent report and seeks approval to the Council's immediate response to those findings, including the proposed budget approach to revising the Investment Portfolio. (J. Watson/J. Rose 07500 097568)		14 February 2023
Council Response to the Report of the Independent Future of Farming in Northumberland Inquiry The report summarises the findings of the independent Inquiry and seeks approval to the Council's immediate response to those findings. (G. Sanderson/ J. Rose 07500 097568)		14 February 2023
Council Tax Discretionary Discount and Council Tax Hardship Schemes 2023-24 The report proposes a Council Tax Discretionary Discount	CSEG OSC 13 February 2023	14 February 2023 Council 22 February 2023

Scheme and Council Tax Hardship Schemes for financial year 2023-24. (R. Wearmouth/Alison Elsdon 07796 652072)Energising Blyth: Energy Central Campus Governance Arrangements Update This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval for amendments to the officers nominated as Directors of the Energy Central Campus Company Ltd. (W. Ploszaj/R. Strettle – 07770642773)	N/A	14 February 2023
Northumberland Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Programme The report summarises the Stewardship and Rural Growth Investment Programme the initial tranche of funding secured from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, Rural Economic Prosperity Fund, and North of Tyne Investment Programme. It subsequently seeks approval to the proposed first phase of implementation. (G. Sanderson/ J. Rose 07500 097568)		14 February 2023
Revenues and Benefits Policies for 2023/24 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)	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 February 2022	14 February 2022 Council 22 February 2022
Director of Education Final Report	FACS OSC	14 March 2023

The Director of Education Annual Report presents a self- evaluation of where NCC Education are as a result of work delivered during 2021-22 and also seeks to demonstrate aspirations for the future across all areas of education and related supporting functions. (G. Renner Thompson/A. Kingham - 01670 622742)	2 March 2023	
Energising Blyth – Keel Row Shopping Centre Strategic Acquisition	ТВС	14 March 2023
(Confidential report) (W.Ploszaj/ M.Turner - 07810 756551)		
Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022 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)	N/A	14 March 2023
Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy for Northumberland 2022 The report provides Members with the draft Homelessness and Rough Sleeper Strategy 2022-2026 for review and agreement (C. Horncastle/J. Stewart - 07771 974 112)	Communities and Place OSC 5 April 2023	14 March 2023
School Transport Review Outcome Options At SLT on 1 st November 2022 the full range of recommendations resulting from the system wide review of home to school transport were shared. In response to this, SLT requested a further paper to provide a summary with greater detail on the range of options considered during the	FACS OSC 6 April 2023	14 March 2023

review on where the transport service best sits within Northumberland County Council. This report provides the options as requested for evaluation and alongside this request's approval for the specific initiative to establish NCC delivered Independent Travel Training provision using start- up funding from the Council Transformation Fund (G. Renner Thompson/N. Dorward – 07811 020 806) Service Charges in Sheltered Accommodation	Communities and Place OSC	14 March 2023
The report will request permission to introduce Service Charges to all tenants in 8 Sheltered Housing Schemes in line with those currently charged at Arnison Close in Allendale. The HRA is currently subsidising these tenants at a cost of approx. £200k per year. (C. Horncastle/S. Ogle – 07976851270)	5 April 2023	
The Link (Bridge Street Improvements) This report updates Cabinet and seeks approval of the Outline Business Case and other key decisions regarding the development and delivery of The Link project. The Link will improve the highway and public realm along Bridge Street which is one of the main vehicle and pedestrian routes into the town centre. It will improve connectivity and provide a greatly improved walking and cycling link between the town centre and the quayside. The project will support Blyth's vision to be a Connected, Vibrant and Clean Growth Town (W. Ploszaj/Lara Baker - 07919 217457)		14 March 2023
Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2022-23 - Position at the end of December 2022 The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading	Corporate Services and Economic Growth OSC 13 March 2022	14 March 2023

companies for 2022-23 (R. Wearmouth/ M. Calvert - 01670 620197) Confidential report		
Update of Transport Asset Management Plan Policy and Strategy To seek Cabinet approval for the updated Transport Asset Management Plan, Policy and Strategy following it's periodic review, to take account of continued developments in asset management approaches and best practice including an increasing focus on the impact of climate change and prioritisation of active travel and minor amendments to the resilient road network. (J. Riddle/D. Laux - 01670 623763)	TBC	14 March 2023
Leisure Programme Update To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)	OSC TBC	11 April 2023
Financial Performance 2022-23 – Position at the end of March 2023 (Provisional Outturn) 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)	N/A	9 May 2023
Outcomes of Phase 2 Consultation about Education in Berwick Partnership This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders arising from Phase 2 of informal consultation with stakeholders in the Berwick Partnership area and other	ТВС	9 May 2023

relevant parties on the possible models of school organisation within both the current 3-tier system and within a 2-tier (primary/secondary) system. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - (01670) 622281)		
Leisure Programme Update To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)	ТВС	12 December 2023
Leisure Programme Update To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme (J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463)	ТВС	9 April 2024