

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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3 April 2023

BEST: Delivery Partners Resourcing

This report will seek approval to proceed with the Tendering and Procurement of Delivery Partners who will be engaged to support the design and delivery of projects. (BEST is the new name for the Strategic Change Programme). The Committee will review the Cabinet decision and consider "next steps".

Trading Companies' Financial Performance

To consider this quarterly update.

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	11 July 2022	Annual Workforce Report	RESOLVED members agreed to note and support the recommendations in the report.	The Committee will continue to receive annual updates.
2.	11 July 2022	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in December.
3.	11 July 2022	Green Homes Grant	RESOLVED that the information be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
4.	11 July 2022	Advance Northumberland Ltd and its subsidiaries– Request for Reserved Matter Approval	<p>RESOLVED 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"> 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"> 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> 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. 	Cabinet approved the comments made by the OSC when it determined the report on 12 July 2022.

5.	11 July 2022	Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 – End of March	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive quarterly updates.
6.	10 October 2022	Council Tax Support Scheme 2023/24	RESOLVED that the recommendations be supported.	Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 11 October 2022.
7.	10 October 2022	Broadband Connectivity	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as appropriate.
8.	10 October 2022	Budget Consultation	RESOLVED that the information be noted and suggestions be examined for inclusion in the Budget Consultation 2022/23.	The Committee will receive details of the outcome of the consultation as part of the budget setting process in February.
9.	10 October 2022	Covid Grants and Financial Assistance to Business	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
10.	10 October 2022	Trading Companies' Financial Performance	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted	The Committee will continue to receive quarterly updates.
11.	12 December 2022	Budget 2023-24 and MTFP 2023-27	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	The Committee consider the budget proposal in February.
12.	12 December 2022	Council-owned Company Governance Framework	RESOLVED to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report, subject to consideration of the issues highlighted.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
13.	12 December 2022	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive regular updates.
14.	12 December 2022	Economic Development	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive regular updates.

15.	16 January 2023	Strategic Change Business Case	RESOLVED to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report, subject to consideration of the issues highlighted above.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
16.	16 January 2023	Trading Companies' Financial Performance	RESOLVED that the information in the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive quarterly updates.
17.	13 February 2023	Budget 2023-24 and MTFP 2023-27 for the Housing Revenue Account	RESOLVED to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report, subject to consideration of the issues highlighted.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
18.	13 February 2023	Budget Consultation	RESOLVED to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
19.	13 February 2023	Budget 2023-24 and MTFP 2023-27	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised of members' comments.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
20.	13 February 2023	Council Tax Discretionary Discount and Council Tax Hardship Scheme 2023-24	RESOLVED that Cabinet be advised of members' comments.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.
21.	13 February 2023	Revenues and Benefits Policy	RESOLVED to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's views prior to determination of the report.