

**Northumberland County Council  
North Northumberland Local Area Council  
Work Programme 2022/23**

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.
- (b) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- (c) To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- (d) To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- (e) To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- (f) To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- (g) To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- (h) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (i) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (j) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (k) To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.
- (l) To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.
- (m) To exercise the following functions within their area:-

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- (i) the Council's functions in relation to the survey, definition, maintenance, diversion, stopping up and creation of public rights of way.
- (ii) the Council's functions as the Commons Registration Authority for common land and town/village greens in Northumberland.
- (iii) the Council's functions in relation to the preparation and maintenance of the Rights of Way Improvement Plan.
- (iv) the Council's functions in relation to the Northumberland National Park and County Joint Local Access Forum (Local Access Forums (England) Regulations 2007).
- (v) the Council's role in encouraging wider access for all to the County's network of public rights of way and other recreational routes.

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**ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED**

**Standard items updates:** Public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions, Members' Local Improvement Schemes (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings)

**To be listed:**

Digital Connectivity Infrastructure Acceleration Project  
Stronger Shores  
Fostering

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<b>23 March 2023</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neighborhood Policing Update</li><li>• Planning</li><li>• Local Services Update</li></ul>
<b>20 April 2023</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Planning</li></ul>

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**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL AREA COUNCIL - NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND  
MONITORING REPORT 2022/23**

Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1	19.05.22	<b>Presentation – Tweed Valley Railway Campaign.</b>	Information was noted.	
2	19.5.22	<b>Appointments to Outside bodies</b>	<p>The following changes were made to the outside body appointments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Glendale Gateway Trust no longer required a NCC appointment.</li> <li>•North Sunderland Harbour Commission were weeks away from signing a new Harbour Order which would no longer require a NCC representative. The committee declined to appoint a member.</li> </ul>	

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Councillor Nick Morphet had been allocated to sit on Northumberland National Park Joint Local Access Forum.</li> </ul>	
3	18.08.22	<b>River Tweed Commissioners</b>	<p>The North Northumberland Local Area Council were asked to approve the appointment of three new angling club members, for three years to the River Tweed Commissioners.</p> <p>Mr SJR Innes Mr E Seymour Mrs C Foreman</p>	
4	22.09.22	<b>Rural Business Growth Service</b>	Information was noted	
5	24.11.22	<b>North Northumberland Harbour Commission Appointments</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Members received the report.</li> <li>2. Members agreed an interview panel of Councillor Hill, Councillor Mather and Councillor Watson to interview suitable prospective candidates for the two vacant posts of Harbour Commissioners.</li> </ol>	

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			<p>3. Members agreed that the Council's Monitoring Officer in consultation with the interview panel (as agreed above) would set up the selection and interview process.</p> <p>4. Members agreed that the interview panel would make the final recommendations for the two Harbours Commissioner's appointments to the committee for approval.</p>	
6	24.11.22	<b>Space for Shorebirds</b>	Information was noted.	
7	24.11.22	<b>Homelessness and Rough Sleeping Report</b>	Information was noted.	

8	19.01.23	<b>Budget and Medium-Term Financial Plan</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that this was noted.	
9	19.01.23	<b>Highways Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that this was noted.	
10	19.02.23	<b>Local Transport Plan Programme 2023/24</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that this was noted.	

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