

Northumberland County Council

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2023-2024

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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.

To be Timetabled:

This will include the OSC being more proactive in early stage development work in formulating new policies and strategies; to investigate matters of interest and concern to the wider community, and to keep under review the performance and financial position of the Council.

- Capital Programme (monitoring slippage)
- BEST (monitor progress within the Programme)

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27 November 2023

BEST	To receive an update on progress with the programme and provide members with an opportunity to identify specific modules which the OSC may wish to examine in greater detail.
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29 January 2024

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.
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25 March 2024

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	26 June 2023	Presentations from Executive Directors on Forthcoming Issues (Jan Willis/Simon Neilson)	RESOLVED that the information was noted and the issues identified for further examination be included on the Committee's work programme.	The work programme will continue to develop in accordance with the Committee's priorities.
2.	26 June 2023	Financial Performance 2022/23: February 2023 (Provisional Outturn 2022/23)	RESOLVED that (a) the information be noted, and (b) a report be presented to the next meeting setting out the proposals for ensuring the delivery the Parks and Green Spaces Programme.	A report on the issues identified regarding Parks and Green Spaces be prepared for the next meeting.
3.	26 June 2023	Debt Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive six monthly updates.

FINANCIAL PERFORMACE 2022-23: POSITION AT THE END OF FEBRUARY 2022 (PROVISIONAL OUTTURN 2022-23)