

**DECISIONS TAKEN BY CABINET SINCE LAST OSC MEETING AND FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS - SEPTEMBER TO DECEMBER 2023**

DECISION	CABINET DATE/DECISION
<p><b>Cabinet Papers – 12 September</b></p>	<p><a href="https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&amp;MId=2256">https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&amp;MId=2256</a></p>
<p><b>BEST: Delivery Partner Delegated Decision</b></p> <p>The report sought delegated authority for the Council’s Executive Director of Transformation and Resources to enter into a contract for the BEST Delivery Partner in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.</p>	<p>12 September 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that the Executive Director of Transformation and Resources be authorised, in consultation with the Leader of the Council and the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services, to enter into a contract for the BEST Delivery Partner.</p>
<p><b>Financial Performance 2023-24 – Position at the end of June 2023</b></p>	<p>To be considered by the CSEG OSC on 25 September 2023.</p>
<p><b>Loan to Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham Parish Council</b></p> <p>The report provided details of a potential loan facility to Whittingham, Callaly and Alnham Parish Council (WCAPC) of £4,435 towards the capital reserve.</p>	<p>12 September 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approve a loan facility of £4,435 to WCAPC subject to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCAPC agreeing to the proposed terms and conditions; and</li> <li>• NCC’s Legal Team completing a legal agreement with WCAPC in advance of any loan drawdown by WCAPC, containing the terms and conditions set out within the report.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group</b></p> <p><b>1 Family Hub Grant</b></p>	<p>12 September 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve the receipt of the capital element of the Family Hub grant of £0.063 million in 2023-24 and £0.059 million in 2024-25 and update the capital programme; and</li> <li>b) Grant delegated authority for the Executive Director of Children, Education and Young people to enter into contracts for the appropriate items of capital expenditure as and when they are identified up to the approved total budget limited.</li> </ol>

<p><b>2 Flood and Coastal Erosion Risk Management schemes</b></p> <p><b>3 Lilidorei Play Village – Additional funding from Department of Levelling Up, Communities and Housing (DLUCH)</b></p> <p><b>4 Levelling Up Funds – Hexham to Corbridge and Bedlington East to West</b></p> <p><b>5 Queen Elizabeth II Memorial Garden, Bedlington Cemetery</b></p> <p><b>6 Telecare Digital Switch</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approve the updated expenditure of £0.118 million and the amendment of the budget allocations within the Capital Programme for Otterburn Surface Water Flood Alleviation Scheme and Red Row Surface Water Flood Alleviation Scheme.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approve the inclusion of the £0.500 million funding already received from DLUCH and update the Capital Programme.</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Accept the funds from the Levelling up Fund Tranche 2 of £14.712 million;</li> <li>b) Approve funds in line with the costs outlined in the table set out in paragraph 9.5; and</li> <li>c) Approve the reallocation in the Capital Programme of £2.000 million from the existing allocation for Local Cycling and Walking Programme.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approve capital expenditure totalling £0.043 million for improvements to the West Bedlington Cemetery Garden of Remembrance; and</li> <li>b) Approve the reallocation in the Capital Programme of £0.027 million from the existing Parks Enhancement Capital Programme and £0.017 million from Cllr Malcolm Robinson’s Members’ Local Improvement Scheme Funds.</li> </ul> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approve the allocation of £0.547 million from the Adult Social Care Capital Grant in the Capital Programme to implement the capital project.</p>
<p><b>Additional Market Sustainability and Improvement Grant</b></p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Cabinet endorse the overall approach to the use of the additional Market Sustainability and Improvement Fund (MSIF) set out in paragraphs 6.28 to 6.30 of the report; and</li> <li>b. the Executive Director for Adults, Ageing &amp; Wellbeing be authorised to agree detailed allocations of expenditure within that overall approach, and to manage the overall resources available from the MSIF and the Adult Social Care Discharge fund flexibly to as to maximise the benefits for people with care and support needs, subject to consultation with the Cabinet Member for Caring for Adults, and the Executive Director of Transformation and Resources.</li> </ul>

## FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS

<p><b>Data Academy Pilot</b></p> <p>Investing via levy funding to upskill Northumberland County Council with data skills with an initial pilot cohort of three potential courses ranging from academic level 3, 4, and 4-6 that relate to upskilling in data using monies from NCC's levy funding budget.</p> <p>R. Wearmouth/A. Kingham - 01670 622742</p>	10 October 2023
<p><b>Environment Policy Statement</b></p> <p>The report proposes the adoption of an overarching Environmental Policy Statement by Northumberland County Council to more clearly identify and communicate how the diverse range of environmental policy and service delivery activities undertaken by the Council are all part of its commitment to maintain, protect and enhance the environment. If the Environmental Policy Statement set out in the report is approved, it is intended that this will then be used to help support improved public awareness, engagement and active participation on environmental matters.</p> <p>G. Sanderson/ P. Jones - 0771 7714523</p>	10 October 2023
<p><b>Food &amp; Feed, Safety &amp; Standards Service Plan 2023/24</b></p> <p>The Purpose of this report is to present for its consideration and endorsement, the Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan for 2023/24</p> <p>G. Stewart/M. Mitchell - 01670 623796</p>	10 October 2023
<p><b>Setting the Scope and Targets for the Climate Change Action Plan 2024-26</b></p> <p>To agree the scope and targets to be addressed in detail in the Council's Climate Change Action Plan 2024-26.</p> <p>G. Sanderson/N. Johnston - 0447966334778</p>	10 October 2023
<p><b>Strengthened Biodiversity Duty and Reporting Obligations</b></p> <p>The legal duty imposed on public bodies since 2006 to have regard to the purpose of conserving biodiversity has been significantly strengthened through a legislative amendment to a requirement to take action to conserve and enhance biodiversity, with a planning and reporting framework that has to be complied with. This report sets out the implications of this duty for the Council and sets out the actions that need to be taken over the next year to comply with it.</p>	7 November 2023

C. Horncastle/D. Feige - 0777 429 5253	
<p><b>Leisure Programme Update</b></p> <p>To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme</p> <p>J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463</p>	12 December 2023
<p><b>Budget 2024-25 , Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-28 and 30 Year Business Plan for the Housing Revenue Account</b></p> <p>The report presents to Cabinet, the updated Budget 2024-25, Medium Term Financial Plan 2024-28 and 30 year Business plan for the Housing Revenue Account</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/Alison Elsdon 01670 622168/07796652072)</p>	<p>16 January 2024</p> <p>Council</p> <p>17 January 2024</p> <p>21 February 2024</p>
<p><b>Leisure Programme Update</b></p> <p>To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme</p> <p>J. Watson/M. Donnelly 07517 553463</p>	9 April 2024