

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

DECISION	CABINET DATE/DECISION
<p><b>Cabinet Papers – 10 October 2023</b></p>	<p><a href="https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&amp;MId=2257">https://northumberland.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=140&amp;MId=2257</a></p>
<p><b>Environmental Policy Statement</b></p> <p>To propose the adoption of an overarching Environmental Policy Statement by Northumberland County Council.</p>	<p>10 October 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p>(a) Cabinet maintain its commitment to tackling climate change and to the development of a new Climate Change Action Plan which will set out the actions, work programme and targets that will be progressed over the period 2024 to 2026;</p> <p>(b) Cabinet adopt the Environmental Policy Statement and continuously strive to meet the on-going commitments contained within the statement (see Appendix A) and the actions and targets (see Appendix B) to the report;</p> <p>(c) the Environment Policy Statement be widely communicated and publicised to help raise public awareness, engagement and active participation on environmental matters across the county and</p> <p>(d) Cabinet note the ‘Potential Areas of Additional Environmental Activity’ outlined in section 5.4 of the report. It is intended that these additional areas of activity will be subject to further development and, where appropriate, any associated budget implications will be considered as part of this year’s MTFP budget setting process.</p>
<p><b>Building our Data Capability - Data Academy Pilot</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report was to outline the need to develop our data skills and capabilities and seek approval for the proposed establishment of a ‘Data Academy’ and associated use of unallocated Apprenticeship Levy to fund.</p>	<p>10 October 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet approve the awarding of a pilot programme in data skill apprenticeships to the apprenticeship provider ‘Multiverse’ with a Government Levy spend of £0.6m (excluding VAT).</p>
<p><b>Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group</b></p>	<p>10 October 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that</p> <p><b>Ponteland to Callerton Phase 2</b></p> <p>(a) Cabinet approve the revised phase 2 approach and approve the additional funds of £0.518 million to deliver phase 2 and progress to scheme completion; and</p>

	(b) Cabinet approve the inclusion of £0.518 million to the Capital Programme in 2023-24.
<p><b>Corporate Performance – Quarter 4 2022/23 Outturn</b></p> <p>This report provides a summary of the progress against the Council's three Corporate Plan priorities using the Council's performance at the end of Quarter 4, 2022/23 (Q4)</p>	<p>10 October 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that:</p> <p>(a) Cabinet note the progress against the three Corporate Priorities as summarised in the report; and</p> <p>(b) Cabinet agree to progress against the three Corporate Priorities at end of Quarter 4 2022/23 being reported to Full Council at its November meeting.</p>
<p><b>Food &amp; Feed, Safety &amp; Standards Service Plan 2023/24</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report was to present to the Cabinet, for its consideration the Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan for 2023/24</p>	<p>10 October 2023</p> <p><b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet receives and adopts the Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan for 2023/24.</p>

## FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS

<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
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme 2024-25</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the local Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024-25 to continue to provide support at a maximum level of 92% of council tax liability.</p>	7 November 2023
<p><b>Corporate Feedback Annual Report 2022-23</b></p> <p>The purpose of the Annual Report is to review the operation of the complaints process over twelve months (01.04.2022 to 31.03.2023), including statistical data, and to provide the local authority with how it keeps itself informed about how effective its current arrangements are for handling customer complaints.</p>	7 November 2023
<p><b>Delegate Authority to Award Leisure Contract</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to seek permission to delegate authority to enable the contract award of the Northumberland Community Leisure and Well-being Service.</p>	7 November 2023
<p><b>North East Devolution</b></p> <p>The purpose of this report is to consider and determine if consent should be given to the making of an Order that would abolish the North East and North of Tyne Combined Authorities, whilst at the same time establishing a new North East Mayoral Combined Authority.</p>	7 November 2023
<p><b>Summary of New Capital Proposals considered by Officer Capital Strategy Group</b></p> <p>This is a report of the Capital Proposals received and considered by the Capital Strategy Group.</p>	7 November 2023
<p><b>Adaptions for Disabled People</b></p> <p>To report on additional Disabled Facilities Grant funding received from Government, and to ask the Cabinet to consider the case for revisions to the Council's discretionary grants policy.</p>	12 December 2023
<p><b>Financial Performance 2023-24 – Position at End of September 2023</b></p>	12 December 2023

<p>The report will provide Cabinet with the revenue and capital financial performance against budget as at 30 September 2023.</p>	
<p><b>Outcomes of the Tender for New School Buildings for Astley High and Whytrigg Middle Schools</b></p> <p>Update Cabinet on the outcomes of the tender process for the construction of new school buildings for Astley High School and Whytrigg Middle School and seek the delegated approval to award the construction contract.</p>	<p>12 December 2023</p>
<p><b>Leisure Programme Update</b></p> <p>To update Cabinet with progress on the Leisure programme</p>	<p>12 December 2023</p>
<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>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>9 April 2024</p>