

Establishment of Committees - Appendix A

Council 1 May 2024

67 Members		Total Committee Places Decision Making 168	Total Committee Places Non-Decision Making 67
Cons	33 (49.25%)	83	33
Lab	19 (28.36%)	48	19
Ind	8 (11.94%)	20	8
LD	4 (5.97%)	10	4
Green	2 (2.99%)	5	2
UG	1 (1.49%)	2	1

1. Appointments Committee - School Governors and Academies

Membership

4 Members (2:1:1 Min Gp)

Quorum – 2

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
R. Dodd	S. Dickinson		J. Reid		
B. Flux					

2. Audit Committee

Membership

8 members (4:2:1 Ind Gp, 1 Min Gp)

Quorum – 3 (must be at be at least 2 opposition members)

Chair: P. Topping

Vice Chair: D. Towns

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
T. Cessford	L. Grimshaw	A. Dale	J. Reid		
P. Jackson	A. Wallace				
N. Oliver					
D. Towns					

Also:

3 Independent Members (non-voting) – P. Topping (Chair), S. Green, J. Hannah

3. Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

10 Members (5:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD) (I Con place to GP)

Quorum – 3

Chair: N. Oliver

Vice Chair: M. Mather

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
D. Carr	E. Cartie	A. Dale	J. Reid	N. Morphet	
G. Castle	B. Gallacher				
M. Mather	J. Lang				
N. Oliver					

4. Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

10 Members (5:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)(LD place given to ING)

Quorum – 3

Chair: D. Bawn

Vice Chair: L. Dunn

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
D. Bawn	L. Dunn	C. Taylor			M. Robinson
J. Beynon	L. Grimshaw				
P. Ezhilchelvan	A. Wallace				
P. Jackson					
N. Oliver					

5. County Emergency Committee

Membership

8 Members (4:2:1 Ind Gp, 1 Min Gp)

Quorum – 3

Chair: G. Stewart

Vice Chair: G. Sanderson

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
B. Flux	S. Dickinson	S. Bridgett	A. Sharp		
M. Mather	E. Simpson				

G. Sanderson					
G. Stewart					

6. Dismissal Advisory Committee

Membership

8 Members (4:2:1 Ind Gp, 1 Min Gp)

Quorum – 3

Chair: G. Sanderson

Vice Chair: R. Wearmouth

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
B. Flux	M. Purvis	S. Bridgett		M. Swinbank	
G. Renner Thompson	E. Simpson				
G. Sanderson					
R. Wearmouth					

Also:

The Council's Independent Person – K. Milner

7. Disputes Panel - Fire and Rescue Service

Membership

8 members (4:2:1 Ind Gp, 1 Min Gp) (Including two Administration members who have been trained in disputes procedures)

Quorum – 3

Chair: G. Sanderson

Vice Chair: B. Flux

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
B. Flux	K. Nesbit	S. Lee	J. Reid		
M. Mather	A. Wallace				
G. Sanderson					
R. Wearmouth					

8. Employment (Appeals) Committee

Standing Chair: D. Towns

Membership

5 members to be drawn from a pool of 20 trained members (to include 4 Cabinet Members in the pool and one on each committee) (2:1:1 Ind Gp:1 Min Gp)

Members must be trained to be able to participate fully in the Staff Committee

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
D. Bawn	C. Ball	C. Taylor	J. Reid	N. Morphet	
J. Beynon	L. Dunn	S. Lee			
T. Cessford	J. Foster				
D. Ferguson	B. Gallacher				
C. Hardy	A. Watson				
G. Renner Thompson	R. Wilczek				
J. Riddle					
C. Seymour					
G. Stewart					
D. Towns					

NB Composition: Members will be drawn from a panel of 20 members (to include 4 Cabinet Members) announced as such a panel at the commencement of the municipal year. No dismissal of a chief or deputy chief officer shall be taken until the officer appointment procedure rules have been complied with.

9. Family and Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

19 Members

10 County Councillors (5:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Quorum - 5

Chair: W. Daley

Vice Chair: E. Chicken

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
E. Chicken	C. Ball	G. Hill	S. Fairless Aitken		
W. Daley	A. Scott				
C. Seymour	A. Watson				

M. Swinburn					
T. Thorne					

Also:

2 Parent Governors (voting) – two vacancies

3 Church Representatives (voting) – A. Hodgson, P Rickeard, Rev D Lennox

4 Teacher Union Representatives (non-voting) – L Houghton, three vacancies
(all subject to satisfactory DBS clearance)

These representatives may discuss non-education matters but shall not vote on those matters identified as being outside their remit.

10. Fostering Panel

Membership

The membership is drawn from a pool of independent members, agency representatives, Social Workers and includes one County Councillor.

(1 County Councillor) T. Cessford

Quorum: 5 (to include Chairman or Vice Chairman, 1 Social Worker and 3 Independent Members)

11. Governing Body of Netherton Park

Membership

*The Netherton Park Instrument of Management Order 1973 stipulates that the Governing Body shall consist of 12 persons, comprising eight local authority managers and four foundation managers **

** All Managers should not be older than 70 years of age*

4 members (2:1:1 Min Gp)

Quorum: one third of the total number of managers i.e. 4, provided that at least one Governor shall be a Foundation Manager (Trustee) and at least one shall be a Local Authority Manager (Councillor).

Chair: L. Darwin

Vice Chair: A Trustee Manager

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
L. Darwin	M. Richardson				

G. Sanderson					
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12. Grievance Committee

Membership

5 Members (2:1:1 Ind Gp: 1 Min Gp)

Chair:

Vice Chair:

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
G. Castle	K. Parry	G. Hill			
M. Mather					

13. Health and Well-being Board

Membership

25 members

Chair: P. Ezhilchelvan

Vice Chair: Board representative

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
P. Ezhilchelvan	M. Purvis				
V. Jones					
W. Pattison					
G. Renner Thompson					
G. Sanderson					
J. Watson					

Council Leader

Portfolio Holder Adult Wellbeing and Health

Portfolio Holder Children's Services

Portfolio Holder Healthy Lives

Labour representative

Executive Director of Public Health, Inequalities and Stronger Communities

Executive Director Children, Young People and Education

Executive Director of Place and Regeneration

Executive Director Adults, Aging & Wellbeing

Director of Housing and Planning

Northumberland Fire & Rescue Service (x1 rep)

North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (x1 rep)

Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (x1 rep)

Northumberland Tyne and Wear NHS Foundation Trust (x1 rep)
 Newcastle Upon Tyne NHS Foundation Trust (x1 rep)
 Cumbria, Northumberland, Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust (x1 rep)
 North East Ambulance Service (to be invited) (x1 rep)
 NHS England (x1 rep)
 Voluntary Community and Social Enterprise Organisations (x1 rep)
 Healthwatch (x1 rep)
 Local Medical Committee (x1 rep)
 Local Pharmaceutical Committee (x1 rep)
 Children's and Adults Safeguarding Board (x1 rep)
 Harrogate & District NHS Foundation Trust (x1 rep)
 Northumbria Police (x1 rep)

14. Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Membership

10 Members (5:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Quorum 3

Chair: B. Flux

Vice Chair: K. Nisbet

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
E. Chicken	L. Bowman	G. Hill	I. Hunter		
B. Flux	K. Nisbet				
C. Hardy	M. Richardson				
C. Humphrey					
C. Seymour					

15. Joint Consultative Committee

Membership

5 Members of the County Council

Employees of the County Council to be appointed by trade unions and professional associations.

Quorum: Two members from the Employers' side and three members from the Employees' side

Chair: B. Flux

Vice Chair: P. Judd (TU rep)

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped

B. Flux	M. Purvis (as observer)				
G. Renner Thompson					
G. Sanderson					
R. Wearmouth					
One vacancy					

16. Licensing Committee

Membership

15 Members (7:4:2 Ind Gp, 1 LD, 1 Min Gp)

(same membership and chair/ vice chair as Licensing and Regulatory Committee)

Quorum - 4

Chair: I. Hutchinson

Vice Chair: C. Humphrey

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
J. Beynon	B. Gallacher	S. Lee	A. Sharp	M. Swinbank	
T. Cessford	J. Foster				
E. Chicken	K. Parry				
C. Hardy	A. Wallace				
C. Humphrey					
I. Hutchinson					
C. Seymour					

17. Licensing and Regulatory Committee

Membership

15 Members (7:4:2 Ind Gp, 1 LD, 1 Min Gp)

(same membership and chair/vice chair as Licensing Committee)

Quorum – 4

Chair: I. Hutchinson

Vice Chair: C. Humphrey

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
J. Beynon	B. Gallacher	S. Lee	A. Sharp	M. Swinbank	
T. Cessford	J. Foster				

E. Chicken	K. Parry				
C. Hardy	A. Wallace				
C. Humphrey					
I. Hutchinson					
C. Seymour					

18. Local Area Committees

NORTH NORTHUMBERLAND (13) Chair: G. Castle Vice Chair: G. Hill Vice Chair (Planning):C. Hardy	TYNEDALE (13) Chair: T. Cessford Vice Chair: H. Waddell Vice Chair (Planning):S. Fairless Aitken	CASTLE MORPETH (13) Chair: R. Dodd Vice Chair: D. Towns Vice Chair (Planning): J. Foster	CRAMLINGTON, BEDLINGTON and SEATON VALLEY(12) Chair: M. Swinburn Vice Chair: S. Lee Vice Chair (Planning): R. Wilczek	ASHINGTON AND BLYTH (16) Chair: L. Grimshaw Vice Chair: D. Carr Vice Chair (Planning): B. Gallacher
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Alnwick (1) ● Alnwick (1) ● Amble ● Amble West with Warkworth ● Bamburgh ● Berwick East ● Berwick North ● Berwick West with Ord ● Longhoughton ● Norham and Islandshires ● Rothbury ● Shilbottle ● Wooler 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bellingham ● Bywell ● Corbridge ● Haltwhistle ● Haydon and Hadrian ● Hexham Central with Acomb ● Hexham East ● Hexham West ● Humshaugh ● Prudhoe North ● Prudhoe South ● South Tynedale ● Stocksfield with Broomhaugh 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Choppington ● Druridge Bay ● Longhorsley ● Lynemouth ● Morpeth Kirkhill ● Morpeth North ● Morpeth Stobhill ● Pegswood ● Ponteland East and Stannington ● Ponteland North ● Ponteland South with Heddon ● Ponteland West ● Stakeford 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Bedlington Central ● Bedlington East ● Bedlington West ● Cramlington East ● Cramlington Eastfield ● Cramlington North ● Cramlington South East ● Cramlington Village ● Cramlington West ● Hartley ● Holywell ● Seghill with Seaton Delaval 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Ashington Central ● Bothal ● College ● Cowpen ● Croft ● Haydon ● Hirst ● Isabella ● Kitty Brewster ● Newbiggin Central and East ● Newsham ● Plessey ● Seaton with Newbiggin West ● Sleekburn ● South Blyth ● Wensleydale
Conservative – 8 Green - 1 Labour - 1 Independent Gp - 2 Liberal Democrat - 1	Conservative – 6 Green - 1 Labour – 1 Independent Gp - 3 Liberal Democrat – 2	Conservative - 9 Labour – 4	Conservative - 7 Labour - 2 Independent Gp - 2 Independent – 1	Conservative - 3 Labour – 12 Liberal Democrat - 1
59,523	59,611	61,073	59,093	75,963

19. Petitions Committee

Membership

9 members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Quorum – 3

Chair: R. Dodd

Vice Chair: M. Swinburn

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
R. Dodd	C. Ball	C. Taylor	J. Reid		
T. Cessford	L. Bowman				
D. Ferguson	A. Scott				
M. Swinburn					

The relevant Cabinet member and division member(s) are invited to attend as non-voting members.

20. Rights of Way Committee

Membership

9 members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD) (One Con place gifted to Green Party)

Quorum – 3

Chair: C. Seymour

Vice Chair: A. Wallace

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
C. Hardy	L. Bowman	A. Dale	A. Sharp	M. Swinbank	
J.I Hutchinson	J. Foster				
C. Seymour	A. Wallace				

Appropriate Ward Members be invited to attend.

21. Schools' Forum

Membership

2 elected members (in an observer capacity):-

- (1) an elected member of the authority who has primary responsibility for children's services or education in the authority; and
- (2) an elected member of the authority who has primary responsibility for the resources of the authority.

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
G. Renner Thompson					
R. Wearmouth					

(In addition, there are 30 members comprising Schools members and Non-Schools members).

22. Staff and Appointments Committee

Membership

9 members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Quorum – 3

Chair: G. Sanderson

Vice Chair: R. Wearmouth

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
B. Flux	S. Dickinson	A. Dale	J. Reid		
G. Sanderson	M. Purvis				
J. Watson	E. Simpson				
R. Wearmouth					

Group Leaders are authorised to determine the size and composition of the Committee when making appointments, having regard to the post(s) being filled.

With the agreement of the Group Leaders, a Deputy Chief Officer appointment may be determined by a Chief Officer.

23. Standards Committee

Membership

Members: 9 Councillors (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD) (Only one member of the Committee can be a member of the Cabinet).

3 Parish Council (non voting) representatives

Independent Persons (non voting) – A. Beswick, Mrs K. Milner, S. Openshaw

Quorum - 4

Chair: Mr J. Jackson

Vice Chair: B. Flux

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
T. Cessford	L. Dunn	S. Lee	J. Reid		
B. Flux	L. Grimshaw				
G. Stewart	R. Wilczek				
D. Towns					

24. Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education

Membership

4 members

(2:1:1 Min Gp)

Quorum: 1 Member from each Group (Committee A, B, C & D)

Chair: C. Seymour

Vice Chair: A religious representative

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
C. Seymour	L. Bowman			N. Morphet	
T. Thorne					

(In addition, there are 10 other members who have an education background and an interest in religious education).

25. Strategic Planning Committee

Membership

16 members (8:5:2 Ind Gp, 1 LD, 1 Min Gp) (1 Con place given to ING)

Quorum - 4

Chair: T. Thorne

Vice Chair: M. Robinson

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
L. Darwin	C. Ball	G. Hill	J. Reid	M. Swinbank	M. Robinson
R. Dodd	J. Foster				
B. Flux	J. Lang				
I. Hutchinson	A. Wallace				
G. Renner Thompson	A. Watson				
G. Stewart					
T. Thorne					

Establishment of Working Groups - Appendix B

Council 1 May 2024

1. Climate Change Working Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

9 members: (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD) (1 Con place given to GP)

Chair: G. Sanderson

Vice Chair: N. Morphet

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
C. Hardy	L. Bowman	H. Waddell	S. Fairless Aitken	N. Morphet	
G. Sanderson	J. Lang				
R. Wearmouth	E. Simpson				

Terms of Reference:

To provide Member oversight and direction to the Climate Change Programme and to ensure that cross-party support for the long term aspirations of the Council is maintained. There will be two key strands to the work; reducing the Council's carbon footprint and promoting County-wide carbon reduction.

The Working Group will:

- consider the strategic advice of the Climate Change Steering Group;
- provide informed knowledge and insight aimed at enhancing the Council's Climate Change programme; and
- make recommendations to Cabinet and the Council accordingly.

2. Constitution Working Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

9 members: (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Chair: B. Flux

Vice Chair: vacant

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
D. Bawn	L. Bowman	M. Murphy	A. Sharp		
R. Dodd	S. Dickinson				
B. Flux	E. Simpson				
N. Oliver					

To review the Council's constitution and make recommendations to Council on any revisions which are felt to be appropriate or necessary in conjunction with the Monitoring Officer.

3. Inequalities Working Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

8 members: (4:2:1 Ind Gp, 1 Min Gp (1 Con place given to GP))

Chair: V. Jones

Vice Chair: R. Wilczek

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Group
V. Jones	E. Dunn	P.A.M. Dale	I. Hunter	M. Swinbank	
M. Mather	R. Wilczek				
W. Pattison					

Terms of Reference and Purpose

The purpose of the Working Group on Inequalities is to:

- Advise, consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on the development of the Northumberland County Council Inequalities plan and related matters relating to addressing inequalities including any plans to address poverty and hardship.
- Allow an opportunity for members to discuss issues and opportunities with key officers in relation to addressing inequalities in the county
- Enable and contribute to partnership work with other agencies and partners and provide assurance to the Cabinet.

The Working Group will be an advisory board to the Cabinet and will report to Cabinet with recommendations as necessary.

Areas of focus

The Working Group will oversee the development and delivery of the Council's inequalities plan considering evidence, national and international policy and good practice and corporate priorities. There will be a specific focus on the Council's response to the short term impact of the increase in the cost of living.

4. Local Area Councils' Chairs Briefing

Membership and Terms of Reference

Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Local Area Councils

(Chair and Vice Chair of Council invited to attend)

***Portfolio holder attends in voting capacity when considering countywide Community Chest applications.**

Chair: G. Castle

Vice-Chair: L. Grimshaw

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
G. Castle	J. Foster	G. Hill	S. Fairless Aitken		S. Lee
C. Hardy	R. Wilczek	H. Waddell			
T. Cessford	L. Grimshaw				
J. Beynon	B. Gallacher				
D. Towns					
M. Swinburn					
D. Carr					

Terms of Reference:

- (1) To confirm the content of forthcoming local area council agendas and discuss other local area council related issues which may be of interest to the chairs/vice-chairs
- (2) to consider county-wide Community Chest applications (such decisions will also involve the Cabinet Member).

5. Local Plan Working Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

6 Members (3:2:1 Ind Gp)

Chair: L. Darwin

Vice Chair: A. Watson

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
L. Darwin	A Watson	H. Waddell			
I. Hutchinson	A. Wallace				
T. Thorne					

Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider and make recommendations to Cabinet on the preparation of the Northumberland Local Plan and related planning strategy matters.
- (2) To allow an opportunity for members to discuss issues and opportunities with key officers in relation to the preparation of the Northumberland Local Plan.

- (3) The Local Plan Working Group will operate on a ‘task and finish’ basis in relation to statutory stages of the Northumberland Local Plan adoption and initial Five Year Review. It will operate on a “steering group” basis for the identification and scoping of all matters in relation to review, supplementary specialist studies, preparation of supplementary planning documents and guidance considered necessary and monitoring of the delivery of the Northumberland Local Plan

6. Member Services Working Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

9 Members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Chair: A. Sharp

Vice Chair: C. Dunbar

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
C. Dunbar	C. Ball	H. Waddell	A. Sharp		
B. Flux	K. Parry				
V. Jones	E. Simpson				
C. Seymour					

Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider and make recommendations on the content and process of training and development and the support needed for elected members.
- (2) To allow an opportunity for members to discuss member training and development and provide input into its content, and to provide a forum to raise and consider issues around the support needed for elected members.

7. Northumberland Cycling, Walking and Wheeling Board

Membership and Terms of Reference

17 members

3 Elected members

Chair: TBC

Vice Chair: N. Morphet

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
J Riddle				N. Morphet	
R. Wearmouth					

Terms of Reference

- (1) To drive forward plans and initiatives and create the right conditions to achieve the vision for cycling and walking in Northumberland as set out in Geared Up!.
- (2) To develop an implementation plan to deliver priorities set out in Geared Up!, that will have the greatest impact on health, wellbeing and the local economy, influencing the realignment of work streams and resources.
- (3) To contribute to policy formulation and influence partners' plans relating to cycling and walking in Northumberland.
- (4) To develop strong partnership links between transport, health, education, planning, leisure and tourism to add value to plans and initiatives.
- (5) To act as a champion for active travel in Northumberland, providing a combined voice to influence the profile of, and investment in cycling and walking.
- (6) To regularly review the work of the Board and identify issues which may need a collective approach to resolve.
- (7) To seek out and learn from examples of best practice elsewhere.
- (8) To collect evidence of the benefits of cycling and walking and share this with partners and stakeholders.

8. Risk Appraisal Panel

Membership

Chair of the Council (**Chair**)

Leader of the Council (**Vice-Chair**)

Deputy Leader of the Council

Leaders of the Opposition Groups

Chief Executive

Monitoring Officer

Executive Director of Transformation and Resources & Section 151 Officer

Plus relevant Cabinet Member dependent upon the project under discussion.

Terms of Reference

To consider the risks to the County Council associated with a project.

The Risk Appraisal Panel will make a recommendation as to whether the Council's involvement in a project or the proposal is an acceptable risk or not, and may recommend conditions or further action. The Risk Appraisal Panel is not a decision-making body. The decision on the project, following its appraisal and once potential costs have been assessed, will be made in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation within the Constitution and as amplified in the Finance and Contract Regulations.

9. Safeguarding and Corporate Parenting Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

9 members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Quorum - 3

Chair: G. Sanderson

Vice Chair: C. Ball

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
W. Daley	C. Ball	M. Murphy	I. Hunter		
C. Dunbar	L. Bowman				
G. Sanderson	J. Foster				
T. Thorne					

Terms of Reference

- (1) To champion the corporate parenting responsibilities of the council with all elected members and across the wider council and partners
- (2) To oversee, scrutinise, challenge and support the ways in which the council is discharging its responsibilities as a corporate parent of the children whom it looks after and for care leavers.
- (3) To consider and, where necessary, commission reports providing evidence about the arrangements being made for children who are looked after, the quality of the support being provided and the outcomes being achieved to ensure the council discharges its duties as a corporate parent as effectively as possible and in line with Children and Social Work Act 2017.
- (4) To ensure that the voices, views and experiences of children who are looked after and care leavers are heard and gained both directly and through commissioned reports and feedback.
- (5) To consider reports about significant issues relating to children who are looked after which arise from court hearings, complaints, inspections and similar sources.
- (6) To consider changes in legislation and guidance affecting children who are looked after and care leavers.
- (7) To report to the cabinet on any issues about the council's discharge of its responsibilities as a corporate parent which the panel believes require its attention.
- (8) To oversee the implementation of the corporate parenting strategy and other associated strategies for children who are looked after and care leavers.

10. Town and Parish Council Liaison Working Group

4 Members (2:1:1 Min Gp)

Chair: I. Hunter

Vice Chair: K. Parry

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
G. Castle	K. Parry		I. Hunter		
M. Mather					

Terms of Reference

- (1) To consider and make recommendations to Council of the working arrangements with town and parish councils, including the parish charter.
- (2) To allow an opportunity for members to discuss working arrangements with Town and Parish Councils, to include the current and future arrangements for the transfer of assets to Town and Parish Councils and to review and update the Parish Charter.
- (3) The work of the Group will complement more formal decision making meetings and committees and will make recommendations to, and offer comment on, the respective rights, roles and responsibilities of each tier or local government and the expectations that they may have of each other. Such recommendations being made to Full Council.

11. VCS Liaison Group

Membership and Terms of Reference

9 Members (4:3:1 Ind Gp, 1 LD)

Chair: P. Ezhilchelvan

Vice Chair: V. Jones

Conservative	Labour	Independent Group	Liberal Democrats	Green Party	Ind Non-Grouped
P. Ezhilchelvan	L. Bowman	D. Kennedy	A. Sharp		
V. Jones	K. Nisbet				
C. Humphrey	M. Richardson				
W. Pattison					

Terms of Reference

To identify mutual opportunities and share common concerns. These will help to support the production of a Policy Statement which will provide clarity about the Council's corporate approach to working with and supporting the sector.