

Northumberland County Council
Communities and Place Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme 2021-2022

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1. Terms of reference:

- (1) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the County Council and Active Northumberland, Woodhorn Museum Charitable Trust and Northumberland Tourism.
- (2) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
 - Development Planning
 - Neighbourhood Planning
 - Conservation
 - Housing
 - Climate Change
 - Countryside, Biodiversity and Landscape Quality
 - Waste Management and Energy Use
 - Public and Community Transport Network and Travel to School
 - Highway Maintenance, Streetscape and the Local Environment
 - Local and Neighbourhood services
 - Crime, Community Safety, and Fear of Crime, including CONTEST, Prevent and Channel
 - Antisocial Behaviour and Domestic Violence
 - Fire and Rescue
 - Emergency Services and Emergency Planning
 - Customer Services
 - Provision of Cultural and Leisure Facilities
 - Improving Quality of Life through Access to Culture and Leisure;
 - Supporting Economic Growth in the Arts, Culture and Leisure Sectors

2. Issues to be Timetabled/Considered

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30 June 2021

Funding for the North Pennines and Northumberland Coast AONB

To comment on a proposal to Cabinet that the funding agreements with the North Pennines AONB Partnership and Northumberland Coast AONB Partnership continues, so that the Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty staff teams can continue to receive funding from Defra, on the basis of 75% Defra funding to 25% local authority funding.

Vexacious Policy

Pre-Scrutiny. To propose the adoption of an updated Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious Contact Policy, which is considered necessary to allow Northumberland County Council to operate a fair, effective, and efficient complaints process, and also to reflect good practice advocated by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman .

4 August 2021

Draft Private Sector Housing Strategy 2020-23

Pre-Scrutiny. To comment on a report to Cabinet which provides Members with the draft Private Sector Housing Strategy 2020-2023 for review and agreement.

Fleet Replacement Programme

To consider this annual report which will provide an update on the Council's Fleet Replacement Programme.

Active Northumberland Annual Outcome Report

The Annual Outcome Report will contain a review on how the Active Northumberland Service Plan had been delivered for the previous financial year.

Active Northumberland Service Plan

To consider Active Northumberland's Service Plan 2021/22.

Kerbside Glass Recycling Trial Update

To update the Committee on the trial following consideration of the proposals at its meeting in October 2020.

25 August 2021	
Customer Complaints Update	To receive an update on Customer Complaints since the annual report was presented to the OSC in February.
6 October 2021	
Domestic Violence and Abuse	To consider the implications of the Domestic Abuse Bill which is expected to receive Royal Assent in the summer on the Council's Strategy for dealing with domestic abuse and violence.
27 October 2021	
Northumberland Infrastructure Funding Statement	To consider the annual Infrastructure Funding Statement in respect of Section 106 Agreements.
1 December 2021	
21 December 2021	
12 January 2022	
2 February 2022	

2 March 2022

Library Service Strategy 2021-26

To update the Committee on the implementation of the Strategy.

6 April 2022

27 April 2022

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	5 June 2019	Market Strategy	RESOLVED that (a) progress made against the strategy action plan be noted, and (b) a review of alternative operating arrangements that could be adopted for all markets currently managed by the County Council's Neighbourhood Services team, be supported.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue.
2.	5 June 2019	Additional LTP Capital	RESOLVED that the programme of schemes undertaken through the additional £7.732m of capital maintenance funding and progress in delivering the programme, be noted.	No further action required.
3.	5 June 2019	Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Support Services Commission Update	RESOLVED that (a) the report be noted, and (b) a further update be provided to the Committee at a time when a meaningful assessment of progress can be made.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in due course.
4.	5 June 2019	Domestic Violence and Abuse	RESOLVED that (a) the update be noted, and (b) a further report on the outcome of the Government's consultation on domestic violence and abuse, be presented to the Committee in due course.	A further update will be presented to the Committee in due course.
5.	3 July 2019	Housing Strategy for Northumberland 2019-21	It was RESOLVED that:- (a) Cabinet be informed of the divided view of the Committee regarding whether the Strategy should have a three or five year term, and that Cabinet should consider which was more appropriate; and	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 6 August 2019.

			(b) a request be made to Chairmen's Group for a report to a future meeting of the Committee on EMDOs and the empty property list.	A further report on Empty Dwellings Management Orders be presented to a future meeting of the Committee.
6.	3 July 2019	Public Protection Service Requests 2018-19	RESOLVED that the content of the report, and the member comments made above, be noted.	No further action is required at this stage.
7.	30 August 2019	Food and Feed, Safety and Standards Service Plan 2019/20	RESOLVED that (a) subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report, and (b) the Committee's thanks be conveyed to staff for all their hard work as set out in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 10 September 2019.
8.	30 August 2019	Northumberland County Council Housing Services Domestic Abuse Policy 2019	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 10 September 2019. A further update on the implementation of the Policy be provided to the Committee in the New Year.
9.	2 October 2019	The proposed implementation of the Northumberland Street Works Permit Scheme	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	The Cabinet will consider the final report which will include consultation responses on 12 November 2019.
10.	30 October 2019	Northumberland Inshore Fisheries & Conservation Authority (NIFCA) Annual Plan 2019-20	RESOLVED that the information provided be noted.	No further action during the term of the current Council.
11.	4 December 2019	Empty Homes in Northumberland	RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted. (2) Council be recommended to ring fence the additional Council Tax raised on empty properties as agreed at Council on 6 November 2019 for use in bringing empty properties back into use.	Recommendation to be considered by Council on 8 January 2020.

12.	4 December 2019	Northumberland Homefinder Common Allocation Policy	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
13.	5 February 2020	Fleet Replacement Programme	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive this report annually.
14.	4 March 2020	Street Lighting LED Project	RESOLVED that the contents of the report be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
15.	4 March 2020	Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour Control	RESOLVED that: (a) The report be received. (b) The email containing the Single Point of Contact details be recirculated to all Members with the report and minutes from the meeting.	A copy of the original email, together with the minutes and report from this meeting be circulated to members.
16.	4 March 2020	Environmental Enforcement Website	RESOLVED that the presentation be received.	No further action required at this stage.
17.	3 June 2020	Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan 2020-24	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report for the adoption of the Northumberland Coast Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty Management Plan for 2020-24.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 9 June 2020.
18.	3 June 2020	Update concerning a potential boundary review for the Northumberland Coast AONB	RESOLVED that a review of the Northumberland AONB be postponed until DEFRA's response to the Glover Review is published and certainty regarding the review process in the future is known.	The Committee be updated on any further progress.
19.	3 June 2020	'Our Way' Vision for Cycling and Walking in Northumberland	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendation in the report.	The Cabinet considered the Committee's comments when it determined the report on 9 June 2020.
20.	15 July 2020	Covid-19 - Northumberland County Council Response	RESOLVED that the reports be noted and the issue identified by members be included in the work programme.	The issues raised will be considered by Chairmen's Group for inclusion on the work programmes of the relevant OSC.
21.	15 July 2020	Covid-19 - Planning for Recovery in Northumberland	RESOLVED that the reports be noted and the issue identified by members be included in the work programme.	The issues raised will be considered by Chairmen's Group for inclusion on

				the work programmes of the relevant OSC.
22.	16 September 2020	Fly-Tipping	<p>RESOLVED that the Committee noted:</p> <p>(a) The report and options for reducing fly tipping in Northumberland.</p> <p>(b) That the majority of the increased incidents of flytipping relate to items of household waste that have been encountered in Ashington and Blyth and that these areas will be prioritised when taking actions to reduce fly tipping.</p> <p>(c) The enforcement and collection staffing resources deployed to prevent and remove fly tipping have increased in the last 18 months, so the increase in fly tipping is not a result of reduced investment, be noted.</p> <p>(d) There are a range of options available for households to dispose of their bulky household waste legally and that demand for these services remains at a high level and there is no evidence of a link between the increase in flytipping incidents and the introduction or increase in charges for waste services.</p> <p>(e) That overall bulky waste service performance in terms of availability of collection slots and undertaking collections on the agreed date is good and improving, so focusing on enhancing education and enforcement messages and activity is likely to have a bigger impact on this problem than further improvements in service performance.</p> <p>(f) Officers engage as actively as possible with officers in other departments, local members, Town and Parish Councils, community associations and other groups to tackle the issue of fly tipping.</p>	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as appropriate.
23.	7 October 2020	Northumberland Waste Management Strategy Proposed Trial of Kerbside Glass Collections	<p>RESOLVED that, subject to the comments as set out above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supports the recommendations in the report.</p>	The Chairman presented the Committee's comments when the report was determined by the Cabinet on 13 October 2020.

				The Committee requested a further update around the end of the trial period.
24	7 October 2020	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Action Plan Update	RESOLVED that: (a) the contents of the report be noted. (b) further reports be provided to the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide assurance on the progress of the Improvement Action Plan, and (c) an update be provided to the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee following receipt of the formal letter following the second inspection.	The Committee will receive an update following receipt of the formal letter on the second inspection.
25.	28 October 2020	COVID-19 : Response and Recovery Update	RESOLVED that the information be noted	The Committee will continue to receive updates on the Council's response to the Covid 19 Pandemic as appropriate.
26.	28 October 2020	Local Transport Plan 2020/21 – Capital Programme Update	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as appropriate.
27.	13 January 2021	Active Northumberland	RESOLVED that the report be noted.	The Committee will continue to receive updates annually.
28.	3 February 2021	Customer Corporate Complaints	RESOLVED that: (a) The information be noted. (b) An update be provided to the Communities and Place OSC in approximately 6 months, depending on the timing of local government elections and the agreement of future members of the committee.	To receive an Annual Report in six months.
29.	3 February 2021	The Council's Response to Anti-Social Behaviour in 2020	RESOLVED that: (a) the report be received, and (b) the concerns of the Communities and Place OSC on the introduction of an age restriction on the sale of nitrous oxide be referred to the Office for Product Safety and Standards.	No further action is required at this stage.

30.	3 February 2021	Environmental Enforcement and Public Engagement Activities in 2020	RESOLVED that: 1. the report be received, and 2. an update be provided to the Communities and Place OSC in approximately 12 months, depending on the agreement of future members of the committee.	The Committee will receive annual updates on enforcement activities.
31.	3 March 2021	Northumberland Sports Facility Strategy 2019-2031 & Northumberland Playing Pitch Strategy 2019-2031	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations in the report.	The Chairman presented the Committee's comments when the report was determined by the Cabinet on 9 March 2021
32.	3 March 2021	Northumberland Public Library Service Consultation	RESOLVED that, subject to the comments above, the Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations in the report.	The Chairman presented the Committee's comments when the report was determined by the Cabinet on 9 March 2021.
33.	3 March 2021	Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Covid-19 Inspection: Northumberland Fire and Rescue Service	RESOLVED that: (a) the contents of the report be noted, and (b) further reports on progress against the recommendations provided by the HMICFRS be provided in due course.	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as appropriate.
34.	3 March 2021	Northumberland Infrastructure Funding Statement	RESOLVED that: (a) the Northumberland Infrastructure Funding Statement (IFS), be received, and (b) the Northumberland IFS be presented to the Communities and Place OSC on an annual basis.	The Committee will continue to receive updates annually