

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL
CORPORATE SERVICES AND ECONOMIC GROWTH
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the **Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview and Scrutiny Committee** held in the Cheviot Suite, Holiday Inn, Seaton Burn, NE13 6BP on Monday, 2 August 2021 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT

Councillor D Bawn
(Chairman in the Chair)

Carr, D.
Beynon, J.
Jackson, P.
Murphy, M.

Taylor, C.
Oliver, N.
Robinson, M.
Wallace, A.

ALSO PRESENT

Wearmouth, R.

Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder
for Corporate Services

OFFICERS

Angus K

Executive Director of HR and OD
and Deputy Chief Executive
Chief Executive
Assistant Democratic Services
Officer

Lally D
Greally R

Nicholson S
Taylor M

Scrutiny Co-ordinator
Director - Business Development
(Care Services)

Willis J

Executive Director of Finance
(Section 151 Officer)

14. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that

- (a) under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the Agenda as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the 1972 Act, and

- (b) the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure for the following reasons:-

Agenda Item Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A

5 3 - Contains information relating to business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

AND The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the interest in disclosure because of the commercially sensitive nature of the content.

15. NORTHUMBERLAND ENTERPRISE HOLDINGS LIMITED

Daljit Lally, Chief Executive presented this report to the Committee. Jan Willis, Executive Director Finance and 151 Officer and Maureen Taylor Director of Business Development and Communities were also in attendance to respond to questions from the Committee, together with Councillor Richard Wearmouth, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services.

Members supported proposals that would lead to income generation which could be either paid to the Council's general fund as a dividend or reinvested to support older and/or vulnerable residents or initiatives that prioritised the needs of residents in the county.

The Committee sought clarification on governance. It was agreed that a summary showing a breakdown of the annual figures since 2016/17 would be provided to the Committee, noting that the information must remain confidential. Members also agreed that that information be presented to the Cabinet, together with further recommendations regarding providing the Committee and Cabinet with a cash flow and profit and loss forecast, legal clarifications, and a suggested amendment to governance prior to determination of the report.

The Committee therefore **RESOLVED** to advise the Cabinet of the issues raised above and to consider the additional recommendations as agreed.

Chairman _____

Date _____