

Northumberland County Council

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme and Monitoring Report 2021-2022

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**1. Terms of reference:**

- (1) To maintain an overview of the Council's Annual Budget and Budgetary Management via the Medium Term Financial Plan.
- (2) To review the state of Northumberland and the County Council's activity in delivering its Corporate Plan.
- (3) To maintain an overview of the Council's performance management arrangements; highlighting areas of poor performance and monitoring recovery delivery plans.
- (4) To maintain an overview of the Management Agreements in place between the Council and Advance Northumberland.
- (5) To monitor, review and make recommendations about:
  - Corporate Services: Organisational Development, Health and Safety, ICT Strategy, Corporate Governance, Financial Services, Procurement Strategy, Risk Strategy, Shared and Traded Services
  - Partnership development coordination with local organisations
  - Relationships with external bodies
  - Regeneration and Economic Development
  - Strategic Transport Network and Infrastructure
  - Employability, Skills, and removing barriers to work
  - Capital Programme and Asset Management
  - Support to VCS organisations and the Council's relationship with town and parish councils.

Reports to be scheduled:

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11 October 2021

**Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme 2022/23**

The scheme needs to be approved annually and assistance is by way of a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due. The Committee's view will be sought prior to consideration by Cabinet and determination by Council.

8 November 2021

**Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 22/26**

This report provides an update on the development of the 2022-23 Budget and the Medium-Term Financial Plan (MTFP) covering the period 2022 to 2026. This report also details budget proposals for 2022-23 to meet the budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement 2022-23 in December 2021. The Committee's view will be sought prior to consideration by Cabinet.

6 December 2022

**Debt Recovery Update**

To provide the Committee with information regarding the level of outstanding debt owed to the Council and to give assurance as to the efficiency and effectiveness of its collection and recovery policies and systems. The Write-Offs report will be circulated to inform that process.

**Approval of the Council Tax Base 2022/23**

The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base is a measure of the Council's taxable capacity which is used for the setting of its council tax. Legislation sets out the formula for calculation. The Committee's view will be sought prior to consideration by Cabinet.

10 January 2022

7 February 2022

**Budget 2022/23**

To invite members of all four OSCs to comment on the budget proposals for 2022/23.

7 March 2022	
11 April 2022	