

**FORWARD PLAN OF FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS  
OCTOBER 2021 TO JANUARY 2022**

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Support Scheme for 2022/23</b></p> <p>Since 1 April 2013 the Council is required to have its own council tax support scheme to provide assistance to council tax payers on low incomes. The scheme needs to be approved annually and assistance is by way of a reduction in the amount of council tax that is due.</p> <p>The Council Tax Support Scheme needs County Council approval. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes 01670 624351)</p>	<p>CSEG OSC 11 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021  Council 3 November 2021</p>
<p><b>Energising Blyth Programme (Energy Central Campus)</b></p> <p>This report seeks to update Cabinet and seek key decisions regarding arrangements to support the development and establishment of the Energy Central Campus. This project is one of the priority schemes in the Energising Blyth Regeneration Programme including projects supported by the Future High Streets Fund and Blyth Town Deal (Confidential report) (W. Ploszaj /R. Strettle – 07770642773)</p>	<p>CSEG OSC 11 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>Integrated Domestic Abuse Services for Northumberland – Permission to Tender</b></p> <p>To seek Cabinet’s permission to go to the market to commission a range of services to enable the Local Authority to meet the duties of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021</p> <p>(W. Pattison/ Lesley Pyle - (01670) 622724)</p>	<p>C&amp;P OSC 6 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>School Organisation Plan 2021-2024</b></p> <p>This report asks Cabinet and FACS to note the second iteration of the School Organisation Plan 2021-2024 for Northumberland, the first iteration being for 2018-2021. The report also asks Cabinet to approve the circulation of the plan to schools and academies for information and feedback prior to its subsequent publication.</p>	<p>FACS OSC 7 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>

<p>The report asks Cabinet and FACS to note that School Organisation Plans are no longer required statutorily. However, Cabinet approval was given to publish a School Organisation Plan for Northumberland in 2018 in order to provide schools, parents, partner organisations and interested parties with an overview of the school system in the county and to highlight trends, plans and potential proposals in relation to schools. This latest version of the plan covers the period 2021 to 2024, but it will be subject to annual update in order to capture changing information or circumstances relating to schools and academies as appropriate. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston – 01670 622281)</p>		
<p><b>Education Infrastructure Contribution Policy</b> This report asks Cabinet and FACS to note the update of the Education Infrastructure Contribution Policy. The policy was first approved by Cabinet in 2017 but has not been updated due to proposals by Planning Services to create an authority-wide contributions policy and by Government to overhaul the current system of securing developer contributions, neither of which have as yet been implemented.</p> <p>However, the report ostensibly requests Cabinet’s approval to increase the amount of contribution requested within the policy from developers in relation to Special Educational Needs infrastructure in order to reflect that the percentage of the population of school-age students in Northumberland with complex needs has risen from 3% to 4% since 2017. Cabinet and FACS are also asked to note that some minor non-material amendments have also been made to update the policy. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston – 01670 622281)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 7 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>Thirston Neighbourhood Plan</b> To seek approval to formally ‘make’ the Thirston Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in June 2021. A local referendum will be held in the Parish of Thirston on 16 September 2021 and it is expected that there will be a majority vote in favour of using the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council will then be obliged by</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>

<p>statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations, and that action should be completed within 8 weeks of the date of the referendum. (C. Horncastle/R. Naples - 07966 331548)</p>		
<p><b>Culture and Creative Zone Pilot for Northumberland</b> To consider and agree the preferred location for the creation of a Culture and Creative Zone pilot for Northumberland with the support of funding from the North of Tyne Combined Authority (W. Ploszaj/J. Rose 01670 624747)</p>	<p>CSEG OSC 11 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>Proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle and Whytrig Middle Schools on an Existing Site</b> This report sets out a proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School in new shared buildings with Astley Community High School, necessitating the formal closure of Seaton Sluice Middle School. This proposal has been put forward by the federated Governing Body of the Seaton Valley Federation which governs all 3 schools. This proposal has arisen as an extension of the project to reprovide new buildings for Astley Community High School and Whytrig Middle School on their current site, these two schools already being co-located in Seaton Delaval. The initial project was limited to the reprovision of new buildings for Astley High School and Whytrig Middle school; however the Governing Body has identified a number of educational and financial reasons why it would be beneficial for all students within the Seaton Valley Federation to be co-located on one site, which are outlined in the report. Therefore, the Governing Body has requested the Council to undertake the required consultation on the amalgamation of Seaton Sluice Middle School with Whytrig Middle School.</p> <p>Under the proposal, as Seaton Sluice Middle School would effectively close, it falls within the requirements of <i>The School Organisation (Establishment and Discontinuance of Schools) Regulations 2013</i> which requires that statutory consultation be undertaken. While the proposal</p>	<p>FACS OSC 7 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>

<p>to provide new buildings on the current Astley High School site itself does not require a statutory process to be undertaken, it is following a separate process to gain the necessary Cabinet approvals. This report is therefore limited to a request for approval from Cabinet to begin formal consultation on the relocation of Seaton Sluice Middle School. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston – 01670 01670 622281)</p>		
<p><b>Proposals for Atkinson House</b> This report sets out proposals for Atkinson House Special School in Seghill, a secondary provision for boys with Social, Emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs in Northumberland. The proposals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To relocate the school to a new site at the former Richard Coates CE Primary School building in Ponteland;</li> <li>• To change the designation of the school from single sex provision to co-educational provision in light of the growing number of girls who are being assessed as having SEMH needs in Northumberland.</li> </ul> <p>The nature of these proposals require that a statutory process would need to be undertaken prior to any final decision being made by Cabinet. Cabinet is therefore also asked to permit the initiation of the statutory process, beginning with approval for a six week informal public consultation process. Cabinet may be requested to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal in relation to these proposals at a future date following the outcome of consultation. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston – 01670 01670 622281)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 7 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>Newcastle Airport - Shareholder Loan Guarantee</b> The purpose of the report is to consider the provision of a loan facility to Newcastle International Airport Limited (NIAL) to support the waiving of loan covenants with its major lenders. (R. Wearmouth/ A. Elsdon 0779 665 2072)</p>	<p>CSEG OSC 11 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>
<p><b>Shareholder agreement for disposal of Northumberland Energy Park (NEP 1) at</b></p>	<p>CSEG OSC 11 October 2021</p>	<p>12 October 2021</p>

<p><b>East Sleekburn</b> The report describes the arrangements for the lease and then disposal by sale of freehold to the NEP 1 site to an inward investor (Confidential report) (W. Ploszaj/R. O'Farrell - 07966 336651)</p>		
<p><b>Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-26</b> 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 (R. Wearmouth/ A. Elsdon 01670 622168)</p>	<p>CSEG OSC 8 November 2021</p>	<p>9 November 2021</p>
<p><b>Northumberland Street Naming and Numbering Policy</b> The report seeks agreement to a policy determining how street names and numbering will be accepted by the Council. The report will set out what is acceptable and what is not, a policy in terms of names being used for deceased people and also what charges may be levied for the work involved in processing a request for a street name. (C. Horncastle/D. Wilson 01670 623704)</p>	<p>C&amp;P OSC 27 October 2021</p>	<p>9 November 2021</p>
<p><b>Revision of Morpeth Conservation Area Boundary</b> This report will seek approval to adopt revisions to the boundary of the Morpeth Conservation Area (C. Horncastle/ S. Rushton 01670 622650)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>9 November 2021</p>
<p><b>Northumberland Waste Management Strategy – Outcome of Kerbside Glass Recycling Trial</b> To report the key outcomes of the kerbside glass recycling pilot scheme which has been in operation since November 2020 and to recommend the next steps for this scheme and the estimated costs for rolling-out a kerbside glass collection service across the county. The report will also highlight how the roll-out and timing for this enhanced glass recycling service will be dependent upon the outcome of the latest consultation exercises undertaken as part of the Government's new Resources and Waste</p>	<p>C&amp;P OSC 27 October 2021</p>	<p>9 November 2021</p>

<p>Strategy and provision of new burdens funding by the Government. (J. Riddle/ P. Jones 01670 623432)</p>		
<p><b>Approval of the Council Tax Base 2022/23</b></p> <p>The Council is required to set its council tax base annually. The tax base must be set between the 1st of December and 31st January. 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.</p> <p>Cabinet has delegated authority to approve the tax base. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes 01670 624351)</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>7 December 2021</p>