

Forward Plan

FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS DECEMBER 2021 TO MARCH 2022

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25 The report requests approval to use Northumberland Strategic Skills Plan 2021-25, a document designed to guide skills planning and the approach in designing impactful vocational skills provision within the county to yield greatest impact for residents and the local economy. (G. Renner Thompson/N. Dorward - 07811 020806)	FACS 2 December 2021	7 December 2021
Approval of the Council Tax Base 2022/23 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. Cabinet has delegated authority to approve the tax base. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes 01670 624351)	N/A	7 December 2021
Wooler Neighbourhood Plan To seek approval to formally 'make' the Wooler Neighbourhood Plan. The Plan passed independent examination in May 2020. Covid regulations delayed the holding of referendums until after May 2021. A local referendum held in the Parish of Wooler on 10 June 2021 returned a majority vote in favour of the County Council using	N/A	7 December 2021

<p>the Plan to make decisions on planning applications. The Council is now obliged by statute to make the Neighbourhood Plan unless it considers that doing so would breach European Union obligations. Making the Plan has been delayed due to the need to take external legal advice on a matter raised by the Northumberland National Park Authority.</p> <p>(C. Horncastle/S. Branningan - 07966 335 508)</p>		
<p>Health Education England & NCC Project Choice To advise Cabinet about an opportunity to develop a wider scope of delivery for Health Education England's Project choice within Northumberland in order to more rapidly deliver on Northumberland County Council's education priorities and SEND priorities.</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/Neil Dorward (07811 020 806)</p>	FACS 2 December 2021	7 December 2021
<p>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of September 2021 The purpose of the report is to ensure that the Cabinet is informed of the current financial positions of its trading companies for 2021-22 (R. Wearmouth/M. Calvert - 01670 620197) (Confidential report)</p>	CSEG 6 December 2021	7 December 2021
<p>Destination Management - Structure and Future Funding Arrangements This report provides an overview of the current, and proposed management, arrangements for the strategic management and marketing of tourism in Northumberland (J. Watson/N. Walsh - 07789654472) (confidential report)</p>	C&P 1 December 2021	7 December 2021

Household Support Fund To provide an overview of Northumberland County Council's proposed response and delivery of the Household Support Fund (HSF) for the period 06th October 2021 to 31st March 2022. (R. Wearmouth/W. Pattison/P. Brooks - 07770981864)	CSEG 6 December 2021	7 December 2021
Outcomes of consultation on proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders in response to informal consultation on 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 consultation was approved by Cabinet on 12 October 2021 in response to a request brought forward by the federated Governing Body of the Seaton Valley Federation which governs all 3 schools. Cabinet may also be recommended to approve the implementation of formal (statutory) consultation on this proposal, which if approved would require Cabinet to make a final decision on the proposal at a later date. (G. Renner Thompson/Sue Aviston - 01670 622281)	FACS 6 January 2022	11 January 2022
Outcome of Consultation on proposals for Atkinson House This report sets out the feedback received from stakeholders from consultation on proposals for Atkinson House Special School in Seghill, a secondary provision for boys with Social, Emotional and mental health (SEMH) needs in	FACS 6 January 2022	11 January 2022

<p>Northumberland.</p> <p>Cabinet may be also be recommended to permit the publication of a Statutory Proposal in relation to this proposal, which if approved would require Cabinet to make a final decision on the proposal at a later date. (G. Renner Thompson/Sue Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>		
<p>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2021-22 – Council Tax & Business Rates</p> <p>The report will advise members of the estimated surplus or deficit balances on the Collection Fund in relation to Council Tax and Business Rates at 31 March 2022. The Local Government Finance Act 1992 (as amended) requires the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Council Tax Collection Fund estimate by 15th January each year. The Non-Domestic Rating (Rates Retention) Regulations 2013 require the Council as the Billing Authority to calculate a Business Rates Collection Fund estimate on or before 31st January each year. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 622168)</p>	CSEG 10 January 2022	11 January 2022
<p>Local Government Social Care Ombudsman Judgment</p> <p>This report will provide an overview of a recent judgement from the LGSCO in relation to Northumberland County Council. We are required by law for any outcome judgements to be on the agenda at a cabinet or council meeting (W. Pattison/C. McEvoy-Carr – 01670 01670 623958)</p>	N/A	11 January 2022
National Funding Formula and 2022/23 Schools Funding	FACS 6 January 2022	1 January 2022

<p>This is an annual report to update Cabinet in relation to the implementation of the Department for Education's National Funding Formula, and to seek delegated powers to set the formula values in order to distribute the 2022/23 Dedicated Schools Grant</p> <p>(G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>		
<p>Revenues and Benefits Policies for 2022/23</p> <p>The report sets out the policies that the Revenues and Benefits services operate for the administration of council tax, business rates, housing benefit and council tax support. The report is for information and approval of any updates or legislation changes that need to be made.</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)</p>	CSEG 7 February 2022	<p>8 February 2022</p> <p>Council 23 February 2022</p>
<p>Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-25</p> <p>The report presents the updated Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-25 to Cabinet following the receipt of the provisional local government settlement which is due to be announced during December 2021. The report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings.</p> <p>(R. Wearmouth/ A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>	CSEG 7 February 2022	<p>8 February 2022</p> <p>Council 23 February 2022</p>
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Bus Service Improvement Plan/Enhanced Partnership For Cabinet to approve, subsequent to a prior consultation and objection period and statutory consultation period, the proposed Enhanced Plan and Scheme(s). The Enhanced Plan and Scheme is a proposed statutory partnership with regard to a statutory transport plan including the Bus Service Improvement Plan. Cabinet would have to approve prior to these being considered by the Joint Transport Committee on 15 March 2022. The Enhanced Plan and Scheme (s) need to be approved by deadline imposed by Central Government of 1st April 2022. (W. Ploszaj/R. O'Farrell/H. Lancaster – 01670 623323)	TBC	8 March 2022