

**FORWARD PLAN OF FORTHCOMING CABINET DECISIONS  
JANUARY TO APRIL 2022**

DECISION	PROPOSED SCRUTINY DATE	CABINET DATE
<p><b>Outcomes of consultation on proposal to amalgamate Seaton Sluice Middle School and Whytrig Middle School</b></p> <p>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.</p> <p>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)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 6 January 2022</p>	<p>11 January 2022</p>
<p><b>Outcome of Consultation on proposals for Atkinson House</b></p> <p>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 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>FACS OSC 6 January 2022</p>	<p>11 January 2022</p>
<p><b>Notification of the Estimated Collection Fund Balances 2021-22 – Council Tax &amp; Business Rates</b></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</p>	<p>N/A</p>	<p>11 January 2022</p>

<p>Authority to calculate a Business Rates Collection Fund estimate on or before 31<sup>st</sup> January each year. (R. Wearmouth/A. Elsdon 622168)</p>		
<p><b>Local Government Social Care Ombudsman Judgment</b> 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
<p><b>National Funding Formula and 2022/23 Schools Funding</b> 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 (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>	FACS OSC 6 January 2022	11 January 2022
<p><b>Workforce Issues in Commissioned Care Services</b>  The report sets out the background to the current pressures on workforce recruitment and retention in adult social care services. The key decision that the report asks of Cabinet is whether the Council should implement the Real Living Wage in Northumberland for independent sector Adult Care workers two years ahead of when would expect national policy on the national minimum wage to raise it to the equivalent level.  The report also sets out the cost implications of this decision and how it could be implemented.  (W. Pattison/Neil Bradley (01670 622868)</p>		11 January 2022
<p><b>Revenues and Benefits Policies for 2022/23</b> 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. (R. Wearmouth/G. Barnes - 01670 624351)</p>	CSEG OSC 7 February 2022	8 February 2022 Council 23 February 2022
<p><b>Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-25</b> 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</p>	CSEG OSC 7 February 2022	8 February 2022 Council 23 February 2022

<p>settlement which is due to be announced during December 2021. The report will also include an update on the deliverability of savings. (R. Wearmouth/ A. Elsdon - 01670 622168)</p>		
<p><b>School Admission Arrangements</b> The report informs Cabinet of the outcomes of the consultation on School Admission Arrangements for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools for the 2023/24 Academic Year as required by the School Admissions Code 2021. Approval (determination) of these admission arrangements is also sought. (G. Renner Thompson/S. Aviston - 01670 622281)</p>	<p>FACS OSC 3 February 2022</p>	<p>8 February 2022</p>
<p><b>Trading Companies' Financial Performance 2021-22 - Position at the end of December 2021</b> 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>	<p>CSEG OSC 7 March 2022</p>	<p>8 March 2022</p>
<p><b>Bus Service Improvement Plan/Enhanced Partnership</b> 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)</p>	<p>TBC</p>	<p>8 March 2022</p>