

**Northumberland County Council**  
**Castle Morpeth Local Area Council**  
**Work Programme 2021-22**

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## TERMS OF REFERENCE

- (a) To enhance good governance in the area and ensure that the Council's policies take account of the needs and aspirations of local communities and do not discriminate unfairly between the different Areas.
- (b) To advise the Cabinet on budget priorities and expenditure within the Area.
- (c) To consider, develop and influence policy and strategy development of the Council, its arms-length organisations, and other relevant bodies, to ensure that they meet local requirements and facilitate efficient and transparent decision making.
- (d) To receive information, consider and comment on matters associated with service delivery including those undertaken in partnership agencies, affecting the local area to ensure that they meet local requirements, including matters relating to community safety, anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.
- (e) To consider and refer to Cabinet any issues from a local community perspective with emerging Neighbourhood Plans within their area, and consider local planning applications as per the planning delegation scheme
- (f) To consider and recommend adjustments to budget priorities in relation to Local Transport Plan issues within their area, and to make decisions in relation to devolved capital highway maintenance allocations.
- (g) To engage, through the appropriate networks, with all key stakeholders from the public, private, voluntary and community sectors to facilitate the delivery of area priorities. This will include undertaking regular liaison with parish and town councils.
- (h) To inform, consult and engage local communities in accordance with Council policy and guidance, through the appropriate networks.
- (i) To, as appropriate, respond or refer with recommendations to local petitions and councillor calls for action.
- (j) To make certain appointments to outside bodies as agreed by Council.
- (k) To determine applications for grant aid from the Community Chest, either through Panels for individual Local Area Councils, or through the Panel of Local Area Council Chairs for countywide applications.

- (l) To refer and receive appropriate issues for consideration to or from other Council Committees, and as appropriate invite Portfolio Holders to attend a meeting if an item in their area of responsibility is to be discussed.

### ISSUES TO BE SCHEDULED/CONSIDERED

**Standard items updates:** Planning Applications (monthly), Public question time (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), petitions (bimonthly, not at planning only meetings), members' local improvement schemes (quarterly)

#### To be listed:

Off-street Electric Vehicle Charging Points  
Cycling and Walking Board  
Enforcement

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| <b>14 March 2022</b>   |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Rights of Way</li> <li>• Local Services Update</li> <li>• Members Local Improvement Schemes</li> </ul> |
| <b>11 April 2022</b>   |  |
|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Planning and Rights of Way</li> </ul>   |
| <b>9 May 2022</b>  |  |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Services Update</li><li>• Enhanced Services with Town and Parish Councils</li></ul> |
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**NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY COUNCIL  
LOCAL AREA COUNCIL - CASTLE MORPETH MONITORING REPORT  
2021-22**

| Ref | Date     | Report                                | Decision  | Outcome |
|-----|----------|---------------------------------------|---|---------|
| 1   | 12.07.21 | <b>Appointments to Outside Bodies</b> | <p>Appointments to outside bodies were confirmed as follows:-</p> <p>Choppington Education Foundation – M Murphy<br/>           Druridge Bay Regeneration Partnership – S Dickinson<br/>           Friends of Morpeth Museum – D Bawn<br/>           Greater Morpeth Development Trust – R Wearmouth<br/>           Linton Village Hall Management Committee – L Dunn<br/>           Lynemouth Welfare Management Committee – L Dunn<br/>           Stakeford/Bomarsund Social Welfare Centre – J Foster and M Murphy</p> <p>The Chair would contact Choppington Welfare to ascertain if it was appropriate for a Councillor to be appointed as this had been removed from the list previously as Ex-Councillor Ledger had been involved.</p> |         |
| 2   | 13.09.21 | <b>Local transport plan update</b>    | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted.  |         |

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| 3 | 13.9.21  | <b>Policing Update</b>   | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted. |  |
| 4 | 08.11.21 | <b>Dualling of the A1</b>  | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted. |  |
| 5 | 8.11.21  | <b>Northumberland Communities Together</b>   | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted. |  |
| 6 | 10.01.22 | <b>Budget 2022-23 And Medium-Term Financial Plan</b>   | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted. |  |
| 7 | 10.01.22 | <b>Northumberland Fire And Rescue Service: Community Risk Management Plan 2022-26 Consultation</b> | <b>RESOLVED</b> that the information be noted. |  |