

Northumberland County Council

Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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.

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Ref	Date	Report	Decision	Outcome
1.	12 July 2021	<b>Borderlands</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that this Committee support the recommendations as outlined in the report.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 13 July 2021.
2.	12 July 2021	<b>Workforce Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of this report.</li> <li>ii. Corporate Services and Economic Growth Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee continue to receive an annual update of this report for every financial year.</li> <li>iii. The data that was contained in the whistleblowing report and the ongoing work to promote a safe environment for staff to raise concerns through various mechanisms across the Council was noted; and</li> <li>iv. The Members Working Group review the Whistleblowing policy in regards to Elected Members and a report be brought back to this Committee.</li> </ul>	<p>The Committee will continue to receive this report annually.</p> <p>The Members Services Working Group will review the Whistleblowing Policy insofar as it affects elected members. The outcome should then be reported back to this Committee.</p>
3.	12 July 2021	<b>Statutory Consultation on the new timetable for the East Coast mainline between Edinburgh and London</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Committee supported Councillor Sanderson efforts in relation to the proposals; and</li> <li>2. A representative of the body proposing the cuts be invited to attend this Committee to explain the reasoning behind the proposals.</li> </ul>	The Committee will continue to monitor this issue as appropriate.

4.	2 August 2021	<b>Northumberland Enterprise Holdings Limited</b>	The Committee therefore <b>RESOLVED</b> to advise the Cabinet of the issues raised above and to consider the additional recommendations as agreed.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 17 August 2021.
5.	9 August 2021	<b>Advanced Propulsion Centre UK</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the presentation and members' comments be noted.	No further action required at this stage.
6.	9 August 2021	<b>Dissolution of the Council's Partnership with Northumbria Healthcare/ Proposed Partnership for 0-19 Public Health Services - Consultation</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the information provided by the representatives of the Trust and the responses provided by the Chief Executive be noted, and (b) the Cabinet be recommended to direct officers of the Council to meet officers of the Trust to determine whether a practical solution can be achieved to salvage what is an excellent relationship.	This issue was subject to call-in to the Health and Wellbeing OSC on 18 August 2021. That Committee will continue to oversee the transition.
7.	9 August 2021	<b>Advance Northumberland</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that (a) the report be noted, and (b) further updates be presented to the Committee.	Further updates will be presented to the Committee as appropriate.
8.	6 September 2021	<b>Northumberland Line</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that this Committee support the recommendations as outlined in the report and specifically to the proposal of the two years' free parking.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 7 September 2021.
9.	11 October 2021	<b>Council Tax Support Scheme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> to advise Cabinet they would like to see a commitment to utilise the household support fund to offer relief above 92%.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 12 October 2021.
10.	11 October 2021	<b>Establishing a Pilot Culture and Creative Zone in Northumberland</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee supported the recommendation contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 12 October 2021.
11.	11 October 2021	<b>Energising Blyth Programme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee supported the recommendation contained in the report.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 12 October 2021.
12.	11 October 2021	<b>Newcastle Airport – Shareholder Loan Guarantee</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee supported the recommendation contained in the report	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 12 October 2021
13.	17 November 2021	<b>Green Homes Grant, Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (LAD2) Grant Funding</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations in the report, subject to consideration of the issues raised.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 18 November 2021

14.	17 November 2021	<b>Corporate Plan Refresh 2021-24</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations in the report, subject to consideration of the issues raised.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 18 November 2021
15.	17 November 2021	<b>Budget 2022-23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-25</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that Cabinet be advised that the Committee supported the recommendations in the report, subject to consideration of the issues raised.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 18 November 2021.
16.	6 December 2021	<b>Household Support Fund</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee agreed to advise the Cabinet that it supported the recommendations in the presentation, subject to consideration of the issues raised above.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 7 December 2021.  A further update will be presented to the OSC.
17.	6 December 2021	<b>NCTA Digital Programme</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the presentation be received.	No further action required at this stage.
18.	6 December 2021	<b>Debt Recovery Update</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the report be received.	The OSC will continue to receive six monthly updates.
19.	6 December 2021	<b>Trading Companies Financial Performance 2021-22</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> that the recommendations in the report be supported and to continue to receive quarter reports as they are prepared for the Cabinet.	The OSC will continue to receive regular updates.
20.	7 February 2022	<b>Budget 2022-23 and MTFP 2022-26</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee agreed to note the recommendations subject to further consideration of the proposal to increase Housing rents.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022
21.	7 February 2022	<b>Revenues and Benefits Policies for 2022/23</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee agreed to note the recommendations	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022
22.	7 February 2022	<b>Budget Consultation Report</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the committee agreed to note to recommendations.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022
23.	7 February 2022	<b>Northumberland Line</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> the Committee agreed to support the recommendation	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022
24.	7 March 2022	<b>Household Support Fund</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> members agreed to note and support the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022
25.	7 March 2022	<b>Trading Companies Financial Performance 2021-22 - December 2021</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b> members agreed to note and support the recommendations in the report.	The Cabinet considered the comments of the OSC when it determined the report on 8 February 2022.

