

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Plater Way,
Sunderland on Tuesday 9th April 2024 at 4.30 p.m.**

Membership

Cllrs Burrell (Chairman), M. Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Guy, S. Johnston, Leonard (Vice Chairman), Mordey, O' Brien, Scanlan, Warne and Watson.

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No items.

E. WAUGH,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

27 March 2024.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL on TUESDAY 5TH MARCH 2024 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: -

Councillor Burrell in the Chair

Councillors Dixon, Foster, Leonard and Watson.

Also in attendance: -

James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, SCC

Paul Wood, Principal Democratic Services Officer, SCC

Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing and Communities, SCC

Justin Collins, Housing Options Manager, SCC

Mark Wilson, Future Infrastructure Manager, SCC

Members of the Press

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Fagan and Scanlan

Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 6th February, 2024

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 6th February 2024 were submitted.

(For copy reports – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 6th February 2024 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

Housing Update

The Assistant Director of Housing and Communities submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide an update on the issue of homelessness in the city and the measures being taken to tackle the problem.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing and Communities and Justin Collins, Housing Options Manager were in attendance to present the report along with a PowerPoint presentation.

Councillor Dixon referred to the opening hours of Oasis, commenting that he had visited this accommodation and he was glad to hear that the hours were to be extended. Mr Scanlon advised that as part of the funding received they were able to bring in an additional officer so can now open till 5pm which would then tie in with their out of hours service and they hoped to have this in place from April.

In response to Councillor Dixons query, Mr Scanlon advised that ideally they would love the service to extend into weekends and was something they needed to consider going forward.

Councillor Dixon referred to past meetings where they had received specific charts detailing the reasons for homelessness and enquired if the trends were still the same now as then or if there had been any changes. Mr Scanlon advised that those charts were used to form their monitoring data returns and overall the trends had been the same albeit the order in which they are ranked may change slightly.

Councillor Dixon enquired as to an increase in mental health issues and if this was a trend that could be explained. Mr Collins informed that these were mostly linked to substance misuse and that mental health cases took up the majority of their time to resolve.

Councillor Dixon advised of a recent case he had been involved with regarding a couple having been evicted and sleeping in a Church Courtyard and enquired what Officers would do when they've reached the end of the road and what would happen to the people. Mr Collins advised that the particular couple referred to wouldn't take any advice from officers and if the legislation had been followed they would now be sleeping rough, however they had been able to work under a Duty rather than a power and got them into support and to try and address their issues. Councillor Dixon wished to comment that Officers had gone above and beyond the call of duty in that particular case which was commendable.

Councillor Watson enquired as to any powers available to the Council to stop landlords from increasing rents. Mr Scanlon advised that there were no such powers and the likes of Gentoo etc had to follow the Rent Act. Private sectors were increasing theirs a lot higher.

In response to the query over how many rough sleepers we had in Sunderland, Mr Collins advised that officially this was zero and that generally they may go out and find a sleeper in Mowbray Park but despite already having a sizeable amount of money in their bank account they didn't want any accommodation. Outreach workers were in touch with this individual but they preferred to sleep rough than have accommodation.

With regards to Councillor Fosters queries, Mr Scanlon advised that the Governments intention to remove the options of serving Sections 21 notices was now not being considered and that in terms of the accredited landlords scheme and if those putting up rent prices too high would be removed from the scheme, Mr Scanlon informed that the scheme was great but not mandatory and those that were on the scheme were generally the good ones and therefore their properties were always full.

Councillor Foster referred to the number of Nigerians that came into the area in 2006 and took up a lot of the properties available and enquired if this had had any impact. Mr Scanlon commented that they had little input with the Universities on this. The City did need to have a proactive plan around student accommodation. The Regeneration of the City does have plans for this but the University was so successful in attracting students that it was the increase in demand they were facing.

Councillor Foster commented that they weren't always taking student accommodation and some were residential which was great as they were improving the area in his opinion but it was taking away more properties for use.

In response to Councillor Leonards query over how they worked together within the Partner Group, Mr Scanlon informed that they worked really well in general. Councillor Leonard also referred to the mental health issues and if Officers received cooperation from NHS Services.

Mr Collins informed that there was a great demand on services and they received cooperation where they could but people were generally getting appointments for weeks/months time and there was not the resources to help immediately which was the need. Mr Scanlon added that he was presenting to the Place Committee who were reporting quarterly and they recognised it was a significant risk to them in hospitals so it was high on the agenda with homelessness seen as a key priority.

Councillor Leonard enquired if the Homelessness Strategy could dovetail with the Empty Homes Team and if there were any joint working on this. Mr Scanlon advised that there was not any joint working in terms of proactively identifying these homes for the homelessness as they would need to see a change in Policy on how to deal with landlords not willing to deal with their empty properties. Mr Scanlon added that there was a need to look at selective licensing at the Council.

The Chairman enquired if any of the Home Office changes had led to an increase in homelessness. Mr Scanlan commented that it was mainly due to the quantum of people coming through the system for assessments that they had to work through and it tended to be the bigger cities which had the biggest issues.

The Chairman enquired if the Afghan and Ukrainian schemes had any bearing on the figures also. Mr Scanlon advised that they did not as they were based on families volunteering to host those so we shouldn't be seeing any impact upon the figures in that case.

In response to Councillor Dixons query, Mr Scanlon advised that in meetings with equivalent Officers from other authorities it was found that all local authorities were facing a similar situation so we were not an outlier with these problems.

There being no further questions, The Chairman thanked Mr Scanlon and Mr Collins for their attendance. it was then:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Cycling Infrastructure Development Update

The Executive Director of City Development submitted a report (copy circulated) to update the Committee on the progress being made regarding the development of city's cycling infrastructure.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mark Wilson, Future Infrastructure Manager was in attendance to present the report along with a PowerPoint presentation and to answer any Members queries.

Councillor Foster referred to a recent news item aired on local TV in relation to a similar scheme to that on Whitburn Road where people were tripping on the step from the crossing area due to the colouring and hiding the different gradients, which was leading to injuries and enquired if Officers were aware of this.

Mr Wilson advised that he had not seen the news item but was aware of the issue, all the schemes had been designed for pedestrian crossings so there should be no trip hazards but would be something they would need to keep an eye on.

Councillor Dixon informed the Committee that he had been involved in the similar scheme at Tunstall Road and commented that the consultation at that time had not been very good and that the cycle lane had not been wanted by residents and was not used very much subsequently, therefore he would like to know what the criteria was for deciding where these schemes were placed. At the time they had been told if the money wasn't spent on this particular route the funding would have to be returned to Government.

Mr Wilson acknowledged that these were good points and he could understand why advice was given that if the money was not used it would be returned to Government as this was usually ringfenced purely to be spent on cycling. In terms of routes, they identify routes using the infrastructure plan which was evidence based and they audit the network using traffic counting technology and look at origins/destinations of the public.

Mr Wilson advised that they also use DfT tools such as the propensity to cycle and how these routes link up with schools and access to local shops etc. Officers would go through a data analysis of the network to see where these proposals would be most helpful and helps triage where they would have the most likely impact. Safety was usually the biggest factor in why people wouldn't cycle.

Mr Wilson acknowledged that in terms of consultation, in the past this could be a very dry process and they had realised that this was not good enough which was why they had worked with the democratic society on best practice for consultation and they had introduced this new way of working for the Dame Dorothy consultations.

Councillor Dixon commented that there were definitely lessons to be learned from the past procedures and that he didn't particularly like the previous one and suggested the possibility of having reserve schemes in addition so that if the public didn't wish for a proposed scheme in a certain area that the money could still be used without having to return the funding.

Mr Wilson advised that this was possible going forward and they could come up with multiple alternative options as it wasn't always an officer led decision and it was right that we needed more options for such a scenario.

The Chairman referred to a scheme at A690 Houghton Cut and commented that the consultation that was carried out didn't end up looking as proposed in practice and felt that there was a need for clarity where the routes would be and also what they would look like in terms of colourings on the roads etc. Mr Wilson commented that this was a fair point and advised that the pictures included in the consultation should be a realistic reflection of what would be implemented.

Councillor Leonard informed that she cycled with her children and was concerned when cycle ways stop for junctions which then became national speed limits so these schemes were very good for steps to make this safer. Councillor Leonard also enquired if there were any plans for secure parking of the bikes along the route near Bungalow Café.

Mr Wilson advised that there would be secure parking for bikes and they were looking at funding for CCTV there as well as looking to secure funding for more parking along the routes.

Councillor Leonard referred to the link road of Ryhope Village to Doxford which had only opened and now needed to be retrofitted for a cycle lane and enquired if they were looking at liaising with the Planning departments on joined up working in order to get these done on implementation.

Mr Wilson confirmed that they were looking to do these as part of Section 106 agreements by liaising with Planning Policy and it was a good opportunity to get the private sector to fund and contribute towards these schemes.

The Chairman enquired if the maintenance of the cycle lanes would be passed to Highways colleagues once implemented. Mr Wilson confirmed that they would become part of the wider network and therefore part of Highways maintenance regime.

In response to the Chairmans query over the cancellation of HS2 and if any more funding had been allocated as a consequence, Mr Wilson informed that the current government had said there would be a settlement coming from HS2 money and also the Towns Fund had been used from HS2 monies.

There being no further questions the Chairman thanked Mr Wilson for his attendance and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted

Annual Work Programme 2023-24

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), which set out the current work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2023/24.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Member's information and possible discussion.

4. RESOLVED that the Committee received and noted the report

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report providing Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 14th February, 2024 (copies circulated).

(For copy report and notice – see original minutes).

Mr Diamond reminded Members to get in touch if they required further information on any of the items included in the notice.

In response to Councillor Dixon's query, Mr Diamond advised that he would chase the update on 240122/873 – To receive an update on Sunnyside Regeneration Activity and to approve the Sunnyside Place Strategy.

5. RESOLVED that the Notice of Key Decisions be received and noted.

The Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) M. BURRELL,
Chairman.

HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE UPDATE 2024/2025

Report of Executive Director of City Development

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the Committee on progress with regards to the planned Highway Maintenance (including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2024-2025.

2. Background

- 2.1 The proposed capital funding allocations for the Highway Maintenance, Bridge Maintenance and Integrated Transport programmes for 2024-2025 were approved by full Council on 28th February 2024. On 14 March 2024, the Cabinet received and approved an update on the proposed programmes of work to be undertaken during 2024/2025 including any schemes deferred from the 2023-2024 programme. This programme will enable the necessary, design, procurement and construction works on the schemes.

3. Programmes of Work

- 3.1 Officers have prepared a detailed Highway Maintenance Capital Programme based on a prioritisation process, which has drawn information from condition assessments, traffic volumes, public and member reports and accident claim analysis. In addition, the five Area Neighbourhood and Community Boards were consulted, and selected based on local priorities and approximately 25% of the Local Transport Block maintenance allocation, several streets to be recommended to the Area Committees for inclusion in the 2024-2025 Highway Maintenance Programme.
- 3.2 The Bridge Maintenance schemes have been prioritised based on condition, the time since the last major maintenance was undertaken and the road classification.
- 3.3 The Integrated Transport Capital Programme has been developed in line with the Local Transport Plan priorities and includes schemes to assist in Road Safety, Speed and Traffic Management, Accessibility and Modal Change.
- 3.4 The schemes are set out in the attached appendices as listed below:
 - Appendix 1- Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025;
 - Appendix 2 - Amendments to the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2023-2024;

- Appendix 3- Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025;
- Appendix 4 - Amendments to the Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme 2023-2024;
- Appendix 5- Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2024-2025; and
- Appendix 6- Amendments to the Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2023-2024.

4. Programme Delivery

- 4.1 Highway Maintenance: - The Council's Highway Operation Team will undertake scheme design, footway and localised road reconstruction works, small scale patching together with some residential road resurfacing works. However, most of the road resurfacing will be delivered by the Council's framework surfacing contractor, supplemented by specialist surface treatment firms, under the supervision of Highway Operations' staff.
- 4.2 Bridge Maintenance: -Works will be carried out by specialist external contractors following a competitive tendering process.
- 4.3 Integrated Transport (IT): -The Council's Highway Operations Team will be undertaking the civil engineering elements of these schemes with the Regional Traffic Signals Group assisting where appropriate. It is likely that Aurora, the Council's Street Lighting and Highway Signs PFI Operator, will be involved in road signing together with the Council's framework surfacing contractor under the supervision of Highway Operations' staff.
- 4.4 It should be noted that Programme delivery can be affected by:
- the need to undertake statutory and public consultations where required, particularly in relation to the IT Programme;
 - availability of design and construction resources;
 - favourable weather conditions; and
 - Statutory Undertakers (SUs) and the level of planned activity they have scheduled in each of our programmed streets. Officers within Transport and Infrastructure continue to have regular dialogue with the SU representatives to ensure co-ordination of all works and to mitigate the risk of any conflicts.
 - Increases in material cost and availability.
- 4.5 Graham Carr (Asset and Network Manager) and Tim Smith (Group Engineer) will be in attendance to update the Committee and answer questions.

5 Recommended

- 5.1 That the Committee consider and comment on the progress with regards to the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024/25.

**APPENDIX 1: Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025
COALFIELD AREA**

Those streets denoted in bold throughout Appendix 1 represent the locations selected at the Area Neighbourhood and Community Boards and recommended for approval by Area Committees.

Principal Roads

Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
A182	Mill Terrace	Shiney Row	Resurface road
A182	Newbottle Street	Houghton/Copt Hill	Resurface road

Other Classified Roads

Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
B1286	Colliery Lane	Hetton	Resurface road
B1404	Lake Road	Copt Hill	Hard paving of verge
C517	Burdon Lane	Copt Hill	Resurface road
C517	Sedgeleth Road	Houghton	Resurface road
C518	Black Boy Road	Houghton	Resurface road
C518	Redburn Row	Houghton	Resurface road
C523	The Quay-Park View	Hetton	Resurface road

Unclassified Roads

Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Hangman's Lane	Copt Hill	Resurface road

Lake Road- Market Place	Copt Hill	Hard pave verge
Lawnswood	Copt Hill	Resurface road
Long Fellow Street	Copt Hill	Resurface road
Low Downs Road	Copt Hill	Resurface road
Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Brickgarth	Hetton	Resurface road
Girven Terrace	Hetton	Resurface road
Grassmere Avenue	Hetton	Resurface road
Moorsley Road junction Ennerdale	Hetton	Localised patching
Pemberton Bank	Hetton	Reconstruct steps
South Street	Hetton	Resurface road
Wear Street	Hetton	Resurface footway
Blind Lane	Houghton	Reconstruct road
Byland Close	Houghton	Resurface road
Littleburn Close	Houghton	Resurface road
Mulberry Way	Houghton	Joint repair
Eden Terrace - rear	Shiney Row	Resurface road
Fenton Terrace	Shiney Row	Resurface road
Freezemore Road	Shiney Row	Hard pave verge
Front Street	Shiney Row	Footway overlay

Rainton Street	Shiney Row	Footway overlay
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APPENDIX 1: EAST SUNDERLAND AREA

Principal Roads

Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
A1018	St Nazaire Way	Ryhope	Resurface road
A1018	Stockton Road	Ryhope	Resurface road
A690	Durham Road	Millfield	Resurface road

Other Classified Roads

Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
B1286	Doxford Park Way	Doxford	Resurface road
B1286	Tunstall Village Green	Doxford	Resurface road
B1287	Sea View	Ryhope	Resurface footway
B1293	High Street East	Hendon	Resurface road
B1522	Stockton Road - northbound	Ryhope	Resurface road

Unclassified Roads

Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Craigwell Drive	Doxford	Resurface road
Elsdonburn Road	Doxford	Resurface Road

Merrington Close	Doxford	Resurface road
Mill Hill Road	Doxford	Overlay footpath
Moorside Road	Doxford	Resurface road

Rachel Close	Doxford	Resurface road
Treecone Close	Doxford	Resurface road

Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Avon Street - part	Hendon	Resurface Road
Barbara Street	Hendon	Resurface Road
Cairo Street- Rear East-Phase 1	Hendon	Resurface road
Cairo Street- Rear East-Phase 2	Hendon	Resurface road
Cross Place	Hendon	Resurface road
Cuba Street -(east back)	Hendon	Resurface road
Hastings Street - Rear West	Hendon	Resurface road
High Street East	Hendon	Resurface road
High Street East-Rear North	Hendon	Resurface road
Holyrood Road	Hendon	Resurface road
Lawrence Street	Hendon	Renew footway
Manila Street- Rear East	Hendon	Resurface road
Matanzas Street	Hendon	Resurface road

The Promenade	Hendon	Resurface road
Stratford Avenue	Hendon	Resurface road
Chester Terrace North - Rear South	Millfield	Resurface road
Clifford Street - part	Millfield	Resurface road

Close Street - part	Millfield	Resurface road
Howarth Street – Rear East	Millfield	Resurface road
Granville Street	Millfield	Resurface road
Rosslyn Terrace (East)	Millfield	Resurface road
Westbury Street - Rear East	Millfield	Resurface road
Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Athol Gardens	Ryhope	Resurface Road
Fee Terrace- Phase 1	Ryhope	Resurface Road
North View	Ryhope	Resurface road
Ronaldsay Close	Ryhope	Resurface road
Ryhope Road- Rear East	Ryhope	Resurface road
Salterfen Road	Ryhope	Resurface road
Viewforth Road	Ryhope	Resurface road
Wellmere Road - Ph1	Ryhope	Resurface road

Azalea Avenue	St Michael's	Resurface Road
Bainbridge Holme Close -part	St Michael's	Resurface Road
Hillside	St. Michael's	Resurface road
Larkfield Road	St. Michael's	Resurface road
Sea View Road - Ph1	St.Michael's	Resurface road
Thornhill Park	St.Michael's	Resurface road
Tunstall Vale	St.Michael's	Resurface road
Westheath Avenue	St.Michael's	Resurface road

APPENDIX 1 (Continued) NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA

Principal Roads			
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
A183	Whitburn Bents Road- phase 1	Fulwell	Resurface road
A183	Whitburn Bents Road – phase 2	Fulwell	Resurface road

Other Classified Roads			
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
B1291	Southwick Road	Southwick	Resurface road
B1291	Thompson Road	Southwick	Renew footway
C507	Hylton Castle Road	Castle	Resurface road
C508	North Hylton Road	Southwick	Resurface road
C510	Sea Road	Fulwell	Resurface road

Unclassified Roads			
Road Name	Ward	Treatment	
Ernwill Avenue	Castle	Resurface road	
Lowry Road	Fulwell	Resurface road	
Rydal Mount	Fulwell	Resurface road	
Brunswick Road	Redhill	Resurface road	
Keith Square	Redhill	Overlay footway	
Watford Close	Redhill	Renew footway	
Bright Street	St Peter's	Resurface road	
Hartington Street	St Peter's	Resurface road	

Eastbourne Square	Southwick	Resurface road
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APPENDIX 1 (Continued) WASHINGTON AREA

Principal Roads			
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
A182	Washington Highway- Chartersheugh	Washington East	Resurface road
A182	Washington Highway- Northbound- Slip road-Bonemill Lane	Washington East	Resurface road
A182	A194 roundabout - part	Washington West	Resurface road
A195	Northumberland Way – Biddick to A182	Washington East	Resurface road

Other Classified Roads			
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
B1288	Springwell Road	Washington West	Resurface road

Unclassified Roads			
Road Name	Ward	Treatment	
Biddick Lane	Washington Central	Resurface road	
Biddick Village - shops- rear	Washington Central	Resurface footway	
Cleeve Court	Washington Central	Resurface footway and road	
Station Road - rear	Washington Central	Resurface road	
Titchfield Road	Washington Central	Resurface road	
Washington Town Centre- Galleries South Access	Washington Central	Resurface road	

Bonemill Lane- eastbound	Washington East	Resurface road
Bonemill Lane- New Road	Washington East	Resurface footway
Newriggs	Washington East	Reconstruct walls
Wilden Road	Washington East	Resurface road
The Oval	Washington North	Resurface road
Spout Lane	Washington North	Localised machine Patch
Road Name	Ward	Treatment
Sulgrave Road	Washington North	Resurface road
Birtley Road	Washington South	Reconstruct footway
Castle Road	Washington South	Resurface road
Crowther Road	Washington South	Resurface road
Office Row- rear	Washington South	Resurface road
Tilley Road-part	Washington South	Resurface road
Sedling Road-part	Washington South	Resurface road
Vigo Lane	Washington South	Resurface road
Winster - part	Washington South	Resurface road
Cambridge Avenue - rear	Washington West	Reconstruct road
Stonycroft	Washington West	Reconstruct road

APPENDIX 1 (Continued) WEST SUNDERLAND AREA

Other Classified Roads			
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment
B1405	Pallion New Road	Pallion	Resurface road
Unclassified Roads			
Road Name		Ward	Treatment
Barnes View		Barnes	Resurface road
Cleveland Road		Barnes	Joint repair
Ettrick Grove		Barnes	Resurface road
Plains Road		Barnes	Resurface road
West Hill		Barnes	Resurface road
Edwin Street		Pallion	Resurface road
Fordfield Road -Phase 1		Pallion	Resurface road
Fordfield Road -Phase		Pallion	Resurface road
Margaret Alice Street- Wilfred Streetrear		Pallion	Resurface road
Westmoor Road		Pallion	Resurface road
Brockenhurst Drive		Sandhill	Resurface road
Grindon Lane		Sandhill	Resurface road
Seven Oaks Drive		Sandhill	Resurface road
Tanfield Road		Sandhill	Resurface road

Road Name	Ward	Treatment
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Telford Road	Sandhill	Resurface road
Dipton Gardens-Harperley Drive	Silksworth	Resurface road
Durham Terrace	Silksworth	Resurface road
Londonderry Street	Silksworth	Resurface road
Quarry Road	Silksworth	Resurface road
Rutland Avenue	Silksworth	Resurface road
Ski View	Silksworth	Resurface road
Church Street	St Annes	Resurface road
Parkhurst Road-Portsmouth Road junction	St Annes	Resurface road
Pennywell Road	St Annes	Resurface road
Hill View	St Chads	Resurface road
Park Lea	St Chads	Resurface road

APPENDIX 2: Amendments to the Highway Maintenance Capital Programme 2023-2024

Classified Roads				
Road Number	Road Name	Ward	Treatment	Reason for Deferment
A1018	Commercial Road	Hendon	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
A1231	Sunderland Highway	Washington North	Road resurfacing	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
A182	Houghton Road, Newbottle	Houghton	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent

A182	Houghton Road- rear	Copt Hill	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
A182	Slip Road to Dairy Lane Interchange	Copt Hill	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
A183	Chester Road	Shiney Row	Footway overlay	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
A183	Chester Road	Barnes	Resurface footway	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
A183	Chester Road/ Springwell Road rbt	Barnes/ Pallion	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
B1405	Toll Bar Road/ Leechmere Road rbt	Ryhope	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
C511	Hylton Road – o/s 427	St Anne's	Carriageway patching	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
C512	Kayll Road	Pallion	Carriageway patching	Delayed due to conflict with utility works
C524	Elemore Lane	Hetton	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent

COALFIELD AREA - UNCLASSIFIED ROADS

Road Name	Ward	Treatment	Reason for Deferral
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Black Boy Road – phase 1	Houghton	Resurface road	Housing Developer works
Blind Lane	Houghton	Retaining Wall design	Change to design solution
Hangman's Lane	Copt Hill	Road resurfacing	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Mardale Street	Hetton	Reconstruct carriageway	Further works required so works delayed until can be undertaken as one scheme.

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA -- UNCLASSIFIED ROADS			
Road Name	Ward	Treatment	Reason for Deferment
Dundas Street	Fulwell	Resurface road	Further works required so works delayed until can be undertaken as one scheme
Moreland Street	St. Peters	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Ringway	Castle	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Swan Street – North - part	Southwick	Overlay footway	Swan Street – North - part
Swan Street – South - part	Southwick	Overlay footway	Swan Street – South - part

WASHINGTON-- UNCLASSIFIED ROADS			
Road Name	Ward	Treatment	Reason for Deferment

Albany Way	Washington West	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Birtley Road	Washington South	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Bridekirk - part	Washington West	Footway overlay	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Byland Court	Washington Central	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Cambridge Avenue Rear	Washington West	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Danby Close	Washington South	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Eddison Road	Washington East	Resurface road and footway	Further works required so works delayed until can be undertaken as one scheme.
Mount Lane – Phase1	Washington West	Resurface road	Housing Developer works- Carry out in conjunction with Phase 2
Mount Lane- Phase 2	Washington West	Road resurfacing	Works by Northumbria Water
Pipershaw	Washington West	Overlay footway	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent
Vigo Lane	Washington South	Footway overlay	Specialist contractor's resource issues and weather dependent

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA - UNCLASSIFIED ROADS

Road Name	Ward	Treatment	Reason for Deferral
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Colchester Terrace - Rear	Barnes	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Front Road	Pallion	Resurface road	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Meldon Road	Pallion	Localised carriageway patching	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource
Palmstead Road	St. Anne's	Localised carriageway patching	Programme Budget exceeded due to increase in material costs and availability of resource

APPENDIX 3 - Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme 2024-2025

These are schemes added to the current programme. The reasons for this are as follows:

Harbour View Bridge Maintenance – these works are to be carried out as part of the Dame Dorothy Street Cycle Way Scheme. The construction phase of the bridge maintenance scheme is planned to commence in Spring 2024.

Pallion New Road Waterproofing – these works are included in the programme as part of the European Way Cycle Way Scheme in 2024/2025.

A182 Bridges Maintenance Phase 3 – Chartershaugh and Bonemill Lane Bridges. Works to replace the expansion joints on Chartershaugh Bridge were planned in 2022/2023, however these works will now be carried out under the maintenance and waterproofing of A182 Bridges Maintenance Phase 3. Inspections, site investigations, feasibility and outline design have been carried out in 2023/ 2024. The detailed design and construction phase is planned to be carried out in 2024/2025.

A1018 Newcastle Road Bridge – The principal inspection of the bridge was carried out in 2023/24 and further investigation is ongoing to plan the works to the bridge span over the Metro. The feasibility and design of the repair works over the Metro (with liaison with Network Rail) is planned to be carried out in 2024/2025.

Bridge Name	Carries	Over	Treatment	Ward
Harbour View Bridge – part of Dame Dorothy Street Cycle Way	A183 Harbour View	Land	Maintenance	St. Peter's
Pallion New Road Bridge	B1405 Pallion New Road	Rail / Metro	Bridge Deck Repairs. Waterproofing	Pallion
A182 Bridges Phase 3	A182 Washington Highway	Various	Maintenance	Washington West
A1018 Newcastle Road Bridge	A1018 Newcastle Road	Rail / Metro	Bridge Deck Repairs	Southwick/ St. Peters
Northern Spire Bridge	A1231	River	Principal Inspections including Cable Stays and Associated Structures	Pallion/ Southwick
Various			PostTensioned Bridge Special Inspections	Citywide

Various			Half-Joint Special Inspections	Citywide
Various			Scour Risk Assessment	Citywide

APPENDIX 4: Amendments to Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme 2023/2024.

Unprecedented increases in costs in the construction industry have led to fewer schemes being delivered and hence some schemes having to be deferred to later years as funding becomes available.

Schemes will be reprogrammed according to risk to suit available funding to ensure the delivery programme is spent on those structures that are greatest in need.

Bridge Name	Carries	Over	Treatment	Ward	Reason for Deferral
A182 Bridge Maintenance Painting of Princess Anne Interchange and Bonemill Lane Bridges	A182 Washington Highway	Various	Maintenance	Washington East	Painting Works need to be carried out under a separate scheme due to increased cost and budget constraints
A1231 Footbridge Joint Replacement	Footway	A1231	Maintenance	Washington West, North	Due to budget constraints
Pallion/ New Road/ Trimdon Street	Pallion New Road	Land	Infill	Millfield	Due to budget constraints
Southwick Road Bridge	A1290 Southwick Road	Rail/ Metro	Footway Protection	Southwick	Due to budget constraints
Coal Bank Terrace	Moorsley Road	Footpath/ Rail Line	Maintenance	Hetton	Due to budget constraints

Harraton Bus Link Bridge	Sycamore Avenue	Footpath	Maintenance	Washington East, South	Due to budget constraints
Tunstall Road Bridges (East and West)	Tunstall Road	Rail/Metro	Maintenance	Millfield, St Peter's	Due to budget constraints
New Durham Road (North and South)	Durham Road	Rail/Metro	Maintenance	Millfield	Due to budget constraints
Low Barmston Access Bridge	Accommodation. Road	A1231	Maintenance	Washington North, East	Due to budget constraints

APPENDIX 5– Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2024-2025

Project	Wards	Description
20 mph zones	Various	Introduction of area residential 20mph zones – On going rolling programme
Community Parking Management Scheme (CPMS)	Various	Introduction of CPMS – ongoing programme, including development of next programme
Traffic Signal Improvements	Various	Assessment of existing junctions and improvements
Minor Scheme Programme	Various	Various minor road safety and accessibility schemes. On-going programme
Routes to Schools	Various	Improved accessibility for all on Routes to Schools across the City, Scheme to be a rolling year on year programme
Access for All	Various	Access for all to/from local facilities, public transport etc. Initial focus on local centres and around areas of higher density extra care/social housing, bungalows
TRO Group Order	Various	Various small traffic regulations grouped into one large order

North Area Improvements	Redhill	Traffic calming
20mph Zone interventions	Various	Further improvement to 20mph zone sites.
Road Safety Assessment Priority list	Various	Road safety assessment criteria providing locations for traffic calming schemes
Area Committee Support	Various	Funding to support area committee works
Port Access	Hendon	Improving access routes to the port
School Street Trial Phase 2 / Development of future schemes.	Various	School street pilot and development of future potential schemes
Moving Traffic Enforcement	Various	Improvements to moving traffic restrictions in preparation for enforcement powers.

APPENDIX 6- Amendments to Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2023/2024

Project	Comments
Area Committee support	Area funded schemes on going
Port Access	Extended feasibility timeframe

APPENDIX 7: 2024-2025 Programme Funding

The various programmes of work set out in Appendix 1, Appendix 3 and Appendix 5 will be funded from government grants and Council funding as detailed in the table below.

Funding Source	2024/2025 £'000
External Grants:	

Highways Capital Maintenance - Needs Element (Local Transport Block)	1,835
Highways Capital Maintenance Incentive Funding (Local Transport Block)	459
Pothole Funding (Grant)	1,835
Network North- Highway Maintenance	525
Highways Integrated Transport (Local Transport Block)	1,618
Nexus Allocation (NECA Grant)	42
Total External Grant Funding	6,314
Council Funding:	
Highways Assets	1,000
Bridges & Structures	1,000
Total Council Funding	2,000
Total Funding	8,314

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY DEVELOPMENT

SIGLION – PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To receive a progress report from Neil Guthrie (Development Director) on the progress being made by Siglion in delivering the regeneration of a number of key sites within the city.

2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to receive a further progress report from Siglion on the regeneration of a number of sites within the city.

- 2.2 The priorities for Siglion are to:-

- Improve concentration of new economic activity in the city centre
- Create a city centre that supports higher value job creation
- Bring dormant areas such as the former Vaux site back into use
- Offer a wider choice of housing to the market
- Position Sunderland as a place to invest

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Neil Guthrie (Development Director) will provide a presentation on the progress being made to date.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the contents of the report.

Item 6

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 APRIL 2024

ANNUAL REPORT 2023/2024

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve the Economic Scrutiny Committee report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2023/24 that is to be presented to Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 As previous municipal year's the annual report will be a single combined report of all four scrutiny committees. The annual report will outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide a snapshot of its work during the last 12 months.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The draft Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report is attached at appendix 1 for member's consideration. The report provides a summary of some of the main work undertaken by the Committee during 2023/24. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee has delivered another ambitious work programme in 2023/24, which is reflected in the annual report. The Committee has worked with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver the work programme and has tackled a number of key issues throughout the year.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members approve the Economic prosperity Scrutiny Committee report for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2023/24.

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr Mark Burrell

Vice Chair: Cllr Lindsey Leonard

Committee Members: Councillors, Michael Dixon, Heather Fagan, Stephen Foster, Logan Guy, Sam Johnston, Sean Laws, Michael Mordey, Stephen O'Brien, Lynda Scanlan and James Warne

During the year, the Committee's work programme has focused on a range of issues affecting the economic prosperity of the city and the opportunities and challenges we face.

In relation to regeneration, the Committee received a progress report on a number of major projects taking place in the city. These include the Culture House, which will provide a new state of the art library and cultural hub; the refurbishment of the Elephant Tea Rooms Building, the development of Keel Square, plans for the Crowtree site and the opening of the new Rail Station.

Toward the end of the year, we also received an update on the work of Siglion. We heard that the main priorities for Siglion was to improve the concentration of new economic activity in the city centre, create a city centre that supports higher value job creation, bring back into use dormant areas such as the former Vaux site, offer a wider choice of housing to the market and position Sunderland as a place to invest.

We also heard about the progress of schemes being funded by the UK Shared Prosperity Fund which is designed to replace the previous European Structural and Investment Funds. The total amount of funding allocated to Sunderland is £16.57m over three years from 2022/23 – 2024/25. The funding will support projects across three investment priorities: communities and place, supporting local business and people and skills. We heard in detail about the development of the programme in Sunderland which will reflect the priorities set out in the City Plan and the processes by which funds will be allocated.

In 2021, the Committee set up a Working Group to consider the regeneration of the Sunnyside area and during the year, we have continued to monitor the progress being made. We feel that while the challenges facing Sunnyside are highly complexed and deep rooted there are a number of positives and opportunities. Sunnyside is an attractive area close to the city centre and possesses a historic core. It is increasingly proving attractive to social enterprise, early stage businesses and an emerging cultural and creative services sector. In the years ahead, the Committee looks forward to the implementation of the Sunnyside Masterplan which will be crucial in delivering long term sustainable improvement of the area.

Rebecca Ball, Chief Executive of Sunderland Culture outlined the important contribution made by the cultural sector to the economic prosperity of the city. For the future, we heard that the opening of the Culture House and the Museum redevelopment should substantially improve the cultural offer in the city. Attendance figures were now on the rise, though it was recognised that it could be several years before we see attendance figures back up to pre covid levels.

In setting its work programme the Committee asked for an update on development of screen industries in the city. We heard that early in 2021, the BBC had announced that it would invest up to £25m in the region, with regional partners seeking to commit £11.4m over a five year period. A new North East Screen Industries Partnership (NESIP) has been developed and with the support of North East Screen (formerly Northern Film and Media) a number of new productions have been developed or filmed in Sunderland. The Committee also heard about exciting plans for the proposed development of Crown Works Studios, which it is estimated will create 8,000 new jobs regionally in a wide range of fields and professions. The proposed Studios will one of the largest in Europe, with 20 sound stages located on the south bank of the River Wear generating in the region of £336m a year.

Sharon Appleby of the Sunderland Improvement District (BID) updated us on the work of the BID in supporting local businesses in the city. This included events such as the Summer Food and Drink Festival and the March Restaurant Week, together with a summer and seasonal programme of family activities. We were pleased to note that following the Covid pandemic, footfall and retail spending in the city centre has begun the process of recovery and that the development of Sunderland Riverside should provide an added impetus for the growth of the independent retail sector.

The Committee also received an update from Natasha McDonagh, Sunderland Chamber of Commerce and Rhiannon Bearne, North East Chamber of Commerce on economic challenges facing the city and the region. These included long term recovery from the Covid pandemic, the challenges for many businesses arising from the UK's exit from the European Union and the nationwide downturn in the high street retail sector. However, on a positive note, it was felt that the Sunderland economy retained strong foundations and that many opportunities existed, particularly in the engineering, manufacturing and the software sectors.

The Committee received an update on a wide range of events organised in the city, including the Festival of Light, the Triathlon and the Kings Coronation. It was noted that moving forward a greater emphasis would be placed on facilitating smaller community based events with a wider geographical spread which were less at risk at cancellation and often more cost effective. The Council was also looking to work more closely with local communities and partners such as the BID,

Last year, the Committee was consulted on the refresh of the Council's Housing Strategy. This year, the Committee has focused on the progress being made in a number of key areas; including the approach being taken to dealing with Empty Properties and the operation and challenges facing the Council's homelessness service. The Committee commended the efforts of staff in an area of work that was seeing increasingly higher pressure and demand.

The Committee met with representatives from social housing providers including Gentoo, Thirteen Group, Believe, Karbon Homes and Bernicia to discuss the challenges they face and any operational issues relating to housing management. The issues raised included the treatment of and responsiveness to complaints, the effect on residents of the cost of living crises, anti-social behaviour, stock condition and damp and mould. We heard that increases in building costs had also had an impact;

it was now considerably more expensive to build houses and it was becoming increasingly difficult to attract and retain skilled workers. Substantial investment was being made in the sustainability agenda, with there being a drive for greater energy efficiency and reduced carbon emissions.

Members stressed the importance of ensuring clear lines of communication between housing associations and their tenants and also between housing associations and local councillors. It was noted that partnership working between housing associations was good and that the Council's housing team was now holding formal group meetings in order to discuss housing issues in the city.

In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee asked for an update on operation of Environmental Services within the city and its plans for the future. We heard that the Pallion Household Waste & Recycling Centre had now opened and was proving a great success. The Refuse Electric RCV had begun operations and the fleet service had introduced 24 new refuse collection vehicles during the year. Cemetery regulations have been improved and remedial works to cemetery lawn sections were ongoing.

The Committee views was sought on the Food and Food Controls Service Plan 2023/2026. This document will provide the basis for undertaking food safety enforcement and ensuring standards of cleanliness and food hygiene across the city. The Committee commended staff on their hard work in this important area of work.

Toward the end of the year, the Committee considered the Council's Road Safety Annual Report 2022 which provided details of a range of road safety works and initiatives, including the introduction of road safety schemes, educational programmes, training courses and road safety campaigns. The report also provided data analysis relating to accidents and collisions which at this point remain relatively stable.

In 2022, the Committee was consulted on the Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). This document sets out the long-term approach to the development of local cycling and walking networks in the city. As part of this year's work programme, the Committee received an update on the planned programme of infrastructure improvements to the cycling network. The Committee emphasised the importance of consulting with local communities before such works are undertaken.

In March 2019, the Council declared a climate emergency. In response, a city-wide 2030 Shadow Board was established, bringing together partners from across the city, with the ambition of the city becoming carbon neutral by 2040 and the Council carbon neutral by 2030. The Committee received a report on the progress being made on the Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan that reflected the importance of fully involving partners from throughout the city if the goals are to be achieved.

All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the Committee. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Committee and everyone else involved for their hard work and commitment, together with the relevant Cabinet portfolio holders who attended and contributed to the meetings during the year.

Councillor Mark Burrell
Chair of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 APRIL 2024

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO- ORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2023-24 municipal year.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 The work programme is intended to be a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year, allowing it to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee can undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 In delivering its work programme the Committee will support the Council in achieving its corporate outcomes

3. Current position

- 3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2023-24.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.
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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2023-24

REASON FOR INCLUSION	1 JUNE 23 (INFORMAL MEETING)	11 JULY 23	12 SEPTEMBER 23	10 OCTOBER 23	7 NOVEMBER/ 21 NOVEMBER 23	5 DECEMBER 23	9 JANUARY 24	6 FEBRUARY 24	5 MARCH 24	9 APRIL 24
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses			Food Law Plan (Marion Dixon)							Scrutiny Annual Report
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Empty Properties (Graham Scanlan) Work Programme 23-24 - Feedback		Triathlon Feedback (Victoria French/Portfolio holder)	Housing Provider Consultation (Gentoo)/ (Other Housing Providers)	Environmental Services Update (Marc Morley) Regeneration of City – Update (Neil Guthrie Anthony Crabb/Portfolio holder)	Sunderland BID/Chamber of Commerce (Sharon Appleby/ (Natasha McDonough) Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld/Portfolio holder) Road Safety Annual Report (Paul Muir)	Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball) UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland) Screen Industries – Update (Catherine Auld)	Cycling Infrastructure (Mark Wilson) Housing Update (Graham Scanlan) Draft Sunnyside Masterplan (Dan Hattle) (NB – Informal Session)	Highways Maintenance (Graham Carr/Tim Smith) Siglion (Neil Guthrie)
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-24

To Programme:

Licensing Policy Review (Marion Dixon) (July 24)
 Accessibility of the City Centre (Craig Mordue) (tbc)
 City Heat Networks (Peter Graham) (tbc)
 Business Centres (Catherine Auld) (tbc)

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS SUPPORT
CO-ORDINATOR****1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting: -

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter*	Address to obtain further information
221006/744	To seek agreement to enter into the Northumbria Road Safety Initiative Partnership and Collaboration Agreement.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230428/799	To seek approval for Housing Strategy for Sunderland 2023 - 2030	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230818/831	To update Cabinet on the Masterplan proposals for High Street West, Sunderland and to seek approval to appoint a Multi-disciplinary Design Team to progress the feasibility, design and planning work to develop the Project.	Cabinet	Yes	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230927/840	To Seek Cabinet Approval for the Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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231116/856	To consider Housing Investment and Delivery Plan Housing Disposals	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231120/857	To approve works to address storm damage to pier	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231211/863	To provide an update on the former Civic Centre site	Cabinet	Y	During the period 31 January to 31 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240108/867	To approve the Community Asset Transfer Policy	Cabinet	N	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240115/868	To seek approval to the partnership with Salvation Army in the creation of a Homeless Hub	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240116/869	To consider the review of Public Spaces Protection Orders	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240118/870	To procure a developer for the Sheepfolds Neighbourhood of Riverside Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240119/871	To seek approval to enter into a new operating agreement with Sunderland BID Ltd for the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2029	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240119/872	To seek acknowledgement of the Homes England Compliance Report	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240122/873	To receive an update on Sunnyside Regeneration Activity and to approve the Sunnyside Place Strategy	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240122/874	To procure consultants to deliver the Sunnyside Place Strategy	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240122/875	To provide an update on the delivery proposals for Riverside Park Sunderland and seek authority to proceed with procurement and construction of the first phases of work	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240126/876	To consider the updated Local Welfare Provision Policy and Discretionary Housing Payment Policy	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240201/877	To seek approval to procure works and award contracts for construction of a new school building for Thorney Close Primary School	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240201/878	To seek approval for the proposed maintained school admission arrangements for the academic year September 2025-2026	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240202/879	To approve Council Tax Premiums and Discounts	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240205/880	To approve the Highways Maintenance (including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2024-2025	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240205/881	To seek approval to procure training providers to deliver the devolved Adult Education Budget – academic year 2024/2025	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240205/882	To seek approval to receive external funding to develop new sport and physical activity 'playZones' across the city.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240206/883	To seek approval to award funding to Third Sector organisations providing social care related services	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240208/884	To seek Cabinet approval for the letting of buildings at Hillthorn Business Park and Washington Road	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240208/885	To seek approval to transfer external grant funding to SLM to support additional revenue and capital costs incurred at the Hetton Community Pool and Wellness Centre	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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240208/886	To approve a delivery model for the provision of Biodiversity Net Gain ("BNG") including the use of Council owned land and the passporting of monies secured from third parties for the delivery of BNG.	Cabinet	Y	14 March 2024	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Democratic Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
240209/887	To seek approval to procure and appoint an Electric Vehicle Charge-point Operator to deliver Residential Community Charging Hubs	Cabinet	Y	During the period 14 March to 30 June 2024	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Democratic Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Democratic Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City; Councillor John Price – Vibrant City; Councillor Linda Williams – Children, Education and Skills.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

14 February 2024