

At a meeting of the ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY, 17TH JUNE, 2010 at 6.00 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Miller in the Chair

Councillors Ball, Bonallie, E. Gibson, Kelly, Padgett, Tye, L. Walton, Wood and A. Wright

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Wakefield.

Minutes of the Last Meeting of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee held on 26th April, 2010

Councillor Tye stated that the possibility of a report on Events Safety had been discussed however this had not been recorded in the minutes. He had also not received a response.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the committee were agreed and signed as a correct record subject to the inclusion of the above amendment.

Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

Chairman's Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, especially those Members who had been newly appointed to the Committee.

Household Alterations and Extensions Supplementary Planning Document

The Deputy Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which advised Members of the responses received following public consultation and which sought the Committee's views on the revised supplementary planning document.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Keith Lowes, Head of Planning and Environment, presented the report and advised that the Committee's comments would be reported to Cabinet on 21st July, 2010, when the Cabinet would be asked to approve the draft Household Alterations and Extensions Supplementary Planning Document.

The Document set out detailed design guidance on alterations and extensions to existing residential properties and was intended to help achieve consistency in determining planning applications while allowing for local characteristics and the effect of previous decisions to be taken into account.

The Cabinet had approved the draft document for public consultation on 7th October, 2009 and the public consultation had been undertaken during March 2010. The document would now go back to Cabinet to be adopted.

The Chairman stated that he was pleased to see such a simple document which would be able to be used by everyone.

2. RESOLVED that the amended draft Household Alterations and Extensions Supplementary Planning Document be received and noted and the comments of the Committee be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Sunderland City Council Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA) 2010-2025

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which allowed the Committee to give consideration to the report of the Deputy Chief Executive on the Strategic Housing Land Assessment that was approved by the Cabinet on 2nd June, 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Neil Cole, Planning Policy Manager, presented the report and advised Members that the SHLAA was not a policy document in its own right but informed the Core Strategy and Allocations Development Plan Document of the Local Development Framework (LDF). The targets set out in the SHLAA were based on the targets set in the Regional Spatial Strategy (RSS), which set the targets for the whole region. The Government intended to abolish the Regional Spatial Strategy.

The Chairman queried whether the new policies would be more flexible than the RSS.

Mr Cole advised that the policies needed to be more flexible; the RSS had not been flexible enough and had not been able to respond to the changes following the economic downturn.

Councillor A. Wright asked whether the brownfield sites would be land which was new housing land or whether it would be the land which had been cleared during the regeneration programmes.

Mr Cole advised that the brownfield land was a mix of both. The net change in housing capacity on cleared sites had been taken into account during the assessment.

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Annual Work Programme and Policy Review 2010-11

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which allowed Members to determine the work programme for the Committee for 2010-11 and to agree a main theme for a detailed policy review.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Lancaster, Acting Scrutiny Officer, presented the report and advised that the report would be considered in two sections with consideration being given to the work programme and then the policy review being considered separately.

The remit of the Committee was set out in the report and the Committee was responsible for setting its own work programme.

Councillor Tye asked whether, following Cabinet approval, the 20mph zones pilot would be referred back to the Committee.

The Chairman confirmed that it would be coming back to the Committee in September.

The Chairman then advised that he felt it would be preferable to programme most of the existing work toward the start of the year to ensure that there was a more even spread of work and ensure that there was enough time at the later meetings to fully discuss all of the reports.

The Members agreed the draft Work Programme for 2010-11.

Ms Lancaster then introduced the policy review section of the report. At the Annual Scrutiny Conference held on 20th May, 2010 potential topics had been discussed. These six proposed potential topics were listed in the report.

The Chairman commented that the topics were listed in the report in order of popularity.

Councillor E. Gibson moved that the Committee study Sunderland 'The Place' as the main policy review topic for the year.

Councillor Tye seconded this.

The Chairman stated that people thought of Newcastle as being a city of culture. There was a need to identify what Sunderland had to offer to tourists and effectively promote the attractions. Sunderland was a beautiful city with numerous visitor attractions however visitors did not come to the city and there was a need to address the reasons why people did not come to the city.

Ms Lancaster confirmed that a report would be brought back to Committee in September which would scope the policy review of Sunderland 'the Place'

Councillor Wood commented that recycling and public transport both had items already on the Work Programme for the coming year. He suggested that the Committee could consider Traffic Management as well.

The Chairman stated that the Committee had looked at a lot of transport issues in recent years. Traffic Management could be kept in mind as a potential topic for consideration later in the year.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- a. The draft Work Programme for 2010-11 be approved.
- b. Sunderland 'The Place' be studied as the Committee's Policy Review topic.

Request to Attend Seminar – Centre for Public Scrutiny 8th Annual Conference and Exhibition

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which requested Members to consider nominating delegates to attend the Centre for Public Scrutiny's 8th Annual Conference and Exhibition to be held on 30th June – 1st July, 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Helen Lancaster, Acting Scrutiny Officer, presented the report and advised the Committee that the details of the conference were attached to the report. The Chairman would be attending in his capacity as Chair of the regional Integrated Transport Authority and his place would be funded by that body. Any additional places would be funded from the Scrutiny Committee's budget.

Councillor Tye suggested that the Vice-Chairman, Councillor A. Wright, should attend the conference.

Councillor Bonallie expressed an interest in attending the conference.

5. RESOLVED that Councillors Bonallie and A. Wright attend the Centre for Public Scrutiny 8th Annual Conference and Exhibition.

Forward Plan – Key Decisions for the Period 1 June 2010 – 30 September 2010

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided Members with an opportunity to consider the items within the Committee's remit which were included in the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 June 2010 to 30 September 2010.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Sarah Abernethy, Acting Assistant Scrutiny Officer, presented the report and advised Members that there had been an updated Forward Plan published which covered the period 1 July 2010 to 31 October 2010. The items within the remit of the Committee had been circulated to Members.

6. RESOLVED that report be received and noted and consideration be given to the Executive's Forward Plan.

(Signed) G. MILLER,
Chairman.

**SUNDERLAND 'THE PLACE' POLICY REVIEW
2010/11: DRAFT SCOPING REPORT**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES: SP5: ATTRACTIVE AND INCLUSIVE CITY

CORPORATE PRIORITIES: C101: Delivering Customer Focussed Services, C102: Being 'One Council', C103: Efficient and Effective Council, C104: Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to put forward proposals and seek agreement from members in relation to the forthcoming policy review into Sunderland 'the Place'.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Annual Scrutiny Conference was held at the Marriott Hotel on 20 May 2010. During the Scrutiny Café sessions a number of viable policy reviews were formulated for discussion by members of the Committee. At the meeting on 17 June 2010, following discussions regarding the Annual Work Programme and Policy Review, the Committee agreed to focus on Sunderland 'the Place' as its Policy Review for 2010/11.
- 2.2 Members agreed that the study should focus on a number of key themes including; understanding the identity, image and brand of the city; exploring current activity taking place across the city in positioning and branding Sunderland; identifying what local residents see as the identity of the city; and understanding the position of Sunderland as a place, both regionally and nationally.
- 2.4 The concept of place identity deals with the interaction between the question of who we are and where we are, and how our local environment, including geographical location, ethnic traditions, family heritage, and educational background influence our lives.
- 2.5 In order for a city to be a good brand, it must possess defining and distinctive characteristics that can be readily identified. These are functional as well as non-functional qualities including; the city's appearance; people's experience of the city; people's belief in the city; what the city stands for; and what kind of people inhabit the city.
- 2.6 The shared vision set out in the Sunderland Strategy 2008-2025 states that by 2025:

Sunderland will be a welcoming, internationally recognised city where people have the opportunity to fulfil their aspirations for a healthy, safe and prosperous future.

Place shaping is a vital part of achieving the vision set out for the city and incorporates many elements of activity across the city including; the Legible City agenda; Street Scene, the behaviours of customers and residents, the, retail offer, facilities, marketing, advertising and the role of the media.

3. The Scrutiny Review Process

3.1 Scrutiny reviews will carry out a number of stages in undertaking and completing a review. The stages broadly are:

Stage 1 Scope The initial stage of the review identifies the background, issues, potential outcomes and timetable for the review.

Stage 2 Investigate The Committee gathers evidence using a variety of tools and techniques and arranges visits where appropriate.

Stage 3 Analyse The key trends and issues are highlighted from the evidence gathered by the Committee.

Stage 4 Clarify The Committee discusses and identifies the principal messages of the review from the work undertaken.

Stage 5 Recommend The Committee formulates and agrees realistic recommendations.

Stage 6 Report Draft and final reports are prepared based on the evidence, findings and recommendations.

Stage 7 Monitor The Committee monitors recommendations on a regularly agreed basis.

4. Overall Aim of the Scrutiny Policy Review

4.1 To understand the concept of Sunderland ‘the Place’ and the associated issues around its identity and image, as well as the perceptions people have of Sunderland.

5. Proposed Terms of Reference for the Scrutiny Policy Review

- 5.1 The draft Terms of Reference for the policy review are proposed:-
- (a) To explore what it means to have a strong sense of place, how important this is for Sunderland, and what benefits this may bring;
 - (b) To gain an understanding of the current activity being undertaken within the City Council and across partner organisations with regard to developing a sense of place;
 - (c) To examine the role and responsibilities of the City Council and partners in developing and implementing a strong sense of place for the city;
 - (d) To understand Sunderland's 'story', where the city is positioned now and the image and identity the City Council and partners are aspiring to and working towards;
 - (e) To investigate how people who live, work and study in the city view Sunderland, the place;
 - (f) To investigate the approaches taken by other local authorities where there is evidence of success and progress; and
 - (g) To gain an understanding of Sunderland's position both regionally and nationally, and ensure that the city is being represented appropriately by external bodies including the media

6. Potential Areas of Enquiry and Sources of Evidence

- 6.1 The Scrutiny Committee can invite a variety of people, key stakeholders and interested parties to provide written or oral evidence in order that a balanced and focused range of recommendations can be formulated. A list of potential witnesses, though not exhaustive, is included for Members information:
- (a) Relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders;
 - (b) Director of Communications and Marketing;
 - (c) Head of Culture and Tourism;
 - (d) Other local authorities with evidence of best practice and success;
 - (e) Chair of the Sunderland Partnership
 - (f) Key stakeholders and representatives on the City Marketing Board (eg. Sunderland SAFC, Sunderland University and City of Sunderland College)
 - (g) People who live, work and study in the city;

- (h) Representatives of minority communities of interest;
- (i) Ward Councillors;
- (j) Local MPs;
- (k) External media bodies (e.g. the BBC, ITV and the Sunderland Echo); and
- (l) Organisations from the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS)

6.2 This year the Scrutiny Committees' Policy Reviews are looking at cross-cutting issues and opportunities may arise to undertake joint working as endorsed by the Chairs of the relevant Committees.

6.2 Community engagement plays a crucial role in the scrutiny process. Consideration will be given to how involvement can be structured in a way that the Committee encourages those views. If felt appropriate the Committee is able to co-opt an additional member to the Committee for the duration of the policy review. Regulations with regard to the co-opting of additional members can be found in the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook, Protocol 6: Protocol for the Appointment of Co-opted Members to Scrutiny Committees.

6.3 In addition, diversity issues have been considered in the background research for this enquiry under the Equality Standards for Local Government. As such the views of local diversity groups will be sought throughout the inquiry where felt appropriate and time allows. Consequently, consideration has been given as to how the views of people from minority communities of interest or heritage, which may not be gathered through the usual community engagement routes, can be included over the course of the inquiry.

7. Funding from the Dedicated Overview and Scrutiny Budget

7.1 Consideration has been given, through the background research for this scoping report of the need to use funding from the Committee's dedicated Overview and Scrutiny budget to aid Members in their enquiry.

7.2 At this stage it is suggested that funding may be necessary to support the following activities:

- (a) Key witnesses;
- (b) Engagement with voluntary and statutory organisations;
- (c) Engagement with the public, possibly through the use of the City Council's Community Spirit Panel;
- (d) General publicity;
- (e) Visits (as necessary) to deliver effective scrutiny; and
- (f) Task and Finish activities.

8. Proposed Timetable of the Scrutiny Investigation

- 8.1 The following scheduled meetings will include evidence gathering for the study:

Setting the Scene - September 2010

Evidence Gathering - October 2010 to February 2011

Consideration of Draft Final Report - March 2011

Consideration of Final Report by the Scrutiny Committee - April 2011

Consideration of Final Report by the Cabinet/Council- June 2011
(tentative date)

- 8.2 Additional working group meetings are likely to be necessary to complete the evidence gathering.

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 Members are recommended to discuss and agree the scope of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee's policy review for 2010/11 as outlined in the report.
- 9.2 Members are also asked to decide upon the membership of any Task and Finish Group deemed necessary to focus on specific work within the review that lends itself to that way of working.

Background Papers

Sunderland Strategy 2008-2025

http://environmentpsychology.com/place_identity.htm

Overview and Scrutiny Handbook

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**HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE: ADDITIONAL FUNDING AND THE IMPACT OF
THE WINTER WEATHER ON THE HIGHWAY NETWORK**

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to:
- i. Update the committee on the proposed works for 2010/2011 in relation to the allocation of additional funds for Highway Maintenance.
 - ii. Inform the committee on the spend profile for footway and carriageway works from the mainstream capital and revenue budget for 2009/2010 and 2010/2011.
 - iii. Inform the committee of the impact on the highway network caused by the exceptional winter weather.

Part A Additional funds for Highway Maintenance

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A report to the Environment and Community Services Review Committee, on 14th October 2002, highlighted the need for additional investment in highway maintenance to address 'areas of highway at risk.' To date, through the support of the Committee an additional £2.76 million has been invested in maintaining the city's roads and footways. This contribution has assisted in improving the condition of the highway network resulting in the city's roads being in the top 5% nationally according to the latest Audit Commission reports. In addition the number of claims made, for accidents on the highway network, since the additional investment commenced has reduced significantly from over 700 in 2003-2004 to 214 in 2009-2010.
- 2.1 At its meeting in February 2010 Cabinet recommended to Council that an additional £400,000 be made available for investment in Highway Maintenance.
- 2.2 Cabinet, at its meeting on 21st July 2010, will be requested to approve the 2010/2011 schedule of highway maintenance works to be funded by the additional £400,000. Details of the 'spend by treatment type' are outlined in Appendix A.
- 2.4 In carrying out its programme of works the Council has consulted and worked with Gentoo as the majority of 'areas of highway at risk' are in locations in which it is the registered social landlord.

3.0 CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Appendix B lists the proposed spend profile by Regeneration Areas for 2010/2011. Funding has been spent in all Regeneration Areas since 2003 and this has been noted in previous reports. It should be noted that the spend profile may vary slightly through the year depending on the type of works undertaken and the associated actual costs. The work continues to be prioritised in order to minimise risk to the public. Photographs in Appendix C illustrate some of the risks that the funding will be used to address. Photographs in Appendix D illustrate some of the completed schemes from 2009/10.
- 3.2 As work is undertaken on site other maintenance works maybe identified and these will be funded from existing Highway Maintenance Budgets. Managing the works this way will ensure that economies of scale can be achieved as well as reducing disruption to the public.
- 3.3 Continued liaison with Gentoo will ensure that any works to improve areas 'off highway' are carried out at the same time resulting in an enhanced environment for all. These works would be funded by Gentoo.
- 3.4 It has been estimated that a further £2.8million was required to address outstanding and new risks. It is therefore expected that although this year's allocation will be expended not all of the original risks identified will be addressed and further investment will be required. Allocations made to date have been made against a background of tight budgetary constraint. Any case for additional funding or bid for 2011/2012 will be considered as part of the preparation and consideration of the council's medium term financial strategy.

4.0 FINANCIAL PROFILE

- 4.1 Appendix E identifies the amount allocated to footway and carriageway maintenance schemes and routine repairs from the Capital and Revenue mainstream budgets of £3,370,056 for 2009/2010 and £3,512,000 for 2010/2011. The figures include the elements from the budget of additional resources of £360,000 and £400,000 for the respective financial years and which are detailed in the Cabinet reports 29th July 2009 and 21st July 2010. The figures in Appendix E do not include the highway maintenance budgets for drainage, road markings, safety fence and emergency repairs as they do not contribute towards the length of footway or carriageway surfaced. The spend profile may alter during the year due to new risks being identified and associated changes in priorities.

Part B The Impact of the Winter Weather on the Highway Network

5.0 BACKGROUND

- 5.1 The winter of 2009-10 has been recognised as the worst for 30 years. The prolonged winter weather and the successive action of freezing and thawing caused severe damage to the highway network. Most of the

damage that has occurred is visible in the form of potholes whilst elsewhere damage to the foundations of the roads has remained unseen but is likely to manifest itself through structural failure in the near future.

- 5.2 Freezing conditions are a regular occurrence on UK roads throughout most average winter periods and usually the freeze/thaw periods last a few days at a time, meaning that the extent of any damage is minor and manageable. However, the prolonged severe conditions from mid December 2009 to the end of February 2010 meant that this damaging cycle continued for longer than normal. The resulting damage has not only received national media attention but as, would be expected, generated many local reports from residents and road users. The Council has responded to ensure that the priority for action has been to repair potholes to ensure the safety of road users. This placed a burden on routine maintenance budgets. We continue to identify damage caused as a consequence of the winter weather.

6.0 DETAIL

- 6.1 During the winter period the council received over 1400 reports from members of the public which represents a two fold increase on similar periods over previous years. There was also a marked increase in the number of claims for damage to vehicles from 11 to 42 compared to the same period last year.
- 6.2 This resulted in over 1170 emergency repairs being carried out. The cost of these repairs resulted in additional expenditure of approximately £130,000 on the highway maintenance revenue budget and £156,000 on the capital budget for 2009-2010. The additional expenditure has been contained within the respective City Services revenue budgets and the Local Transport Plan.
- 6.3 A recent condition survey of the unclassified residential highway network identified over 4,500 potholes which were in addition to those which had been repaired. An estimate of the cost to carry out permanent repairs of these potholes is £250,000.
- 6.4 In March, the previous government recognised the problems caused by the severe winter and made £100 million available across the UK to help address the issue. Sunderland's allocation is £293,000. However the new Government have indicated that this grant, as with all new grants announced this year, is potentially at risk under the spending review to be announced in the Autumn. If the grant is fully or partially allocated later in the year, it will be left to the authority to determine whether the funding will remain ringfenced for this purpose.
- 6.5 The council attended to approximately 1000 potholes in 2008/09 at a cost of £216k whilst in 2009/10 approximately 5,000 potholes were fixed at a cost of £318k. There remains, as a consequence of the winter, 4,500 potholes in need of attention which will cost an estimated £250k to repair. The additional £293,000 would clearly cover the cost of repairing the potholes and also allow for some significant structural road repairs should the funding be released.

6.6 In 2009/10 allocations of £460k, from the highway maintenance budget, were used to deal with all emergency carriageway and footway repairs as well as £85k for programmed road patching. This year the patching amount has been increased to £180k with the emergency repairs allocation remaining broadly the same. Any further re-prioritisation of the highway maintenance budget would impact on other areas of the service such as programmed scheme work, roadmarkings or drainage work for example. Without the additional government grant for the potholes, the repair programme will take longer to complete, running into 2 possibly 3 financial years.

7.0 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

7.1 The Committee is requested to note the contents of this report and continue its support for additional funding in highway maintenance.

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 Environment and Community Services Review Committee Report dated 14th October 2002.

8.2 Cabinet Report dated 15th February 2006

8.3 Cabinet Report dated 14th February 2007.

8.4 Cabinet Report dated 11th July 2007

8.5 Cabinet Report dated 26th June 2008

8.6 Cabinet Report dated 29th July 2009

8.7 Cabinet Report dated 21st July 2010

APPENDIX A

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Table showing budget proposed spend by treatment type.

Treatment Type	Cost £
Surfacing (Carriageway)	87,000
Surfacing (Footway)	100,000
Tile Removal/replacement	20,000
Trips	25,000
Kerbing	25,000
Verge works	15,000
Guardrails etc	20,000
Drainage	72,000
Miscellaneous	36,000
Total	400,000

APPENDIX B

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Table showing budget proposed spend by Regeneration Area.

Cost summary by Regeneration Area	Cost £
Sunderland East	40,000
Coalfield	111200
Sunderland West	81,400
Washington	100,000
Citywide various	67,400
TOTAL	400,000

APPENDIX C

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Photographs illustrating some of the risks to be addressed i.e. trips, slips and deteriorating surfaces



APPENDIX D

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

Photographs illustrating some of the completed schemes. Risks eliminated include trips and falls due to a marked difference in height



APPENDIX E

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CITY SERVICES

2009-2010 SPEND PROFILE

The table below identifies the spend profile from the mainstream Capital and Revenue Budget for 2009/2010 for footway and carriageway schemes and routine repairs including the additional funding of £400,000k.

Budget		Length surfaced	
Footway	Carriageway	Footway	Carriageway
£	£	km	km
1,726,056	1,644,000	7.61	12.61

2010-2011 SPEND PROFILE

The table below shows the spend profile from the mainstream Capital and Revenue - Budget for 2010/2011 for footway and carriageway schemes and routine repairs including the additional funding of £400,000k.

Budget		Length surfaced	
Footway	Carriageway	Footway	Carriageway
£	£	km	km
1,800,900	1,711,100	6.76	13.84

ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

CITY OF SUNDERLAND UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALTERATION No. 2 (CENTRAL SUNDERLAND): ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAVING POLICIES

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

12 JULY 2010

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive that was approved by Cabinet on 24 June 2010.
- 1.2 The report, attached as **Appendix 1** has been included on the agenda in order to allow the Committee to note and provide comment on the City of Sunderland Unitary Development Plan Alteration No. 2 (Central Sunderland): Arrangements for Saving Policies.

2. INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 2.1 On 24 June 2010, Cabinet considered the attached report and agreed and endorsed the attached schedule outlining Unitary Development Plan Alteration No.2 policies to be saved; and authorised officers to make appropriate arrangements for submitting the schedule of saved policies to the Government Office for the North East.
- 2.2 Sunderland's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) was adopted in September 1998. As the statutory development plan for the city, one of its key functions is to provide a starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development or use of land. Due to the need to provide a more up-to-date planning framework for the Central Sunderland area, a partial revision of the UDP policies for this area was required. This was taken forward through the statutory planning process as a formal Alteration to the UDP (*Alteration No. 2*) and was adopted by the City Council in September 2007.
- 2.3 The Alteration was prepared under Transitional Provisions contained in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This meant that the policies in the Alteration only had a three-year lifespan after their adoption; i.e. they would expire in September 2010. To ensure that the policies remain in force beyond this date, they now need to be "saved".
- 2.4 The attached schedule outlines the suggested approach to identify individual Alteration policies for saving. In effect, it is recommended that all the Alteration policies are saved.

- 2.5 Once they have been saved, the Alteration policies will continue to be used in determining planning applications and steering development in the Central Sunderland area. In the longer term they will be replaced by appropriate policies brought forward through the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and associated Allocations Development Plan Document. The programme for these documents is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Committee note, and provide comment on the content of the Cabinet report.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 4.1 Cabinet Agenda and Minutes 24 June 2010

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<p>CABINET – 24 JUNE 2010</p> <p>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY SHEET – PART I</p>	
<p>Title of Report: CITY OF SUNDERLAND UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALTERATION No. 2 (CENTRAL SUNDERLAND): ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAVING POLICIES</p>	
<p>Author: DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE</p>	
<p>Purpose of Report: This report seeks approval of those adopted Unitary Development Plan Alteration No. 2 (Central Sunderland) policies that the Council wishes to save beyond September 2010.</p>	
<p>Description of Decision: Cabinet is requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Agree and endorse the attached schedule outlining UDP Alteration No. 2 policies to be saved; ii) Authorise officers to make appropriate arrangements for submitting the schedule of saved policies to the Government Office for the North East. 	
<p>Is the decision consistent with the Budget/ Policy Framework? Yes</p>	
<p>If not, Council approval is required to change the Budget/ Policy Framework</p>	
<p>Suggested reason for Decision: A decision is required in order to comply with the requirement to prepare and submit a list of UDP Alteration No. 2 policies that the Council wishes to save to GO-NE.</p>	
<p>Alternative options to be considered and recommended to be rejected: Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Transitional Provisions) all adopted Alteration No. 2 policies will expire after September 2010. It is crucial to save those listed policies in order to ensure continuity in the planning of Central Sunderland pending adoption of the Local Development Framework (LDF); consequently no alternative options can be recommended.</p>	
<p>Is this a “Key Decision” as defined in the Constitution? Yes</p>	<p>Relevant Scrutiny Committee: Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee</p>
<p>Is it included in the Forward Plan? Yes</p>	<p>Planning and Highways Committee</p>

CITY OF SUNDERLAND UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALTERATION No. 2 (CENTRAL SUNDERLAND): ARRANGEMENTS FOR SAVING POLICIES

REPORT OF THE DEPUTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report seeks approval of those adopted Unitary Development Plan Alteration No. 2 (Central Sunderland) policies that the Council wishes to save beyond September 2010.

2.0 Description of Decision

- 2.1 Cabinet is requested to:-
- i) Agree and endorse the attached schedule outlining Unitary Development Plan Alteration No.2 policies to be saved;
 - ii) Authorise officers to make appropriate arrangements for submitting the schedule of saved policies to the Government Office for the North East.

3.0 Background and Current Position

- 3.1 Sunderland's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) was adopted in September 1998. As the statutory development plan for the City, one of its key functions is to provide a starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development or use of land. Due to the need to provide a more up-to-date planning framework for the Central Sunderland area, a partial revision of the UDP policies for this area was required. This was taken forward through the statutory planning process as a formal Alteration to the UDP (*Alteration No. 2*) and was adopted by the City Council in September 2007.
- 3.2 The Alteration was prepared under Transitional Provisions contained in the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This meant that the policies in the Alteration only had a three-year lifespan after their adoption; i.e. they would expire in September 2010. To ensure that the policies remain in force beyond this date, they now need to be "saved".
- 3.3 Guidance was released by the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) in 2006 which informs local planning authorities on the procedure whereby policies will be saved. The guidance sets out a range of criteria against which policies need to be assessed. The Council has to submit a list of those policies it wishes to save to the Government Office for the North East (GO-NE). GO-NE will subsequently inform the Council on the outcome. It should be noted that the policies of the adopted UDP were saved in this fashion in February 2007.

- 3.4 If the September deadline is missed, the key effect would be that the adopted Alteration policies which allocate land for specific end uses would cease to have any statutory weight after September 2010. Due to the emergence of the Alteration, the UDP policies for sites in Central Sunderland were not saved along with the other UDP policies in 2007. Without a local planning policy framework, development proposals in Central Sunderland would have to be assessed purely on their merits against national planning guidance and the Regional Spatial Strategy. This would have the following significant impacts:-
- The Council's ability to make effective decisions affecting the control of development in the City would be reduced;
 - The level of uncertainty over decisions would increase with a potentially stronger case for applicants to challenge refusals;
 - Unnecessary delays would be added to the decision making process with the obvious knock-on effects for the Council meeting Government targets for determining planning applications.
- 3.5 The attached schedule outlines the suggested approach to identify individual Alteration policies for saving. In effect, it is recommended that all the Alteration policies are saved. The schedule is based on the guidance in the DCLG Protocol regarding issues to be taken into account, which was re-iterated in the revised Planning Policy Guidance Note on Spatial Planning issued in June 2008 (PPS12). These are that:-
- i) There is a clear central strategy;
 - ii) The policy has regard to the Community Strategy;
 - iii) The policy is in conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy;
 - iv) There are effective policies for areas where significant change in the use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged;
 - v) The policy is necessary and does not merely repeat national or regional policy.
- 3.6 Policies will also be assessed against wider Central Government objectives for housing delivery, town centre regeneration, waste management, climate change and renewable energy.
- 3.7 GO-NE will assess the request to save the Alteration policies in the light of the above criteria and their consistency with national policy, and notify the Council accordingly.
- 3.8 Once they have been saved, the Alteration policies will continue to be used in determining planning applications and steering development in the Central Sunderland area. In the longer term they will be replaced by appropriate policies brought forward through the Local Development Framework Core Strategy and associated Allocations Development Plan Document. The programme for these documents is set out in the Council's Local Development Scheme.

4.0 Reason for Decision

- 4.1 A decision is required in order to comply with the requirement to prepare and submit a list of UDP Alteration No. 2 policies that the Council wishes to save to GO-NE.

5.0 Alternative Options

- 5.1 Under the provisions of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 (Transitional Provisions) all adopted Alteration No. 2 policies will expire in September 2010. It is crucial to save those listed policies in order to ensure continuity in the planning of Central Sunderland pending adoption of the LDF; consequently no alternative options can be recommended.

6.0 Relevant Consultations/ Considerations

- a) **Financial Implications** – The saving of Alteration No. 2 policies will not involve any direct costs.
- b) **Legal Implications** – The schedule of saved policies has been prepared in accordance with the DCLG Protocol and Government Guidance. The Chief Solicitor has been consulted and his views incorporated into the body of this report.

7.0 Background Papers

PPS12: Local Spatial Planning (June 2008)
Adopted UDP Alteration No.2 (September 2007)
Protocol for Handling Proposals to save Adopted UDP Policies DCLG (August 2006)
Adopted Unitary Development Plan (September 1998)

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City of Sunderland Unitary Development Plan Alteration No.2 (Central Sunderland)

Saved policies

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**CITY OF SUNDERLAND UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN:
ALTERATION No.2 (CENTRAL SUNDERLAND)
SAVED POLICIES**

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Introduction

Sunderland's Unitary Development Plan (UDP) was adopted in September 1998. As the statutory development plan for the City, one of its key functions is to provide a starting point in the consideration of planning applications for the development or use of land. Due to the need to provide a more up-to-date planning framework for the Central Sunderland area, a partial revision of the UDP policies for this area was required. This was taken forward through the statutory planning process as a formal Alteration to the UDP (*Alteration No. 2*) and was adopted by the City Council in September 2007.

The Alteration was prepared under "Transitional Provisions" of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. This meant that the policies in the Alteration only had a three-year lifespan after their adoption; i.e. they would expire in September 2010. To ensure that the policies remain in force beyond this date, they now need to be "saved". This schedule outlines the Adopted UDP Alteration No. 2 policies the City Council wishes to save.

The schedule is based on the guidance in the Department of Communities and Local Government protocol (August 2006) regarding issues to be taken into account, which was re-iterated in the revised Planning Policy Guidance Note on Spatial Planning issued in June 2008 (PPS12); these are that:-

- i) There is a clear central strategy;
- ii) The policy has regard to the Community Strategy;
- iii) The policy is in conformity with the Regional Spatial Strategy;
- iv) There are effective policies for areas where significant change in the use or development of land or conservation of the area is envisaged;
- v) The policy is necessary and does not merely repeat national or regional policy.

Policies will also be assessed against wider Central Government objectives for housing delivery, town centre regeneration, waste management, climate change and renewable energy.

The schedule was considered and approved by the Cabinet of the City Council on 24 June 2010 and subsequently endorsed by full Council on 30 June 2010.

PART 1 POLICIES

Policy	Subject	Government criteria					Policies that the government will also have particular regard to					Comments
		Where appropriate there is a clear central strategy	Policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area	Policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy	Policies are for part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land is envisaged	Policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy	Policies that support the delivery of housing	Policies on Green Belt detailed boundaries	Policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres	Policies for waste management	Policies that promote renewable energy; reduce impact on climate change; and safeguard water resources	
EC5A	Comprehensive development sites	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	
EC5B	Strategic Locations for Change	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	
EC6A	Major Regional Developments	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	
EC10A	Regeneration of Central Sunderland	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	Regeneration of area is stated priority in emerging Core Strategy
H5A	Housing Allocation	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	Revised allocation being identified through emerging Core Strategy
S2A	Retail Development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	City Centre Retail Core taken forward in emerging Core Strategy

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		Where appropriate there is a clear central strategy	Policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area	Policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy	Policies are for part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land is envisaged	Policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy	Policies that support the delivery of housing	Policies on Green Belt detailed boundaries	Policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres	Policies for waste management	Policies that promote renewable energy; reduce impact on climate change; and safeguard water resources	
B2A	Sustainable Urban Design	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	Policy taken forward in emerging Core Strategy
B2B	Tall Buildings	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Policy taken forward in emerging Core Strategy
T1A	New Transport Investment	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
T2A	Modal Split	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	
T7A	River Wear	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
T23A	Parking Standards	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	

AREA PROPOSALS – SUNDERLAND SOUTH

Policy	Subject	Government criteria					Policies that the government will also have particular regard to					Comments
		Where appropriate there is a clear central strategy	Policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area	Policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy	Policies are for part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land is envisaged	Policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy	Policies that support the delivery of housing	Policies on Green Belt detailed boundaries	Policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres	Policies for waste management	Policies that promote renewable energy; reduce impact on climate change; and safeguard water resources	
SA6A.1	Former Groves site	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
SA6A.2	The Port	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
SA6B.1	Lisburn Terrace triangle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
SA6B.2	Pallion Yard	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
SA6B.3	Pallion Retail Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
SA52A	New Routes (SSTC)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Policy taken forward in emerging Core Strategy

AREA PROPOSALS – CITY CENTRE

Policy	Subject	Government criteria					Policies that the government will also have particular regard to					Comments
		Where appropriate there is a clear central strategy	Policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area	Policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy	Policies are for part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land is envisaged	Policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy	Policies that support the delivery of housing	Policies on Green Belt detailed boundaries	Policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres	Policies for waste management	Policies that promote renewable energy; reduce impact on climate change; and safeguard water resources	
SA55A.1	Holmeside Triangle	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as a Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
SA55A.2	Vaux/ Farringdon Row	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Strategic Site in emerging Core Strategy
SA55B.1	Sunniside	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
SA55B.2	City Centre West	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
SA55B.3	University – Chester Road Campus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
SA67A	Residential development	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
SA74A	Evening Economy	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	✓	Supplementary Planning Document adopted
SA97A	Public Parking	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	N/a	✓	N/a	-	

AREA PROPOSALS – SUNDERLAND NORTH

Policy	Subject	Government criteria					Policies that the government will also have particular regard to					Comments
		Where appropriate there is a clear central strategy	Policies have regard to the Community Strategy for the area	Policies are in general conformity with the regional spatial strategy	Policies are for part of the authority's area where significant change in the use or development of land is envisaged	Policies are necessary and do not merely repeat national or regional policy	Policies that support the delivery of housing	Policies on Green Belt detailed boundaries	Policies that support economic development and regeneration, including policies for retailing and town centres	Policies for waste management	Policies that promote renewable energy; reduce impact on climate change; and safeguard water resources	
NA3A.1	Stadium Park	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy Sites combined under Stadium Village Development Framework
NA3A.2	Sheepfolds	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	
NA3B.1	Bonnorsfield/ St. Peter's Campus	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Identified as Location for Strategic Development in emerging Core Strategy
NA28A	World Heritage Site	✓	✓	✓	✓	-	✓	N/a	✓	N/a	-	Management Plan being prepared

CONDITION OF FAWCETT ST

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with a detailed report concerning the condition of the Fawcett St area, following issues raised during the members tour of the area undertaken on 12 March 2010 and subsequent discussion at the Committee meeting of 15 March 2010.

2. Background

- 2.1 On 11 November 2009, the Committee agreed to include an additional item on its work programme on the condition of buildings at Fawcett Street and the general environment.
- 2.2 To support this work a baseline study of Fawcett St was undertaken and members completed a tour of the area on 12 March 2010.
- 2.3 At the meeting of the Committee on 15 March 2010, the Head of Planning and Environment advised Members of the findings which had centred on pavement provision, vehicular movement, street scene, built environment and economic factors.
- 2.4 Members agreed that a more detailed report would be brought to a meeting in the new municipal year (2010/11).

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Members will receive a detailed report in advance of the Scrutiny Meeting. At the meeting Members will be briefed by the Head of Planning and Environment.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive the report at Committee from the Head of Planning and Environment.

5. Background Papers

Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Minutes 2009/10

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PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION PROCESS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with details of the planning application consultation process of the City Council. The Head of Planning and Environment will provide the Committee with a report in advance of the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of the municipal year when the Committee was considering its work programme it was agreed that a report be submitted on the City Council's consultation process in respect of planning applications.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Members will receive a detailed report in advance of the Scrutiny Meeting. At the meeting Members will be briefed by the Head of Planning and Environment.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to receive the report at Committee from the Head of Planning and Environment.

5. Background Papers

None

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ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

FORWARD PLAN – KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 JULY 2010 – 31 OCTOBER 2010

REPORT OF THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE 12 JULY 2010

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 July 2010 – 31 October 2010 which relate to the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee.

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 Forward Plan) 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.
- 2.3 To this end, it has been agreed that, the most recent version of the Executive's Forward Plan should be included on the agenda of each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees. The Forward Plan for the period 1 July 2010 – 31 October 2010 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Following member's comments on the suitability of the Forward Plan being presented in its entirety to each committee it should be noted that only issues relating to the specific remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee are presented for information and comment.
- 3.2 For members information the remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee is as follows:-

Building Control, Unitary Development Plan, Place Shaping, Local Transport Plan, Coast Protection, Cemeteries and Crematorium, Grounds Maintenance, Management and Highways Services, Allotments.

- 3.3 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. Recommendations

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 July 2010 – 31 October 2010

4. Background Papers

None

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Forward Plan: Key Decisions from - 01/Jul/2010 to 31/Oct/2010
Items which fall within the remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01402	To adopt the Household Alterations and Extensions Document as Supplementary Planning Document.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	General Public, internal stakeholders (planning policy, development control) and external stakeholders	Letters and memos sent to statutory and non-statutory consultees. Public exhibition.	To contact officer by end of June - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee -	Household alterations and extensions supplementary planning document.	Allan Jones	5612545
01393	To consider the recommendations of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee following a review of allotment provision.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Council Officers, Allotment Holders and Associations	Evidence at Allotment Provision Working Group	Via the Contact Officer by 21 June 2010 - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Working Group minutes	Jim Diamond	5611396
01403	Accessible Bus Network Design Project - Outcome of Public Consultation (March - June 2010)	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City; Nexus; Chief Solicitor; Director of Financial Resources	Briefings; Meetings; e-mails	To contact officer by end of June - Environmental and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet Report	Bob Donaldson,	5611517

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01415	To approve the prioritisation and spend of the Highways Maintenance contingency funding for 2010/11.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Portfolio Holder for Attractive and Inclusive City; Gentoo	Report; Briefings	To contact officer by end of June - Environment and Attractive City	Report	Graham Carr	5611298
01090	To approve submission document & sustainability appraisal for development in the Hetton Downs area to form part of the Council's Local Development Framework.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Local residents, stakeholders, service providers, community reference group, Members	Meetings, briefings, letters, email, public exhibition, sunderland.gov.uk	Via contact officer by the end of June 2010 - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Cabinet report, report on preferred option consultation responses, submission document for Hetton Downs Area Action Plan, formal sustainability report.	Keith Lowes	5611564
01392	To consider the recommendations of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee following a review into the introduction of 20 mph zones in the City.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Council Officers, Police, Northumbria Road Safety Initiative, other local authorities	Evidence at Scrutiny Meetings and findings of Traffic Working Group	Via the Contact Officer by 21 June 2010 - Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee	Working Group minutes	Jim Diamond	5611396

No.	Description of Decision	Decision Taker	Anticipated Date of Decision	Principal Consultees	Means of Consultation	When and how to make representations and appropriate Scrutiny Committee	Documents to be considered	Contact Officer	Tel No
01412	To approve the procurement of specialist vehicles to be used in the waste and cleaning service.	Cabinet	21/Jul/2010	Corporate Procurement; Director of Financial Services; Chief Solicitor; Member with Portfolio for Attractive and Inclusive City	Report; Briefings	To contact officer by end of June - Environment and Attractive City	Report	Les Clark	5614540
01431	To consider and approve the draft Seaburn Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for the purposes of consultation.	Cabinet	08/Sep/2010	Local residents, stakeholders and statutory consultees	Website, public exhibitions and letters.	Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee. Planning and Highways Committee.	Draft Seaburn Masterplan report and draft sustainability appraisal and appropriate assessment	Ben Winter	5612549

WORK PROGRAMME 2010-11

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Priorities: SP5 Attractive and Inclusive City

**Corporate Priorities: CIO1: Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4:
Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'.**

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Committee's work during the 2010-11 Council year.
- 1.2 The work of the Committee in delivering its work programme will support the Council in achieving its Strategic Priorities of Attractive and Inclusive City, support delivery of the related themes of the Local Area Agreement, and, through monitoring the performance of the Council's services, help the Council achieve its Corporate Improvement Objectives CIO1 (delivering customer focussed services) and CIO4 (improving partnership working to deliver 'One City').

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is a working document which the Committee can develop throughout the year. The work programme allows Members and officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The work programme reflects discussions that have taken place at the 17 June 2010 Scrutiny Committee meeting. The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme developed from the meeting will form a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2010-11.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme and consider the inclusion of proposals for the Committee into the work programme.

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ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2010-11

REASON FOR INCLUSION	JUNE 17.6.10	JULY 12.7.10	SEPTEMBER 20.9.10	OCTOBER 18.10.10	NOVEMBER 15.11.10	DECEMBER 13.12.10	JANUARY 17.1.10	FEBRUARY 14.2.10	MARCH 14.3.10	APRIL 11.4.10
Cabinet- Referrals and Responses										
Policy Review	Policy Review and Work Programme Report (HL)	Scoping Report (HL)	Setting the Scene (HL) Legible City (Chris Alexander)							
Performance			Performance Q1 (Mike Lowe)				Performance Q2 (Mike Lowe)	LAA Delivery Plans		Performance and Policy Review Progress (Mike Lowe/HL)
Scrutiny	Household Alterations & Extensions Planning (Allan Jones) Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (Neil Cole) Request to attend - Centre for Public Scrutiny 8 th Annual Conference (HL) Forward Plan (SA)	Condition of Fawcett St (Keith Lowes) Planning Application Consultation Process (Keith Lowes) Highways Maintenance (Les Clark) Alterations No 2 - Strategic Planning Document (Article 4 Plan) (Neil Cole) Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Update on Bus Strategy (B Garner, Nexus) Streetlighting (Graham Carr and NEDL) Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Ryhope Village Conservation Area – Character Appraisal and Management Strategy (Mark Taylor) Waste Management (Peter High) Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Flood Planning (Barry Frost) Public Conveniences (Les Clark) Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Local Development Framework – Annual Update (Neil Cole) Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)	Work Programme (SA) Forward Plan (SA)
CCFA/Members items/Petitions										