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Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

**Date decision in force:**

15 September 2023

**Date of decision:**

7 September 2023

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Response from Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee Capital Programme First Review 2023/2024 (including Treasury Management) – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To consider the comments of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

To comply with the statutory requirements.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative options are proposed.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:**

No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

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Response from Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee First Revenue Budget Review 2023/2024 – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To consider the comments of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

To comply with statutory requirements.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative options are proposed.

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Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny  
Committee

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Review 2022-2023  
Challenges of Adult Social Care in Sunderland - Report of the Assistant  
Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To consider and approve the recommendations of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's working group review into the challenges facing adult social care in Sunderland.

**Reasons for decision:**

The working group review recommendations are intended to help inform and support the future development of policy and practice in terms of adult social care in Sunderland.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended.

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**Is this a key decision:** No

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillor Williams declared an interest as the Chair of Sunderland Care and Support Limited.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Performance Report – Quarter 4 of 2022/2023 - Report of the Chief Executive

**Full description of decision:**

To note the performance information in relation to Quarter 4 performance of 2022/23.

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure Cabinet is informed of the current performance position for the council against the City Plan 2019-2030.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended.

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No

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny  
Committee

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7 September 2023

**Title and author(s) of written report:**  
Feed and Food Law Service Plan 2023-2026

**Full description of decision:**  
To:

- a. provide comment on the 2023-2026 Feed and Food Law Service Plan (Appendix 1), which will then be referred to Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee for their consideration;
- b. authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Clean, Green City Portfolio Holder, to make any amendments to the plan that are considered appropriate in the light of comments from the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee, and prior to the plan being referred to Council for approval; and
- c. ask Council to delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Clean, Green City Portfolio Holder, to update the Plan during its three-year term, on the basis referred to at paragraph 4.6 of the report.

**Reasons for decision:**

To provide local transparency of regulation and accountability and hence facilitate compliance with the guidance of the Food Standards Agency.

The Council has a statutory duty to enforce legislation relating to food. The Food Standards Agency Food Law Code of Practice (England) June 2023 details the minimum training and qualification requirements for officers authorised by Food Authorities to undertake food enforcement work. Food Authorities that do not have regard to relevant provisions of this Code may find their decisions or actions successfully challenged, and evidence gathered during a criminal investigation being ruled inadmissible by a court.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The option of not producing Feed and Food Law Service Plan would place the Council at risk of receiving criticism in the event of an audit by the Food Standards Agency. It would also weaken the reputation of the Council and our ability to enforce regulations with regard to matters of food safety. It has been discounted on these grounds.

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07 September 2023

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Grant Funding for the Delivery of an agreed City Centre Events Programme –  
Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to award a grant to a maximum sum of £0.1m to the BID for a programme of City Centre Events to be agreed in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City and the Director of Finance.

**Reasons for decision:**

The value of the grant is above £50,000 and therefore requires Cabinet approval in accordance with the Council constitution. Combining resources with the matched funding provided by the BID will facilitate a wider and more holistic approach that will drive footfall and increase the economic impact in the city adding to the vibrancy.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative to this proposal is to commission and deliver events in the City Centre directly with the associated risk. However, this would reduce the available funding to spend on events and the capacity of the Events Team for other work across the City. In addition, this approach ensures City Centre business are part of the process in planning and delivery and will provide an opportunity for leverage against further funding sources.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

The Leader and Deputy Leader declared interests as Board Members of the Sunderland Business Investment District and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.



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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Construction Works for Three Major Flood Alleviation Schemes – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- (i) authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder and the Director of Finance to procure and appoint a contractor / contractors for the required construction works for three Major Flooding Schemes; and
- (ii) agree the inclusion of the funding for the full scheme within the Council's Capital Programme and approve the resultant variation to the Capital Programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

Three flooding schemes at Caroline Street Hetton, Pallion, Sunderland and Deptford Terrace, Sunderland which will protect 182 (39, 97 and 46 respectively) properties from internal flooding. Funding has been secured from the Environment Agency for the delivery of the works which will contribute positively to the City Plan objectives of a Dynamic and Healthy City.

The value of the three contracts are each estimated to exceed £500,000, therefore in accordance with the Council's Procurement Procedure Rules, Cabinet approval is required prior to commencing the procurement process.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternative proposals are submitted for consideration as in accordance with the Council's Constitution approval from Cabinet is required to procure the works. Additionally, if the works were not to be undertaken then the 182 properties in the three areas will remain at risk of flooding.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Sunderland Development Plan – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- Approve the integrated approach to Development Plan preparation set out within the report, and therefore revoke the draft Allocations and Designations Plan (A&D Plan) and associated evidence base; and
- Authorise the Executive Director of City Development to revise, update and publish the Local Development Scheme (LDS) as necessary, in consultation with the Leader, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Council's Development Plan is currently being prepared in three parts in accordance with the Local Development Scheme which was initially published in 2015.

The first two parts of the development plan have been adopted (the CSDP and the International Advanced Manufacturing Park Area Action Plan). The A&D Plan is yet to be finalised and given the requirement to update the evidence base, and the impending review of the CSDP, it is considered to be a more effective use of available resources to consider future options for plan preparation on a more integrated basis through the forthcoming CSDP Review.

As the proposed approach would involve no longer taking forward the draft A&D Plan to adoption, it is proposed that the current draft A&D Plan is formally revoked alongside its associated evidence base. This will help to provide clarity for decision-making and ensure that the new Development Plan is based on a robust and up-to-date evidence base as it is brought forward through each stage of consultation.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Consideration was given to continuing to progress the A&D Plan through to final draft and Examination in Public. However, due to the need to update the evidence base and the requirement to review the CSDP next year, it is considered that a more efficient use of resources would be to consider future options for plan preparation on a more integrated basis through the forthcoming CSDP review. This will also ensure that the plan can be better aligned to emerging changes to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

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Moving Traffic Enforcement and Parking Services Review – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**  
To authorise the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City to implement the review of parking charges as detailed in Appendix 1 of the report in accordance with the parking strategy.

**Reasons for decision:**  
The Parking Strategy determines that the Council should actively encourage a modal shift away from the use of private cars towards more sustainable modes of transport without harming regeneration and the economic activity of the city.

Changing, increasing, reviewing and monitoring parking charges encourages that modal shift and in addition should ensure a reasonable turnover of city centre parking spaces which supports the viability of the city centre.

It is proposed to allow for a period of transition and phase the proposals in following public awareness and engagement with the proposals being introduced January 2024.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**  
Do not apply the changes to charges in accordance with the Parking Strategy, however none of the objectives set out in the report would be realised.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**  
Variation to the Provision of Domestic Abuse Support Services – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

**Full description of decision:**  
To approve a variation to the Domestic Abuse Support Service contract.

**Reasons for decision:**  
As set out in the Cabinet Report

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**  
As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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Approval of the Funding, Delivery and Letting Arrangements for the New Sunderland Eye Infirmary on Riverside Sunderland – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To update Cabinet on the design work carried out in relation to the new Eye Infirmary on Riverside Sunderland and to seek approval to progress with the construction stage and the letting of the completed Scheme..

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet Report

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet Report.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

The Leader and Deputy Leader declared interests as Board Members of Siglion.