

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Plater Way,
Sunderland on Tuesday 7th November 2023 at 4.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Ali, Burrell (Chairman), Donaghy, M. Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Leonard (Vice Chairman), O' Brien, Reed, Scanlan, Warne and Watson.

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Report of the Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator (copy herewith).

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No items.

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

30 October 2023.

Item 2

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL on TUESDAY 10TH SEPTEMBER 2023 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: -

Councillor Burrell in the Chair

Councillors Ali, Fagan, Foster, Leonard and Scanlan,

Also in attendance: -

Mr James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Paul Wood, Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Ms Victoria French, Senior Manager Health and Well Being Sunderland City Council

Councillor John Price, Portfolio Holder for Vibrant City, Sunderland City Council

Members of the Press

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Dixon and Reed

Minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Committee held on 12th September, 2023

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 12th September 2023 were submitted.

(For copy reports – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting held on 12th September 2023 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest.

World Triathlon Championship Series Sunderland 2023 – Feedback

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide feedback on the World Triathlon Championship Series Sunderland which was held in the City on 29-30 July 2023

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Victoria French, Senior Manager Health and Well Being, presented the report along with a PowerPoint presentation and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Foster commented that it was disappointing to see that those who had tried to make a big issue of the sewage claims, which ultimately have turned out not to be true, did not give further clarifications when this became known.

Councillor Foster also advised that he had received great feedback from residents and the perception of the city had been excellent so wished to congratulate all involved.

Ms French advised that it was now about how the city builds upon the success and there had been a real buzz around people's comments on the perception of the City and the local businesses had also come out of it really well.

In response to Councillor Ali's query over breakdowns of the £2.1 million income generated, Ms French advised that this was the economic impact to the whole City and not just Council and was made up of spend in Restaurants, Coffee Shops and Hotels for instance.

Councillor Fagan referred to the statistics of 29,000 visitors/8,700 from outside the City and enquired as to how this data was obtained. Ms French advised that these figures had been obtained through the surveys and in further response to Councillor Fagan, Ms French advised that there had been 300 responses to the survey and these had been carried out face to face on the day.

In response to Councillor Fagan's query as to if any lessons had been learned over the water quality/sewage issue and if they would have done anything differently if the event were to occur again, Ms French informed the Committee that the relevant authorities were pulling a report together but early indications were that the illnesses were due to norovirus and not in relation to any water quality issue and that if the event were to take place again, the Council would not do anything differently from their perspective.

Councillor Price wished to thank Ms French for her presentation and for the fine work carried out by her, the team and all the volunteers. Councillor Price also wished to highlight the work put in with residents living in the area and that residents had been so supportive of the event.

At this juncture, the Chairman advised that Councillor Price had been invited to the meeting to give the Committee an overview of his Portfolio. Councillor Price briefed the Committee on the support for the Swim/Bike/Run programme, the Homelessness strategy and how they manage/distribute the Home Support Grant. Councillor Price suggested that this may be a worthwhile report for the Committee to receive information on in the future as well as items on Food Strategy/Food insecurities.

Councillor Price commented that it was a wide portfolio but if Members had any questions he would look to pick these up and come back to the Member on these.

In relation to Councillor Foster's enquiry over the Food insecurities item, and if this would include a list of Foodbanks for Members information, Councillor Price confirmed that this was something that could be included in a future presentation.

There being no further questions, Councillor Leonard wished to thank Ms French for the report and all the work that had been done. it was then:-

2. 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.

The Chairman advised that it was proposed an extraordinary meeting had provisionally been arranged for Tuesday 21st November to invite the other housing providers in the City to attend and that an earlier start time of 3pm be given to allow each provider enough time. The earlier time of 3pm for the extraordinary meeting of the Committee was agreed.

3. 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 13th September, 2023 (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.

4. 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.

Item 4

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

7 NOVEMBER 2023

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

GENTOO - CONSULTATION

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To meet with representatives from gentoo to discuss a range of housing issues facing the city.

2. Background

- 2.1 At the beginning of the year, the Committee agreed to include in its work programme an opportunity to meet and discuss with local housing providers the challenges and opportunities facing the city.
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee in view of the importance of housing on the economic and social well-being of people living in the city.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 For this meeting, representatives of gentoo have been invited to attend to provide a brief presentation on their views of the challenges and opportunities facing the city.
- 3.2 Susie Thompson (Executive Director Housing), Joanne Gordon (Development Director), Marc Edwards (Director of Assets and Sustainability) and Kerry Leng (Director of Marketing and Engagement) will be in attendance.
- 3.3 The Committee will be meeting with representatives from Karbon Homes, Home Group, Believe Housing, Thirteen Group and Bernicia Home at its special meeting on 21 November 2023.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment.

5 Background Papers

None

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 NOVEMBER 2023

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)					Licensing Policy Review (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) UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland) Events (Marion Dixon)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby) Sunderland Chamber of Commerce (Natasha McDonough) Housing Update (Graham Scanlan)	Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball) Screen Industries – Update (Catherine Auld) Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld)	Siglion (Anthony Crabb) Future High Street Fund Programme (Neil Guthrie/ Anthony Crabb)	Cycling Infrastructure (Craig Mordue) Accessibility of the City Centre (Craig Mordue) City Heat Networks (Peter Graham) Highways Maintenance (Craig Mordue)
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 Schedule:
 Business Centres (Catherine Auld)
 Sunnyside Masterplan (Dan Hattle)
 Public Transport Update (Craig Mordue)
 Road Safety Annual Report (Paul Muir)

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 approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230428/799	To seek approval for Housing Strategy for Sunderland 2023 - 2030	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230717/826	To seek approval to publish the 2022/2023 Low Carbon Annual Report	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 September – 31 December 2023	N		Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230718/828	To agree to enter into Inter-Authority Agreement regarding North East Screen Industries Partnership	Cabinet	Yes	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230721/829	To seek approval to procure care and support services that enable people to live independently at home.	Cabinet	Yes	9 November 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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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	9 November 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230907/832	To seek approval to provide grant funding in relation to the delivery of new housing	Cabinet	Yes	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230913/838	To Seek Approval to the Leasing of Land at Crowtree Green, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231002/839	To consider whether to consent to the making of the statutory order to create a new mayoral combined authority for the North East region and abolish the existing combined authorities (NTCA and NECA).	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230927/840	To Seek Cabinet Approval for the Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	7 December 2023	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	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231002/841	Capital Programme Planning 2024/2025 to 2027/2028	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023 to 31 December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231002/842	Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023 to 31 December 2023	N	N/A	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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231003/843	To seek approval for Housing Investment and Delivery Plan Housing Disposals	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	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	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
231003/844	To seek approval to vary the contract term of all contracts for the Provision of Personal Care and Nursing Care within a Care Home	Cabinet	Y	9 November 2023	N		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 Governance 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 Governance Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

***Other documents relevant to the matter may be submitted to the decision maker and requests for details of these documents should be submitted to Governance Services at the address given above.**

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

11 October 2023