

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Council Chamber) on Tuesday 13th July, 2021 at 4.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Greener, Laws, Price, D. Snowdon (Chairman), Taylor, Thornton (Vice Chairman) and Warne.

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

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No items.

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Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
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5th July 2021.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held remotely on TUESDAY 13TH APRIL, 2021 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor M. Thornton in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Blackett, M. Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Jenkins, Marshall and D E Snowden.

Also in attendance:-

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

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

Ms Catherine Auld, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Jackson, Taylor and Turner

Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th March 2021

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th March, 2021 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th March, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Councillor M. Dixon made an open declaration that he had provided a reference for an individual involved in starting up a business within 170-171 High Street East which was mentioned in Item 4 Heritage Regeneration Update for Year 2020-21.

Heritage Regeneration Update for Year 2020-21

The Executive Director of City Development submitted a report (copy circulated) and informing the Committee of the progress being made in delivering the regeneration of a number of key sites within the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Catherine Auld, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Blackett commented that he believed there had been some great work done in the City on Heritage over the past few years, however at times in relation to community engagement at times some of the things going on in the City Centre have left the community out of the loop slightly such as the 1719 project where there were concerns about the organ being moved from the Holy Trinity Church, which residents were unhappy about at the time.

Councillor Blackett referred to the church pews which he had been told would be sold off to residents as part of a first refusal originally but sadly in the end they were sold off to a high end antique buyer so he felt the projects had a little way to go to ensure the community was fully involved.

Councillor Blackett also referred to a recent article in the news regarding Roman activity in the Wear and enquired if we could try and bring archaeology into the mix a little more and suggested the portable antiquities society be contacted so that residents could bring their finds to be examined by an expert and become involved in that way.

Ms Auld advised that she would certainly take these points away for consideration and she was aware of the conversations being had with regards to the Roman activity and they were working with Gary Bankhead and the North Area Committee closely on this.

Ms Auld commented that they do work with the County Archaeologist Team across Tyne and Wear and she wasn't familiar with the portable antiquities society but she was sure the Team would be and she could find out more about this.

Ms Auld acknowledged that it was a helpful point in terms of the community engagement and it was interesting in terms of the volunteers who had joined some of the programmes was not the numbers you may have hoped for in some cases so maybe there was ways to do this and to encourage greater numbers.

The Chairman requested that Ms Auld feed back on the points raised by Councillor Blackett relating to archaeology as this would be of interest to the Committee.

Councillor M. Dixon thanked Ms Auld for the great work done in the City by her and the team and enquired as to the plans for 177 High Street and 1-2 Villiers Street and its future use. Ms Auld advised that it was early days in terms of those buildings but the Team were working on it and ideally it would follow a similar type of logic to work on 171 -175 with the Tyne and Wear Building Preservation Trust in terms of restoring the building and bringing it back into active use and conversations have been had with potential people who might be interested in the use of the building but obviously a process would need to be followed in terms of that side of things with an appropriate focus to attract the right kind of businesses/ occupiers that aren't competing with each other, rather supporting each other.

Ms Auld also advised that they already had some initial feasibility funding for the project and then it would be onto the next stage in terms of more significant funding in order to be able to progress that.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that this would be encouraging and rather than piecemeal developments it was carrying on the heritage in some sort of a plan.

Councillor M. Dixon enquired about the funding given for High Streets and how this was linked to heritage, and if there was any links in terms of funding. Ms Auld advised that the funding was allocated for specific projects but one projects involved did have a strong heritage link which was the Elephant Tea Rooms which would come into two phases. Firstly they were going out to procure the architect for the restoration of the shop front and then the next stage would be to go upstairs in terms of the residential and commercial units there.

With regards to Mackie's Corner, Councillor M. Dixon commented that this was a brilliant development and hopefully this would help increase the footfall in that area.

In response to Councillor M. Dixon's enquiry over the ownership of the Peacock local establishment and the plans for it going forward, Ms Auld advised that she would need to check but she was fairly sure this was owned by the MAC Trust, which linked into the wider MAC Quarter so her understanding was that it stood on its own two feet as a commercial pub but it also had the upstairs space which had a new partnership established with the University in terms of the music link which may help in getting a more steady flow of people to use it.

Councillor Foster commented that Gary Bankhead had attended the North Area Meeting and had provided a great presentation on the roman activity and he had no doubt Ms Auld would receive plenty of updates on that from the Area Chairman.

Councillor Foster referred to the Sunderland Minster development and the pictures of the interpretation board in place and enquired as to what was behind the differing stonework. Ms Auld commented that she was sure there was a conservation reason for this but she would ask the Team for clarity.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Ms Auld for her attendance

2. RESOLVED that the progress report be received and noted.

Annual Work Programme 2020-21

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide options, provide support and advise Members on the development of the scrutiny work programmes for 2020/2021

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Members information and advised that there were a few items which had not made this years current work programme but rest assured these could be carried forward onto next years programme.

Mr Diamond also advised that he would add the Chairman's earlier request for an update on the Future High Streets fund to the programme.

Councillor M. Dixon wished to thank Mr Diamond and the rest of the team for his work over the many years and the Committee has had a full programme.

The Chairman commented on behalf of the Committee that the work of Mr Diamond was most appreciated in keeping the work programme topical, fresh and varied for Members to scrutinise.

3. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2020-2021 be noted.

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 22nd February, 2021 (copies circulated).

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

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer reminded Members to contact him 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 Members and Officers for their attendance and closed the meeting.

(Signed) M. THORNTON,
Chairman.

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGENERATION

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update report on the work of the Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team and archaeological work being undertaken in Sunderland.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in March 2021, the Committee asked for an update on the work of the archaeological services team in Sunderland.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Representatives from the Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team will be in attendance to provide an overview of their work including: -

- Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team
- Historic Environment Record (HER) and Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)
- Archaeology Activity in Sunderland 2020/21
- Community Archaeological Projects in Sunderland

Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team

- 3.2 Archaeological services for Sunderland are provided by the Tyne & Wear Archaeological Team through a service level agreement with Newcastle City Council. The Archaeological Team provide a comprehensive range of archaeological services to the Local Authorities of Tyne and Wear. This includes:

- the provision, maintenance and enhancement of the Tyne and Wear Historic Environment Record (HER) and related databases;
- planning advice on the formulation of archaeological policies for the local plan and supporting policy documents, development briefs and masterplans;
- planning advice to the local authorities and developers on the archaeological impacts of pre-application enquiries and planning applications as part of the development management process; and
- advice on archaeological issues within planning appeals and inquiries.

- 3.3 The Team also provide specifications for local authorities and developers to appoint archaeologists to undertake archaeological assessments, evaluations and building recordings and monitor archaeological projects from inception to completion.

- 3.4 They additionally support and participate in community archaeological projects and events to promote access to, and understanding of, the archaeology and historic environment of Tyne and Wear.

Historic Environment Record (HER) and Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS)

- 3.5 Historic Environment Records (HERs) are recognised by Government and Historic England as the primary source of information on the historic environment for planning, development-control work, and land management. HERs provide access to a comprehensive resource relating to the archaeology and historic built environment of a defined geographic area. They contain details on local archaeological sites and finds, historic buildings and historic landscapes and are regularly updated.
- 3.6 The Tyne and Wear Historic Environment Record (HER) is the database of known archaeological and historical sites throughout the five local authority areas of Tyne and Wear. The Tyne and Wear Archaeology Team is responsible for maintaining and enhancing the records. There are over 17,000 sites on the database, which include monuments, earthworks, cropmarks, historic parks and gardens, battlefields, industrial sites and 20th century defence sites. An online version of the Tyne and Wear HER can be accessed at www.twsitelines.info
- 3.7 The Portable Antiquities Scheme (PAS) is run by the British Museum to encourage the recording of archaeological objects found by members of the public in England, particularly those by metal detector users and also generally by people for example walking or gardening. The public can support the PAS in two main ways: by reporting any archaeological objects (over 300 years old) they have found, or by volunteering to help record finds. The acting Finds Liaison Officer for the North East is Abigail Baker and can be contacted by members of the public at abigail.baker@twmuseums.org.uk

Archaeology Activity in Sunderland 2020/21

- 3.8 In 2020/21 the Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team has reviewed and provided advice on approximately 245 formal and informal planning consultations for Sunderland City Council. These have covered a diverse range of cases from major redevelopments located in the heart of the city centre, such as Riverside Sunderland, greenfield residential schemes within the South Sunderland Growth area as well as smaller scale initiatives.
- 3.9 Approximately 47% of the consultations have resulted in archaeological investigations being requested including desk-based assessments, evaluation trial trenching and geophysical surveys. Where significant archaeological remains were identified, further archaeological mitigation in the form of archaeological watching briefs, excavations and historic building recording have been requested.

- 3.10 The archaeological work that has been undertaken in 2020/21 has provided exciting new insights into the archaeology and history of Sunderland. For example, excavations at the former Easington Lane Primary School revealed gullies, pits and post-holes potentially associated with prehistoric agricultural activities. An excavation undertaken at Trimdon Street as part of the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor project revealed the well-preserved remains of the Sunderland Flint Glass Works which was established in 1852. While the results of previous excavations such as that of a mid-18th century wagonway at Newbottle have recently been published.
- 3.11 Forthcoming archaeological works in Sunderland have real potential to provide data to enhance our knowledge of the earliest occupants of what is now Sunderland City Centre and the outlying areas. For example, archaeological programmes of works are being scheduled for Sunderland Riverside and the former Vaux Brewery site. These works have the potential to provide us with information about how people lived and used these landscapes particularly between the Mesolithic and Romano-British periods, as well as enhance our understanding of Sunderland's significant prehistoric landscapes which are associated with well-known Scheduled Monuments such as Hasting's Hill, Copt Hill and Humbledon Hill.
- 3.12 Initiatives are also coming forward that could provide further insights into Sunderland's industrial heritage such as the potential excavations of the well-preserved remains of a locomotive turn table identified during previous archaeological evaluation work at the Port of Sunderland at Hendon. Consultations associated with former colliery sites and locomotive infrastructure continue to highlight the public interest in Sunderland's coal mining and industrial heritage as demonstrated by forthcoming community-led celebrations for the 200th Anniversary of the Hetton Railway and its connection with George Stephenson.
- 3.13 Community-led archaeological initiatives such as the Forgotten Stones project have led to the recent discoveries of stone anchors of possible Roman date in the River Wear. The Tyne and Wear Archaeological Team are also closely involved in the forthcoming Heritage Lottery Funded Seascapes community project (see below for further details).
- 3.14 It is proposed to arrange for the Tyne and Wear Team to present the above summary of its work in Sunderland during 2020/21 to Committee Members in July. This would include more detail on the HER as well as some training on how to use it, using the Forgotten Stones project as a case study, as well as a brief explanation of the differences between the HER and PAS. In addition to the presentation there would be the opportunity for Members to ask questions as normal.

Community Archaeological Projects in Sunderland

- 3.15 The Council's Conservation Team is directly involved in Community Archaeological projects, in conjunction with the Tyne & Wear Archaeology Team, as part of wider regeneration / partnership environmental schemes. These projects have seen the active participation of volunteers and offer future opportunities for the local community to be involved.
- 3.16 Firstly, as described briefly in the April Scrutiny Committee Report, the Bishopwearmouth Village Atlas has been a community-led archaeological research project that over the last year has captured the enthusiastic and active involvement of a group of 7 local volunteers with a further 7 taking part at different points. An on-line talk about the Village Atlas led by the archaeological consultant for the project will be taking place on the 26th May from 1.30-2.30pm as part of Local History Month. This event is publicised on the Council's social media, the Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage facebook page and the National Register for Local History Month via the following links:
<https://www.facebook.com/Bishopwearmouth-Townscape-Heritage-Scheme-325014504836563/> <https://www.history.org.uk/historian/resource/1567/local-and-community-history-month> .
Places can be booked at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-history-month-bishopwearmouth-village-atlas-talk-tickets-152677026095>.
- 3.17 There will be future opportunities for the local community to get involved in volunteer-based / educational projects planned as part of the Bishopwearmouth Townscape Heritage activity plan in 2021/22 that will further utilise the information in the Village Atlas. The precise timing of these events is to be finalised having regard to Covid restrictions, but they will be publicised at the appropriate time to encourage local community involvement. The projects being developed are likely to include:-
- Crafting Bishopwearmouth - Textile workshops based around the history of the area, with finished artwork to be displayed in Sunderland Minster.
 - Biodiversity Survey - Survey project within Minster Churchyard led by consultant ecologist with local volunteers.
 - Geology Survey - Survey project of historic structures led by consultant geologist with local school children
 - Bishopwearmouth Voices: Sound Art Project - Audio clips of historic activity in area e.g. village green, Empire audience, business noise etc with historic photos. Potential use of QR codes to access audio clips, including clips from oral history interviews undertaken as part of Village Atlas.
 - School learning packs - Two packs developed with educational consultant for use by KS1 and KS2 local school children utilising the Our Place app. Project will help develop an understanding of the history and development of Bishopwearmouth.

- 3.18 It is planned to promote these volunteer-based events on Council social media and the Townscape Heritage Facebook page as above, and additionally through the Council's volunteering platform and the VCAS Hive project via the following links:

<https://app.betterimpact.com/PublicEnterprise/0fe63d82-629f-4aea-bede-e55a330dc395>

<https://www.vcas2020.org/hive-activity-project>

- 3.19 Secondly, the Seascapes Partnership will be delivering a community archaeology project over the next year at the Roker and Abbs Battery, alongside the consolidation of the Wave Basin Battery within the Port of Sunderland. These projects are at an early stage, but activities are planned that will involve archaeological investigation which will provide outreach and training opportunities for the local community in archaeological investigation techniques. Specifically, volunteers will be offered the chance to get involved and learn about the following activities:-

- Research and map regression
- Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) Survey
- Field digs
- Finds handling
- Finds cataloguing
- Aerial survey

- 3.20 It is hoped that some activity can begin from July onwards with an opportunity for up to 12 volunteers to help with the GPR survey and a follow-on workshop to explain the results. There will potentially be a further opportunity for hands-on volunteer involvement in archaeological excavation at the Roker Battery site in the autumn. These opportunities will be promoted via the Council's Social Media, Volunteering platform, and other networks as appropriate.

- 3.21 The project will provide volunteers with transferable skills that could help further investigations and understanding of the stones found within the River Wear and the stones identified within the sea defences at Roker and Hendon.

Recommendations

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

Item 5

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JULY 2021

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider and agree a work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2021/22.

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 To be most effective, the work programme should provide a basis and framework for the work of the Committee, while retaining sufficient flexibility to respond to any important issues that emerge during the course of the year. The work programme is therefore intended to be a working document that the Committee can develop and refer to throughout the year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to 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 The remit of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee covers the following:-

Any matter relating to the economic prosperity of the city and the performance of services to support that including physical infrastructure, sector growth and skills, economic vibrancy, safer sunderland, licensing and trading standards, strategic transport, environmental services, libraries, heritage and tourism.
- 2.5 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review.
- 2.6 The work programme should also reflect and be aligned to the key priorities of the Council as set out in documents such as the Sunderland Strategy and Corporate Plan, reflect issues highlighted following external assessments and issues raised during the Committee development sessions.

3 DETERMINING THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

3. On 15 June 2021, the Committee held a workshop session to discuss potential items for inclusion in the work programme.

- 3.1 The table below provides details of the issues considered for inclusion in the work programme:-

Regular Work Programme Items	
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (Monthly)	To receive the Committee's work programme outlining future meetings of the committee and the items scheduled for those meetings.
28 Day Notice of Key Decisions (Monthly)	To consider the Council's 28 Day Notice of Key Decisions.
Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)	
Covid 19 – Business Support	Update on Covid support programmes available to businesses
Business Improvement District (BID)	To consider the progress being made by the BID and an update on the effect of Covid 19 on city retail.
Economic Outlook Covid 19 and EU Exit Implications	To hear from the Chamber of Commerce on the opportunities and challenges facing the local economy including implication of the Covid pandemic and UK exit from EU.
Business Centres – Progress Report	To consider the progress made by the Council's Business Centres (Evolve, the Software Centre and Washington Business Centre).
Siglion Regeneration	To consider and review progress of on the development and regeneration undertaken by Siglion. Consider visit to sites.
Sunniside Area Regeneration	Detailed review of the plans for the Sunniside area – multi disciplinary approach. Consideration of a Task and Finish Group and visit.
Future High Street Fund	Plans for developments funded through the Future High Streets Fund
Sunderland Rail Station	To receive an update on the development of Sunderland Rail Station
Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor	To receive an update the progress of work on the Sunderland Strategic Corridor and plans for the future. To consider a visit to view progress.
Sunderland Port	To hear from the Port Manager on the progress being made by the Port – possible

	visit
International Advanced Manufacturing Park	To monitor progress in relation to IAMP
Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Consultation on plans for the new Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
E Scooter Pilot – Feedback	To consider feedback from the E Scooter pilot scheme operating in the city.
Improvements to Public Transport	Future plans to improve transport in the region including bus services, rail, metro and cycling
Low Carbon Annual Report and Action Plan	To consider the plans and progress being made to reduce the level of its carbon emissions by the Council and its partners
City Heat Networks Projects	To hear proposals for a City Heat Network Project
International Strategy	To review the work of the International Strategy Steering Group over the year and its contribution to economic growth and prosperity (tie in with Low Carbon Action Plan)
Housing Strategy - Progress	To monitor progress in relation to the priorities contained in the Housing Strategy. To include input from gentoo and provision of Affordable Homes
Environmental Enforcement	To review of the progress on Environmental Enforcement within the city. Details of enforcement before and during Covid and plans for service provision for the future
Environmental Services Update	To consider the services' response to Covid 19, its plans for the future and potential changes.
Leisure Centres	Effect of Covid on usage and plans for the future
Events/Cultural Sector Update	Plans for future events and culture sector – including Operation of the Sunderland Empire
Archaeology Overview	To hear from the Tyne and Wear Archaeology Team on their work in Sunderland
Annual Road Safety Report	To provide latest information on the level of

	road traffic accidents and fatalities in the city.
Annual Flood Defence Programme	Report on the programme of work for the year ahead

- 3.1 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2020/21 is attached as **Appendix 1**.
- 3.2 It should be noted that the work programme is a 'living' document and can be amended throughout the course of the municipal year. Any Elected Member can add an item of business to an agenda for consideration (Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook outlines this process).

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 That the Scrutiny Committee consider and agrees a draft Annual Scrutiny Work Programme for 2021/22 and incorporates emerging issues as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.

5. Background Papers

Notes of the Development session held on 15 June 2021

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22

REASON FOR INCLUSION	15 JUNE 21 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	13 JULY 21	14 SEPTEMBER 21	12 OCTOBER 21	9 NOVEMBER 21	7 DECEMBER 21	11 JANUARY 22	8 FEBRUARY 22	8 MARCH 22	5 APRIL 22
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service (Catherine Auld)	Future High Street Fund (Peter McIntyre) Sunderland Rail Station (Mark Jackson) Covid Business Support Grants (Catherine Auld)	E Scooter – Pilot Feedback (Mark Jackson) Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Mark Jackson) Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor/IAMP – Update (Mark Jackson)	Sunderland Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby) Economic Challenges - North East England Chamber of Commerce (Jonathan Walker)	Sunniside Area Development Leisure Centres (Victoria French)	Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld) City Heat Network Projects (Catherine Auld) International Strategy (Catherine Auld)	Environmental Enforcement (Michelle Coates) Environmental Services Update (Graham Scanlan) Housing Strategy Update (Graham Scanlan)	Siglion (Peter McIntyre) Business Centres (Catherine Auld) Culture/Major Events Update (Victoria French)	Annual Report (Jim Diamond) Port Update (Matthew Hunt) Annual Road Safety Report (Mark Jackson) Public Transport Update (Mark Jackson)
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22

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
210118/552	To consider the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order in relation to the New Wear Footbridge.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210505/587	To approve the procurement of a Contractor for the Repair Works at Hendon Foreshore Barrier, Port of Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210419/577	To approve the dilapidation settlement figure and the procurement of the dilapidation works in respect of the CESAM building.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	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

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210422/582	Sunderland Mobility Hub – To seek approval for associated procurement and appointment.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210510/588	To approve the receipt of external funding for the public sector decarbonisation scheme and green homes grant local programme and the procurement of the necessary contractors to deliver the schemes.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210510/589	To approve the payment of financial assistance to businesses in relation to the companies' own investment plans in Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	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
210510/590	Subject to the receipt of external funding, to approve funding and partnership arrangements to enable support of advanced manufacturing innovation and growth.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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201201/537	To give approval to progress with the three schemes (Sunderland Station and Car park, Holmeside bus rationalisation and A690 corridor cycle provision) funded by the governments Transforming Cities Fund.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210420/579	To consider a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210505/586	To approve the procurement of Rock Armour for the coastal defence structure at Stonehill Wall, Port of Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210513/599	To seek approval for a proposed extension to the lease and management agreement with Ambassador Theatre Group (ATG) for the Empire theatre.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210527/600	Riverside Sunderland – To authorise proceeding with procurement and construction of a sustainable drainage system in Riverside Park.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210528/601	To consider the establishment of a Bus Enhanced Partnership.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210528/602	To procure Training Providers to deliver apprenticeship training from March 2022	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210602/603	To approve a proposed partnership agreement with Smart Outdoor in respect of Large Digital Media Advertising Screens.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210603/604	To approve the Capital Programme First Review 2021/2022 (including Treasury Management).	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210603/605	To approve the First Revenue Budget Review 2021/2022.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210607/606	To seek approval for the Acquisition of Property Interests at Sheepfolds, Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	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

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210607/607	To seek approval for the Disposal of Property Interests at Seaburn, Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	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

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210607/608	To seek approval to proposed funding arrangements with Siglion Investments LLP.	Cabinet	Y	13 July 2021	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

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170927/212	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	During the period 14 September to 30 November 2021.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200813/494	To approve funding mechanisms for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	14 September 2021	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains 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

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Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

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

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

14 June 2021