

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2021 at 4.30 p.m.**

**This meeting will be held remotely. Joining details will be emailed to all participants.**

**The meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel, 'sunderlandgov' at :-**

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#### **Membership**

Cllrs Blackburn, Blackett, M. Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Jackson, Jenkins, Marshall, D E Snowdon, Taylor, Thornton (Vice Chairman) Turner (Chairman).

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No items.

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1<sup>st</sup> February 2021.

## Item 2

**At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held remotely on TUESDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021 at 4.30 p.m.**

### **Present:-**

Councillor D. Turner in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Blackett, M. Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Jackson, and Jenkins

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

Mr Gary Baker, Planning Policy Team Leader

Mr Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services

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

### **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Marshall, D.E. Snowdon, Taylor and Thornton

### **Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020**

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 1<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

### **Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)**

There were no declarations of interest made.

### **Reference from Cabinet – 15 8 December 2020 – Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's)**

#### **(A) Draft Allocations and Designations Plan**

#### **(B) Land East of Washington (Washington Meadows) Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report**

#### **(C) Draft Development Management Supplementary Planning Document**

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) for the Committee to provide advice and consideration of the reports that were considered by Cabinet on 8 December 2020 which sought approval to undertake public consultation on the Draft Allocations and Designations Plan, the Land East of Washington (Washington Meadows) Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report and the Draft Development Management Supplementary Planning Document.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Gary Baker, Planning Policy Team Leader presented the report and was on hand to answer Member queries.

#### (A) Draft Allocations and Designations Plan

Councillor Jackson commented that she was aware of the supplementary planning document and particularly how it affects HMO's in the St Peters Ward where there were a great deal of complaints made over these. Councillor Jackson queried when we would have the powers to restrict HMO's in areas that had reached saturation point.

Mr Baker advised that in terms of HMO's they had recently adopted the HMO SPD which had been presented to Scrutiny previously and went to Cabinet in December and had been formally adopted by the Council and would be a material planning consideration going forward as a key document in considering applications.

Councillor Blackburn queried why the designation to bring forward the land at Washington had changed so quickly. Mr Baker informed the Committee that this was due to a number of issues, Firstly, they had updated their Sunderland Housing Land Availability Assessment, which looked at how much housing land we had in supply, which identified they had a shortfall of over 200 houses in order to meet their housing requirement. The other key issue in play was housing land supply in Washington where approximately only 7% of the housing land supply over the planning period to 2033 was in Washington, which wasn't commensurate with the scale as a new town to expect that only 7% of housing growth would happen there.

As part of the Core Strategy examination they did propose a number of housing growth areas within Washington and several of those had been removed as part of the examination as not being suitable for housing development so this had reduced the housing supply in Washington further. These were the key issues in the decision to the early release of land.

Councillor Blackburn queried as to the expected size of Washington when it was originally planned and if this had been designated or just expected to continue to grow. Mr Baker advised that unfortunately he was not aware of that but obviously green belt boundaries had been established around the original town now so any further development opportunities in Washington was limited by green belt boundaries surrounding it.

Councillor Jenkins enquired if there was one specific area identified for these houses or if they would be over a number of areas. Mr Baker advised that within the Allocations and Designations Plan there were a number of places with around 50

different Housing allocations proposed, which a number of already had planning permission in place and a number with applications pending. So there was a range of sites across the city so it was not just focussing on one particular area.

The Chairman enquired if there was more information relating to the proposals for the Leamside Line. Mr Baker advised that the Leamside Line was a long standing ambition to have that line reinstated for passenger services and had also been identified as a potential metro extension through the Nexus Metro future study so we had safeguarded that rail alignment through the Core Strategy and Development Plan and through the Allocations and Designations Plan with two potential new location stations. By safeguarding the alignments and locations within a Development Plan it strengthened the Councils position with neighbouring Authorities when we tried to bid for money to reinstate the line. This was part of the justification for the realignment for the land east of Washington also with the location of a large housing site next to a proposed station location helps sustain and build the business case for the reintroduction of the Leamside Line.

#### (B) The land East of Washington (Washington Meadows) Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report

With regards to the Leamside Line, Councillor M. Dixon enquired if the extension of the metro etc, could not go ahead, were there any concerns over the demand and feasibility of nearby developments or would they still be able to proceed without the this. Mr Baker believed they should still be able to proceed, obviously they would be much more sustainable developments if they could secure the reintroduction of the Leamside Line to introduce such services as the Metro there. Notwithstanding that there was infrastructure that would be required such as road upgrades, schooling which evidence was being prepared to understand what upgrades were required and would be fed into the Infrastructure Delivery Plan to ensure that it was delivered as part of that development.

Councillor M. Dixon enquired if Officers were optimistic that the Leamside Line and proposals surrounding it could take place. Mr Baker advised that it was difficult to comment upon as his Transport colleagues were more heavily involved on this side but could say that there were a great deal of parties involved such as Durham Council, South Tyneside Council, Gateshead Council and Transport for the North that were all supportive in wanting the reintroduction of the Leamside Line.

The Chairman queried if the Council was confident that the development would not be adversely affect by flooding. Mr Baker informed that there were areas within the development that were subject to flood risk. They had done a strategic flood risk assessment as part of the allocations and designations plan which identified that any flood risk could be mitigated though design. When the masterplan is prepared a flood risk assessment will be done for this particular site and it would be ensured that all the development parcels sit outside of those flood zones and carefully design the scheme to avoid those areas at most risk of flooding.

### (C) Draft Development Management Supplementary Planning Document

Councillor Blackburn referred to section 2 and alterations to residential houses and enquired if there had been much of a change to this as he had received a number of queries on this from residents who had stated that they were being stopped from having particular extensions that other residential properties within their estate already had.

Mr Baker advised that this guidance did not substantially change the existing guidance we had in place, in the instances that Councillor Blackburn would be referring to, this depended on when those other extensions previously took place and if done over many years ago, then another design guidance may have been in place so each planning application was based on the policy at that point in time.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Mr Baker and Ms Auld for their attendance

2. RESOLVED that the Committee received and noted the report with all comments made to be passed on to Cabinet.

### **Housing Issues - Update**

The Assistant Director of Housing Services submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update report on a range of housing issues facing the City

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services presented the report along with a PowerPoint presentation and was on hand to answer Members queries.

In response to Councillor Blackburn's query, Mr Scanlon advised that at the moment all the sites they had looked at were brownfield sites and they did not envisage moving away from this practice. The sites being looked at were small infill sites which would be previously used sites.

Councillor Blackburn referred to the empty properties and the mention that other providers had looked at these for purchase and enquired if this would result in the price being driven up on the properties. Mr Scanlon advised that empty properties were assessed under an independent IRCS valuation so no registered provider could justifiably increase the value of a property so it should not change the dynamics of the market or inflate the value of the home and would always fall back on the market valuation which was comparable with the market in that area.

Councillor Blackburn enquired if it had been a private landlord in control of Dean Street in order for it to become into such a poor condition. Mr Scanlon advised that it had been privately owned and left empty for two years. Once entered they found the quality of fixtures and fittings was poor, the roof and doors were failing and they had to go back to scratch and start again. Our Building Services Team were leading on all the refurbishments and he was pleased to say that he was undertaking a review of this at the moment which it was hoped to secure some more local jobs and

increase the work coming through to ensure we have a lot of local job opportunities coming in place.

In response to Councillor Blackburn's query of if there would be the requirement for rent offices in the future, Mr Scanlon advised that there were no plans for this as they would be falling into line with our Council Tax arrangements. Direct Debits would be encouraged in the main but there would be facilities where tenants could pay at the normal offices as such but there would not be a designated housing rent counter and would all fall as part of the wider Council payment arrangements.

Councillor Blackburn advised that he and the Chairman had been in discussions with the Director of Finance in order for the ability of Council Tax to be paid at local post offices and enquired if rents would be the same. Mr Scanlon advised that when he had spoken to the Director of Finance on this issue he had been told that he could align the payment systems for the rents with the wider Council arrangements so if any changes were to come into place then he was quite happy to look at how they could extend that also.

In response to Councillor Blackburn's query as to how the other providers had taken the Councils competition in the market, Mr Scanlon commented that he did not believe they viewed the Council as competition as the Council always planned to play a small part and fill the gaps so for example we were building 5 bungalows on a site whereas Gentoo had a big development team that probably wouldn't want to develop only 5 homes and were more set up to do 15, 20, 30 bungalows and that was the way their resources were structured.

Mr Scanlon commented that as he viewed it, Gentoo were playing their role and doing a great job, looking at bigger developments whilst we were looking at smaller developments which tended to fill a gap but still provide much needed accommodation such as supported accommodation and meet physical disability needs that will make a difference locally and if anything he wanted us to be seen as a set of partners that wanted to make a difference for the good of the City.

Councillor Fagan commented that it was great news to see bungalows being developed, which was very much needed and queried where the Council stood in terms of Right to Buy on the properties proposed, Would tenants have the right to buy in the future and would we then have a shortage of social housing once more?

Mr Scanlon advised that the Council have to follow the legal situation with this regard, bungalows were exempt from right to buy as they were classed as specific specialist accommodation, the supported accommodation also would be exempt from the right to buy process also, however the empty properties were in essence general need homes and would come under the right to buy. Tenants would need to be in the properties for two years and then they would be subject to that opportunity to purchase their properties under the scheme.

As a Council, one of the primary drivers of this was to tackle the number of empty properties within the City so if someone wants to buy their property, so long as the Council gets their money back then they can move on and buy another property to hopefully progress the wider generation from there.

In response to Councillor Fagan's query, Mr Scanlon advised that Building Services would be carrying out the maintenance of the properties along with the refurbishments. He was presently looking at a new structure within Building Services to enable all arrangements to take place and hopefully allow to employ more people going forward.

Councillor Blackett commented that as there were quite a lot of potential changes in terms of housing across the Country due to the recession, COVID and the government's planning reforms that we had been hearing about over the past few months, he enquired if the plans we had were expected to be the picture going forward within the next year or two or was it likely to be changed and if so, how did they plan to adapt if the need arose.

Mr Scanlon believed their plans were based significantly on the data and evidence of our strategic priorities and the three strands align perfectly with our major issues within the City so at this point in time he did not believe the programme would dramatically change away from the three themes and would remain for the duration of the programme, which was for the next four years.

Councillor Jackson wished to comment on an excellent, uplifting presentation and it was great to hear what was happening in the City. Councillor Jackson enquired as to who to contact about properties that were persistently being reported/complaints made about the state of a property and the behaviour of its tenants.

Mr Scanlon advised that an email had recently been issued to Members which included an attachment on Housing and contained an email address which was a direct line from Members to his team who could pick up and coordinate all enforcement or investigation actions required. If any Members needed a further copy of the email he could send this on if they get in touch.

Councillor M. Dixon thanked Mr Scanlon for the presentation and commented that it was great to see so much work going on in the city and he was very supportive of it. Councillor Dixon referred to the Call before you Serve campaign and enquired as to the general reaction of landlords when they were able to make contact with them and what the general approach had been.

Mr Scanlon advised that as many landlords as possible were contacted within the private sector and a good, positive response was received as the Council was willing to engage and support them, not realising that the Council would do that and in the main the actual engagement was positive with some of the private landlords, because of the support offered were now suggesting that they would be willing to sign up to the accreditation scheme.

Mr Scanlon advised that it was planned to change the name from Call before you serve to Pre Eviction Support Service.

Councillor M. Dixon enquired if Gentoo kept in touch with the Team when there was an eviction taking place. Mr Scanlon advised that Gentoo did keep in touch on a whole range of issues and they were not carrying out evictions at this point in time but they did speak to them regularly and evictions and situations were made known to their Housing Options Team. There was a long process and a lot of conversations to take place before an eviction occurs, so every avenue was explored before



someone was evicted and his Team was passionate about trying to avoid an eviction if possible.

Councillor M. Dixon referred to the Homelessness programme and commented that the government had provided a lot of funding towards this, which the Council had match funded for six properties and enquired if these properties would be for one person, families or multiple occupants?

Mr Scanlon advised that the properties would be one bedroomed self contained accommodation and there would be no HMO shared accommodation type buildings.

Councillor M. Dixon queried if the homelessness team would be able to target Sunderland based people as historically, we have been a very generous Council and helped people who have come from other parts of the region and even other parts of the Country. Councillor Dixon queried if there was any sort of parameter in which we would rehouse or was it just whoever needed it?

Mr Scanlon informed the Committee that every person had a completely different story where there was a point in their lives where they were ready to move on into a more independent type of living so they did closely assess and support all of the cases that they work with. Where they did have more complex cases they look at other forms of support services to try and help those get out of the cycle of homelessness and move on with their lives.

Councillor M. Dixon referred to the funding received and enquired if they had to report back in relation to targets being met on empty homes for example. Mr Scanlon advised that the Next Steps Accommodation Programme funding was on the basis of providing 6 properties, purchased, acquired and available for let by the end of March 2021 and that was their output for that.

Mr Scanlon also informed the Committee of a new Homelessness prevention fund which the Council had done amazingly well out of, obtaining around £500,000 which they could use in the coming year for homelessness support.

Councillor M. Dixon referred to Back on the Map and enquired if the Council had any input with what they did or if it was more of a watching brief. Mr Scanlon advised that they did support Back on the Map and provided a loan support scheme in the past to buy properties when needed.

With regards to 13 group, Councillor M. Dixon queried who owned the vast land that they were to develop on and why had it been empty for the last 20-30 years when it seemed ripe for development. Mr Scanlon believed the plans had come forward now as the partners who owned the land were 13 Housing Group, Back on the Map and Home Group. Home Group had indicated that they no longer wished to hang onto the land. In the past the area had suffered from a reputation of being low value and difficult. Mr Scanlon believed there had been a perfect storm of opportunity where all the groups have been able to put all of the land parcels together as one development and then secure significant funding through Homes England to enable the viability and he did not think all of these things had come together in the past.

Councillor Jenkins wished to thank Mr Scanlon for a well presented report and complimented his Team on the level of refurbishments they had carried out suggesting that other partners could learn from these standards.

Mr Scanlon commented that they always set about trying to make their properties of a standard that maybe went above what others had done and this was the right approach so he was pleased Members approved.

The Chairman commented that it was nice to see that the Council were doing as much as possible to work with the Homeless especially during these winter months.

The Chairman also commented that having these bungalows that were adaptable for people with disabilities was very good.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Mr Scanlon for his attendance

3. RESOLVED that the 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

4. 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 14<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 (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.

5. 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) D. TURNER,  
Chairman.

## **INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK - PROGRESS REPORT**

### **Report of the Director of Infrastructure Planning and Transportation**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To consider a report on the progress being made in relation to the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 At the start of the year, the Committee agreed to include in its work an update on the progress being made on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee in view of the significant impact the IAMP will have on the local and regional economy.

#### **3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) is a joint venture between Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils and represents a major economic development project for the region.
- 3.2 The site will be located immediately north of the existing Nissan car manufacturing plant, to the west of the A19 and the south of the A184. It is anticipated that the development will create over 5,200 new jobs; the majority of which will be in the manufacturing sector.
- 3.3 The IAMP is a core component of the City Deal and one of the main investment priorities set by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership in the Strategic Economic Plan. The IAMP should help to create a high-quality business environment for the automotive supply chain, advanced manufacturing and knowledge-based industries creating high quality jobs in an attractive and sustainable environment.
- 3.4 The IAMP should attract major suppliers linked to the automotive industry and the advanced manufacturing sector and encourage investment and expansion in existing firms.
- 3.5 Mark Jackson (Assistant Director of Infrastructure Planning and Transportation) and Lynn Mathieson (IAMP Project Manager) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the current position.

#### **4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made with the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made.

#### **6. Glossary**

None

#### **7 Background Papers**

## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

9 FEBRUARY 2021

### ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21

### 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 2020-21 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 2020-21.

#### 5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.

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**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –WORK PROGRAMME 2020-21**

<b>REASON FOR INCLUSION</b>	<b>7 JULY 20</b>	<b>8 SEPTEMBER 20</b>	<b>6 OCTOBER 20</b>	<b>3 NOVEMBER 20</b>	<b>1 DECEMBER 20</b>	<b>12 JANUARY 21</b>	<b>9 FEBRUARY 21</b>	<b>9 MARCH 21</b>	<b>13 APRIL 21</b>
<b>Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses</b>			Homes of Multiple Occupation SPD Scoping Report (Catherine Auld)  Riverside SPD (Catherine Auld)	Licensing Policy – Update (Steve Waring)		Development Management SPD (Catherine Auld)  Allocations and Designations Plan (Catherine Auld)  Land of East of Washington (Washington Meadows) SPD Scoping Report (Catherine Auld)			Annual Report (Jim Diamond)
<b>Scrutiny Business</b>	Covid 19 Business Support (Catherine Auld)  Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – Update (Mark Jackson)	Annual Road Safety Report (Mark Jackson)  Work Programme - Consideration of Draft 20-21 (JD)	International Strategy (Catherine Auld)	Low Carbon Framework (Catherine Auld)  Covid 19 Business Support Grants – Final Position (Catherine Auld/Paul Wilson)	Sunderland Chamber of Commerce – Update (Natasha McDonagh)  Sunderland Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby)	Housing Strategy – Update (Graham Scanlan)	International Advanced Manufacturing Park (Mark Jackson)	Siglion Update/City Hall (Peter McIntyre)  Sunderland Cultural Sector – Impact of Covid (Victoria French)  Heritage Update (Dan Hattle)	Business Centres – Update (Catherine Auld)  Sunderland Rail Station – Update (Mark Jackson)  Local Flood Authority Update (Mark Jackson)  Environmental Services – Update
<b>Consultation Information and Awareness Raising</b>	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme of Committee – Proposed Process (JD)	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 20-21

### 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
200914/515	To consider grant support for voluntary sector organisations.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 12 January to 28 February 2021.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
201116/536	To agree to dissolve partnership agreement with Homes England and trigger right of pre-emption to acquire land at Sunnyside.	Cabinet	N	During the period 12 January to 31 March 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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200813/494	To approve the establishment of a funding mechanism for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 9 February to 31 March 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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201109/536	Riverside Sunderland – To approve proposals for the detailed design, construction and letting of a new Development on the former Vaux site.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 9 February to 31 March 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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200902/500	To approve the acquisition of Bridge House, Bridge Street.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 9 February to 31 March 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  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
200907/510	To consider consultation responses and whether to proceed to a statutory proposal in relation to the proposed discontinuance of Hetton le Hole Nursery School.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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201012/521	To approve the introduction of an E-Scooter Pilot Trial.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
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	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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201201/538	To give approval to progress with the Emergency Active Travel Funded cycle scheme on the Sea Front from the former tram stop to Roker café.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
201215/545	To consider an update on the Housing Infrastructure Fund project and funding. To approve to deliver the HIF Transport Infrastructure, with delegated authority for planning, procurement and traffic regulation orders.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210104/546	To approve the Capital Programme 2021/2022 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2021/2022 including Prudential Indicators for 2021/2022.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210104/547	To approve the Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2021/2022 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021/2022 to 2024/2025.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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210104/548	To approve the Collection Fund 2020/2021	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210105/549	To approve a proposal to amend the Council's capital programme for and to procure works to increase the sufficiency of local Specialist ASD School Places and to approve the procurement of works to deliver major capital programmes at Barnes Junior School.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210107/550	To seek approval to procure and award the procurement and supplier of a managed store.	Cabinet	Y	9 February 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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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	23 March 2021	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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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 PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to [committees@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk)

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**Who will decide;**

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart – Deputy Leader/Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Geoffrey Walker – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Rebecca Atkinson – 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

11 January 2021