

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Council Chamber) Plater Way,  
Sunderland on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 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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No items.

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

31<sup>st</sup> January 2022.

**At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022 at 4.30 p.m.**

**Present: -**

Councillor S. Foster in the Chair

Councillors Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Greener, Laws, Price, Taylor, and Warne.

Also in attendance: -

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

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

Mr Martin Miles – Reginal Contract Manager

Mr Ian Bradgate - Contract Manager – Sunderland.

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

**Appointment of the Chairman.**

In the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman, a nomination was sought to Chair this meeting of the Committee. Councillor S. Foster having been nominated by Councillor Laws and duly seconded by Councillor M. Dixon, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that Councillor Foster be appointed Chairman for this meeting of the Committee.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors D. Snowdon and Thornton.

**Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 7<sup>th</sup> December, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

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

There were no declarations of interest

## **Leisure Services - Update**

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update on progress on the operation of leisure services in Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Martin Miles, Regional Contract Manager and Ian Bradgate, Contract Manager – Sunderland of Everyone Active presented the report along with a PowerPoint presentation and were on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Ali thanked the officers for their presentation and referred to the 15% rise in energy costs and enquired that as they had over 200 leisure centres, was an increase in membership prices inevitable due to this.

Mr Miles advised that their energy was bought in advance on the open market so they knew what their prices were going to be going forward so they were confident that that there wouldn't have to be any rises above inflation for this year.

In response to Councillor Ali's query, Mr Miles advised that the Swimming lessons take up had increased by 10% more than pre covid levels.

Councillor Ali enquired if the £3.6 million spent had been on refurbishment works to the centres and if there were any plans to update further or just maintaining the centres. Mr Miles advised that the leisure stock was okay and most of the money had been spent at Silksworth, the Aquatic Centre and Hetton with minor refurbishment works needing to be done moving forward.

With regards to Councillor Ali's query over the furlough scheme and if this had helped, Mr Miles informed the Committee that they had four Members of staff working during that period and the rest had been furloughed so it had been a great help.

Councillor M. Dixon enquired as to the trends/types of people who had used the facilities and if new types of customers had come forward after the lockdowns and restrictions loosened or if it was the regulars from before.

Mr Bradgate advised that they did get new people and groups signing up, people who had been on their own during the lockdowns and many from the over 50's population who wanted to get as fit as possible due to the current environment.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that the East Area Committee had worked with Everyone Active on the Raich Carter Centre in the past and enquired if the officers had any thoughts as to where they could work better to take the Centre forward. Mr Bradgate advised that they had just recruited an Active Communities Manager for that very reason and to engage with local communities and different people.

Councillor M. Dixon suggested it would be nice to see Everyone Active come along to a future Neighbourhood Board/Area Committee meeting to discuss the Raich Carter Centre.

Councillor Fagan commented that the Raich Carter Centre Swimming Pool had been given a delayed opening after the lockdown restrictions were lifted and that four different reasons had been given for this ranging from vandalisms that had occurred to economic reasons and enquired if a definitive answer could be given on this.

Mr Miles commented that he understood the decision taken had been a financial one as the Raich Carter Centre was the least well attended facility in the area and they were trying to balance the books at that particular point in time. Mr Miles commented that he believed they had the right strategy, the pool was now open and that he appreciated that this had taken a while, but they were making efforts to attract residents to use the facility.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to schools in Hendon which had difficulty accessing other facilities due to travelling issues whilst the Raich Carter Centre was closed and enquired if Everyone Active had been aware of this. Mr Bradgate advised that 70% of schools had used Silksworth Centre instead and that they hadn't been asked directly to fund measures for transporting those students having problems but if they were to be asked they could certainly look into this.

In response to Councillor Edgeworth raising residents comments on the demolition of the Crowtree Centre, their wish for a City Centre Facility and if this was just a pipedream, Mr Miles commented that this was more of a strategic decision that needed to be taken by the Council and that every Council and local population desired different things.

Mr Miles commented that Everyone Active hadn't been here when the Crowtree Centre was closed and that Town Centres were changing but if there was a will for a new Centre by all, they would be happy to work with the Council on that.

Councillor Price thanked the officers for a great presentation and enquired if they could give an outline of their apprenticeships and how they were working. Mr Bradgate advised that in the first 6-12 months they had 45 apprentices which had moved into management positions now. They were working with Sunderland College to take on traineeships and they felt this had been a real success and they could send on their good news stories if they so wished.

Councillor Price commented that the Houghton Sports Centre and the Old Welfare Hall were dear to his heart and that he thought they needed investment and enquired if there were any plans for this. Mr Miles informed the Committee that the Old Welfare Hall had been redecorated and repaired with the outside also having been repainted. The Bowls Hall was getting back to the attendance numbers it had been achieving. The Bowls Club were back after an issue with the roof which had now been sorted and they were confident the bowls figures would be back to where they were pre covid.

Councillor Taylor wished to raise his disappointment that there were no officers from Sunderland City Council in attendance at the meeting, as this was a joint venture and a number of issues had been raised which weren't within the remit of Everyone Active, whose Officers had taken the time to attend, he felt that there should have been representation from the Council there also.

Councillor Taylor referred to the issue of Energy and enquired if any of the facilities had solar panels installed on their roof to capture energy this way. Mr Miles advised that there was a need to be looking at doing things differently in their targets to achieve net zero and carbon reductions. There was currently a review on each of their facilities and they could report back on this once it was completed, however this was on the basis of working with the Council and dependant on Government funding.

Councillor Fagan commented that the roof of the Aquatic Centre had recently been replaced and queried if this had been a missed opportunity to instal solar panels at the same time. Mr Miles advised that the roof works were contracted between the Council and the building contractor which he believed had been through a legal process therefore he was not in the best position to advise on that and he would have to refer to Council Officers for a reply.

Councillor M. Dixon referred to the Raich Carter and its static attendance numbers and commented that he was slightly disappointed with this as he believed the engagement measures should've been attempted long before now. Mr Miles advised that in the past, experience of areas of mass depravation had shown it was more difficult to attract more people into its centres and it was about getting its community leaders on board and not something everyone active could do on its own, but needed a real collaboration.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that there were so many organisations in Hendon and encouraged the Officers to get in touch with those as there had been plenty of opportunity for this to be done in the past. The area greatly needed it and he hoped the next time officers came they could report of improvements having been seen.

Mr Miles advised that hopefully when they were invited to attend the next meeting they would be able to give a more positive update. Mr Bradgate advised they had engaged with the organisations in the area in the past but there hadn't always been the sustainability needed.

Councillor Ali wished to echo Councillor Taylors comments that a number of the questions posed at the meeting could have been answered by Council Officers and it wasn't entirely fair on the Everyone Active representatives and the Councillors appreciated everything they were doing.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Mr Miles and Mr Bradgate on behalf of the Committee for their attendance.

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

### **Annual Work Programme 2021-22**

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 2021/2022

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Members information and advised that the Sunnyside Working Group continued to meet and they should have a report to bring to the Committee within the next few months.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the upcoming report on Housing and enquired if Gentoo ever presented reports to the Committee or if this could be considered.

Councillor Laws agreed that Gentoo should provide presentations and suggested they be invited to the next meeting as the issues of Housing were not just covered by the Council.

Councillor M. Dixon suggested that if Gentoo were to be invited, that there needed to be some specificity as to what they were to present on, such as repairs, waiting lists for example.

Councillor Laws commented that he received many queries from residents around the replacement of their windows as there seemed to be ever changing dates for this and they would like definitive answers.

Councillor Laws also referred to the changing of staff within Gentoo and whilst he understood there had been massive changes he would like to see if there could be a level of stability from them.

Councillor Fagan advised that she would like to see the results of the satisfaction surveys from tenants and how Gentoo manages their complaints procedure as she found them one of the hardest organisations to work with in dealing with residents complaints.

Councillor Edgeworth suggested that details of Gentoo's strategy for affordable housing and homes for social rent be considered rather than statistics on their private sales.

Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that in terms of localised housing issues, Members could contact the Neighbourhood Managers at Gentoo and invite them along to Ward Surgeries and that in his experience they have been more than happy to attend. Councillor Taylor advised that he had no problems in asking Gentoo to attend a future meeting and suggested that they bring their plans on upgrading the social housing network.

Councillor Ali agreed with Councillor Taylor in relation to the Neighbourhood Managers and advised that he had felt progress was made via this route when he was dealing with residents issues. Councillor Ali also commented that Gentoo were ultimately a business and a business mentality had to be taken when dealing with them.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that as a Committee they were looking at the whole of the City, in a much more broader way, therefore he felt the replacement windows, repairs and social housing were good topics for consideration and that it would be useful to see how progress was being made on the recently approved Planning applications for social housing developments.

The Chairman agreed with Members suggestions made and advised that it may not be possible for Gentoo to attend the next upcoming meeting but they should certainly be invited to attend a meeting in the future.

Councillor M. Dixon suggested that if Gentoo could not attend the next meeting that the report on Housing from Graham Scanlon be moved so that both items be considered together.

Mr Diamond informed the Committee that he would make enquiries with Gentoo on their availability.

4. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2021-2022 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 13<sup>th</sup> December, 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.

Councillor Fagan requested more information regarding 21112/658 and the disposal of Norfolk Hotel. Mr Diamond advised that he would seek more detail on this.

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) S. FOSTER,  
Chairman.



## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2022

### REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION

#### LOW CARBON APPROACH - UPDATE

##### 1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To set out the progress being made in relation to the Low Carbon Framework and reducing carbon emissions in the city.

##### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 In March 2019 Sunderland City Council declared a climate emergency and agreed to the following motion:

*“In recognition of the threat posed to our environment by climate change Sunderland City Council will declare a climate emergency. Numerous local authorities around the country have declared climate emergency and it is important for the council to show it takes the issue seriously. Recent weather and changes in ecosystems show that we are already seeing changes as a result of climate change so it is important to join other councils in giving the issue suitable attention and clearly setting out how we will meet our targets on cutting emissions.”*

- 2.2 A city-wide 2030 Shadow Board was established, bringing together partners across the city, to develop a Low Carbon Framework and a collective approach to reducing carbon emissions.
- 2.3 Within the Council, this work is being led by City Development and a 2030 Task Group has been established to take forward ongoing development and delivery of the Council's Action Plan.

##### 3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 Catherine Auld (Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the progress made to date. A copy of the presentation is attached for information.

##### 4.0 Recommendations

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

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**Catherine Auld**  
**Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration**

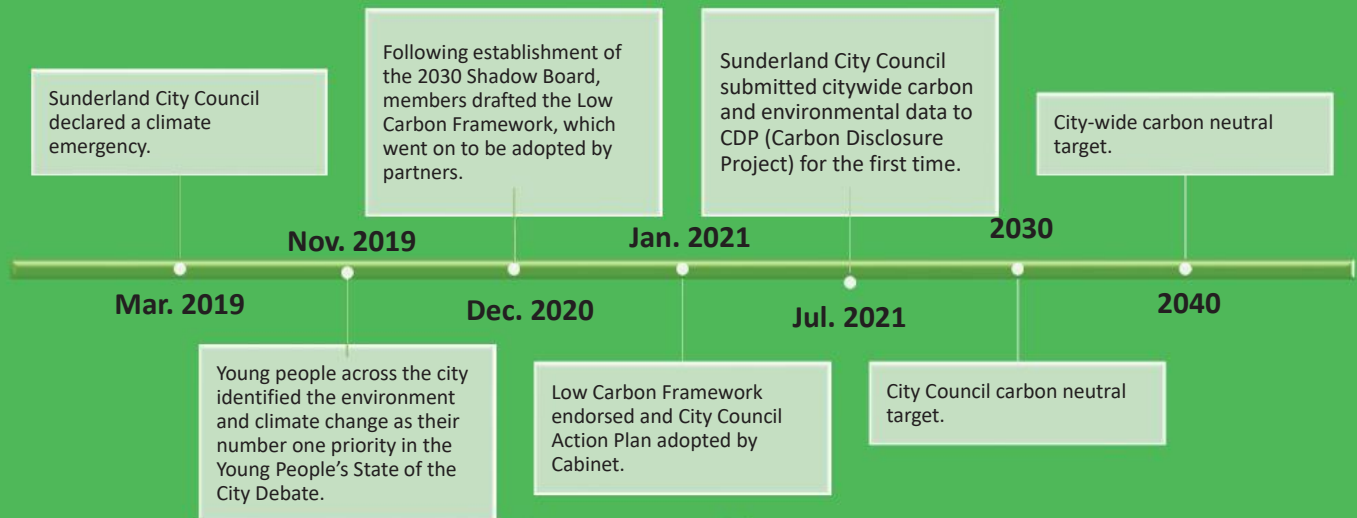
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# Sunderland City's Commitment



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## Key Terminology / Definitions



### Carbon Neutral:

Carbon neutral means that while some carbon dioxide emissions are still being generated by a building/process, these emissions are being offset somewhere else making the overall net emissions zero.

(Council – 2030, City-wide -2040).



### Zero Carbon:

Zero carbon means that no carbon emissions are being produced from a product/service



### Net Zero GHG Emissions:

Net zero means that total Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions would be equal to or less than the emissions removed from the environment.

(UK Government – 2050 commitment and UK100 Pledge renewal – Council-2030, City-2045)

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# The 2030 Shadow Board

City-wide Leadership - this brings together organisations including:

**Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Youth Council, Together for Children, The University of Sunderland, Sunderland College, South Tyneside and Sunderland's NHS Foundation Trust, NHS Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and Gentoo**

Alongside the **Police, Fire Service, Transport for the North**, and **business partners** through the North East England Chamber of Commerce, together with councillors representing each of the **political groups** within the Council.

From November 2021 - joined by representatives from the city-wide young people's Environmental, Green and Sustainable (EGS) group

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## City-wide Low Carbon Framework

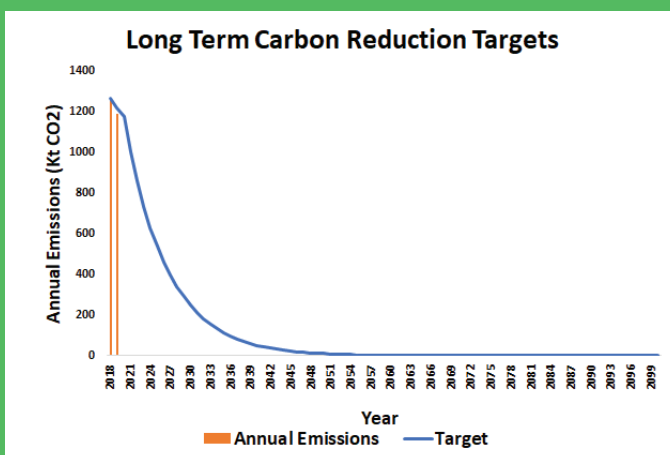
### Strategic Priorities:

1. Our Behaviour
2. Policies and Operational Practices
3. An Energy Efficient Built Environment
4. Renewable Energy Generation and Storage
5. Low Carbon and Active Transport
6. Green Economy
7. Consumption and Waste

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# CO2 Citywide Emissions Targets

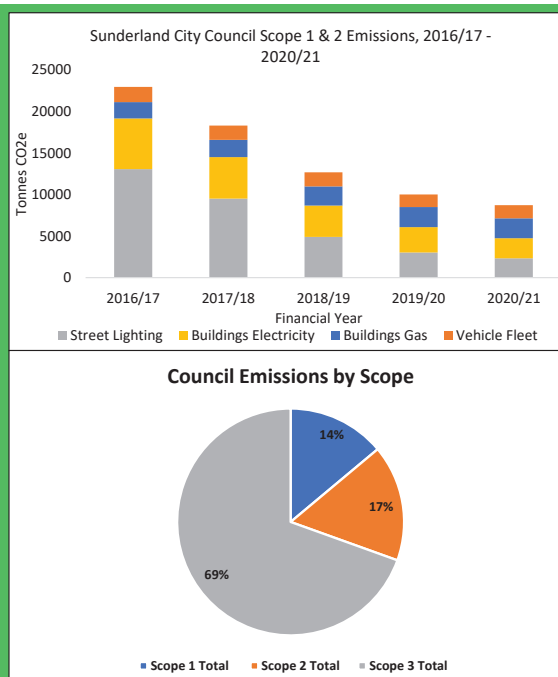
- Sunderland aim to become a carbon neutral city by 2040.
- We have a carbon budget of **8.2 million tonnes CO2** for the period 2020 to 2100, to keep global warming well below 2.0°C (and pursuing 1.5°C).
- At 2017 levels, Sunderland would use this entire budget by 2026.
- The next decade is critical to make sure we hit our city-wide 2040 carbon neutral target and stay within the carbon budget.
- From 2020, we must reduce our carbon emissions by **14.4% per year**.



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## Annual Report - Council Emissions

- Recently prepared a Low Carbon data report for 2020/21, and 2019 city-wide.
- Council's scope 1 and 2 carbon footprint - 8,546 tonnes CO2e - this represents a **13.2% reduction since 2019/20**.
- Greatest challenges for scope 1 and 2 decarbonisation - gas consumption in buildings, vehicle fleet.
- For the first time - estimated scope 3 Council emissions - estimated to account for 20,061 tonnes CO2e in 2020/21.
- Quarterly data – to be published routinely

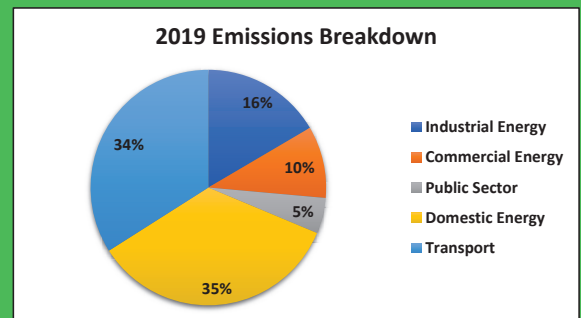
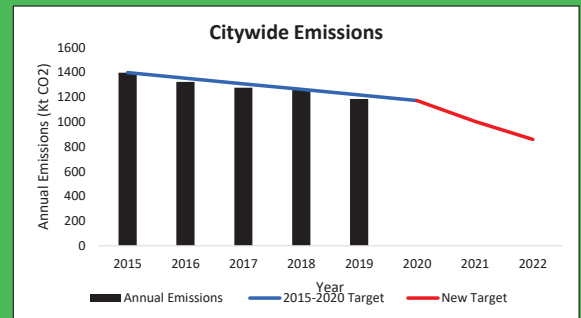


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## Annual Report - Citywide Emissions

- In 2019, 1.186 million tonnes CO<sub>2</sub>
- Natural offsetting saved 8,700 tonnes.
- Therefore, in 2019, Sunderland emitted net 1.177 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>.
- This represents a **5.8% decrease since 2018 levels – on track for 16.1% 5 year target (2015-2020)**
- Domestic energy and transport - main causes of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions – followed by industrial and commercial energy
- Annual target moving forward – 14.4% reduction



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## CDP – Outcome and Feedback

- First submission – July 2021, announced in November – A list city  
- 1 of 11 cities in the UK and 1 of 95 globally to receive this recognition
- CDP feedback – including recommendations, tools and resources for each element  
- food (sustainable food places)  
- opportunities / business (sharing information, experience; business leadership)  
- vulnerability and adaptation  
- transport (sustainable transportation)  
- waste (circular economy)
- Partner organisations and individual businesses can also submit to CDP
- UK 100 Pledge Renewal - agreed



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# Overview - Our Behaviour

- Environmental, Green and Sustainability (EGS) Group established
  - named by the young people at its first meeting in October 2021
  - social media hashtag selected #wearsustainable
  - initial focus on food, local and community growing
  - reviewed MySunderland low carbon website development
- Communications activity ongoing drawing on calendar of key dates
  - internally, externally, with schools and college; continuing to broaden
- MySunderland website – dedicated low carbon pages – partnership-wide focus
  - [www.mysunderland.co.uk/LowCarbon](http://www.mysunderland.co.uk/LowCarbon)
- Wider community engagement – International Day of Older People, VCS Alliance launch, U3A (University of the Third Age)

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# Overview - Policies & Operational Practices

- Continuing to strengthen our collective commitment to climate change mitigation and adaptation, and our ambition
  - Cities Race to Zero and Cities Race to Resilience campaigns
  - Renewal of UK 100 Pledge
- Actively considering most effective means of ensuring low carbon is embedded into decision making across the Council
- New North East Community Forest (NECF) - successful collective bid by six local authorities
  - to be launched early February 2022 - will see 500 hectares across NE planted by 2025 – initial planting at Sunningdale School, Hetton Park, Elemore (Trees for Cities); 15 hectares targeted for 2022/23
- Further green infrastructure / tree planting - including through the Local Authority Treescapes Fund, Queen's Green Canopy
  - Elemore tree planting – December – 60 learners, 6 schools (nursery, primary, secondary), 420 trees
- International Partnership engagement – EU Covenant of Mayors / Eurocities peer learning project; young people's projects

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## Overview –

# An Energy Efficient Built Environment

- Digital Catapult Internet of Things pilot project – ongoing with Evolve and Leechmere as pilot locations
- Successful Levelling Up Fund bid to support new Housing Innovation Construction Skills Academy (HICSA)
- Local Authority Delivery Phase 2 (LAD2) funding secured – almost £2m – retrofitting of approx. 250 properties
- Public Sector Decarbonisation Scheme funding secured - £2.2m – to enable air source heat pumps in 8 Council buildings; University decarbonisation scheme implemented at St Mary's Building
- Continued roll-out of the LED Streetlighting project; Air source heat pumps fitted in the City Hall.
- Additional funding bids continue to be developed for submission – by the Council and partners

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## Overview –

# Renewable Energy Generation & Storage

- £2.2 million of solar PV and battery storage works - through the Sunderland Energy Storage and Efficiency Project (SESEP) part-funded through ERDF – across range of Council operational premises.
- Design work for solar PV installation completed for - St Mary's, Farringdon Row, Bunny Hill and Holmeside car parks - combined these will provide approximately 3-4 MW of energy.
- Development of renewable energy microgrid at IAMP - to bring together energy generation, consumption and storage – supporting decarbonisation of manufacturing and transport, expected to save 55,000 tonnes of CO2 annually.
- Ongoing development of mine water heating proposals - £2.22m funding from BEIS secured, Pilot Boreholes

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# Overview – Active & Low Carbon Transport

- Continuation of Cycle to Work scheme - 130 orders, 7,000 kg of carbon saved
- Mobility Hub at Riverside Sunderland – to establish a 100% electric fleet car-pool and increase active travel (with wider health benefits)
- £1m secured from the Department for Transport Active Travel Fund - to improve cycle infrastructure
- E-Scooter trial ongoing - with Neuron - 31.8% of trips have been instead of car journeys (9,920 kg of carbon saved)
- £69,300 awarded from OZEV On Street Residential Charging Scheme – to support on-street residential parking at 4 locations in the city.
- New high-level pedestrian walking and cycling bridge – to be built at Riverside Sunderland

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# Overview – Green Economy

- £600,000 investment through Eco3 and Eco3-Flex – insulation and gas boiler upgrades in 287 fuel poor households
- NISSAN 36Zero EV Hub – announced in July 2021 - Nissan to build new electric vehicle in Sunderland, Envision AESC to build a new giga-factory at IAMP.
- Recent investments at the Port of Sunderland – focus on recycling technologies
- North East region-wide BEST Scheme – 55 SMEs in the city have been helped to install cost-effective energy-efficiency improvements into business premises across its lifetime, with carbon savings of approximately 614 tonnes.
- City-wide BREEZ project ongoing to June 2023 – project recently extended by one year; additional funding now available for grants to SMEs to improve energy efficiency.

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# Overview – Consumption & Waste

- New Joint Municipal Waste Management Strategy 2021-25 - approved by Cabinet – closely aligned with European Waste Framework
  - municipal waste recycling target of 55% by 2025, 60% by 2030 and 65% by 2035, in-line with the European Commission 'Circular Economy Package'
- 24 month trial – Council's first electric Refuse Collection Vehicle (RCV) - expected to save approximately 13 tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>e annually.
- New Pallion Household Waste Recycling Centre – opening beginning of February, with re-use facility to follow
- Focus on food by young people's Environmental Green & Sustainable (EGS) Group – encouraging partners to consider their food carbon footprint

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## Interesting Facts...



In the Council we send approx 6.5 emails for every 1 Teams chat. A standard email produces at least **4g CO<sub>2</sub>**, and an email with an attachment produces at least **50g CO<sub>2</sub>**.



If everyone turned their heating down by 1 degree Celsius in the UK, it would save **1.18 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>**.



Walking or cycling could realistically substitute for **41%** of short car trips, saving nearly **5% of CO<sub>2</sub>** emissions from car travel.

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## COP26 Sunderland School Grants:

- Supported ideas from 8 schools, getting young people involved in environmental projects in November - 2 Primary and 6 Secondary
- Activities included:
  - starting eco teams, and COP26 assemblies
  - planting trees, and starting school gardens and orchards
  - setting up water butts
  - increasing recycling points on school sites.

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# Item 5

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**8 FEBRUARY 2022**

## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF INFRASTRUCTURE, PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION**

### **SUNDERLAND HEAT NETWORK - PROGRESS**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To set out the progress being made in relation to the Sunderland Heat Network.

#### **2.0 Background**

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee requested an update on the development of the Sunderland Heat Network.
- 2.2 This reflected the key role that local authorities have in helping to make heat networks succeed and thereby reduce the city's carbon footprint, promote energy security and deliver employment and economic growth.

#### **3.0 Current Position**

- 3.1 Peter Graham (Group Engineer) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the progress made to date. A copy of the presentation is attached for information.

#### **4.0 Recommendations**

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

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# Heat Network

Sunderland City Council

Peter Graham – Group Engineer, City Development



## What are Heat Networks?

A heat network, or district heating system, is a distribution system of insulated pipes taking heat from a central source and delivering heat to multiple buildings.

The heat source could be a dedicated facility supplying heat to the network, such as a combined heat and power plant, or heat recovered from industry, infrastructure, rivers, ground water or energy from waste plants.

Heat networks are an important part of the UK's plan to reduce carbon and provide energy security for both domestic and commercial customers. It's estimated that around 18% of UK heat will need to come from heat networks by 2050 for the UK to meet its carbon targets in a cost-effective manner.

The UK Government is committed to delivering heat networks, investing millions and with a commitment to implement Heat Network Zoning by 2025.

Heat Network





# Low Carbon Framework

- Partnership Approach
- Supported by Low Carbon Action Plans (SCC Carbon Neutral by 2030)
- Our vision 2040 – Carbon Neutral Sunderland
- Strategic Priority 4: Develop renewable energy generation and storage

*“Climate change remains the challenge of our generation. Sunderland is committed to playing its part in tackling the global climate change emergency. As a city, we recognise that we need to act now to reduce direct and indirect carbon emissions. We need to prepare and adapt to deal with the projected impacts of climate change.”*

*This Low Carbon Framework sets out the vision and purpose to enable us, together with our residents and businesses, to deliver on these goals. Collective sustainable action will help to ensure that Sunderland’s vision of becoming a dynamic, healthy and vibrant city is realised for all.”*

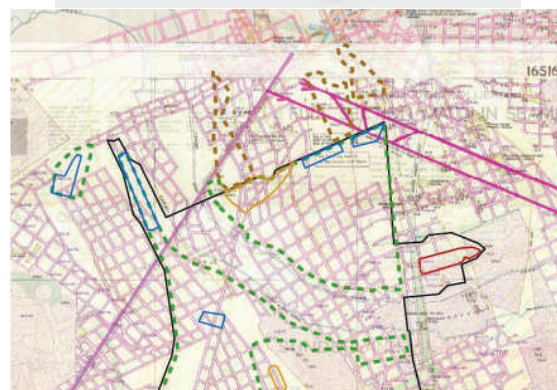
**(Cllr Graeme Miller, Leader of Sunderland)**

Heat Network



## Scheme Overview

- Mine Source; heat from flooded roadways of former Wearmouth Colliery c.600m below at +20°C
- Heat exchange at surface and mine water sent back to re-circulate
- Temp uplift to c.70°C using Heat Pumps
- 33GWh of Anchor Load heat demand
- 8.1KM District Heating Network, including river crossing inside new footbridge
- Carbon Saving of c.4,100 tCO<sub>2</sub>e per annum
- GHNF Transition Scheme Funding Approved
- Commercialisation and Construction Support Procurement – WSP
- Mine & Borehole Support – Coal Authority

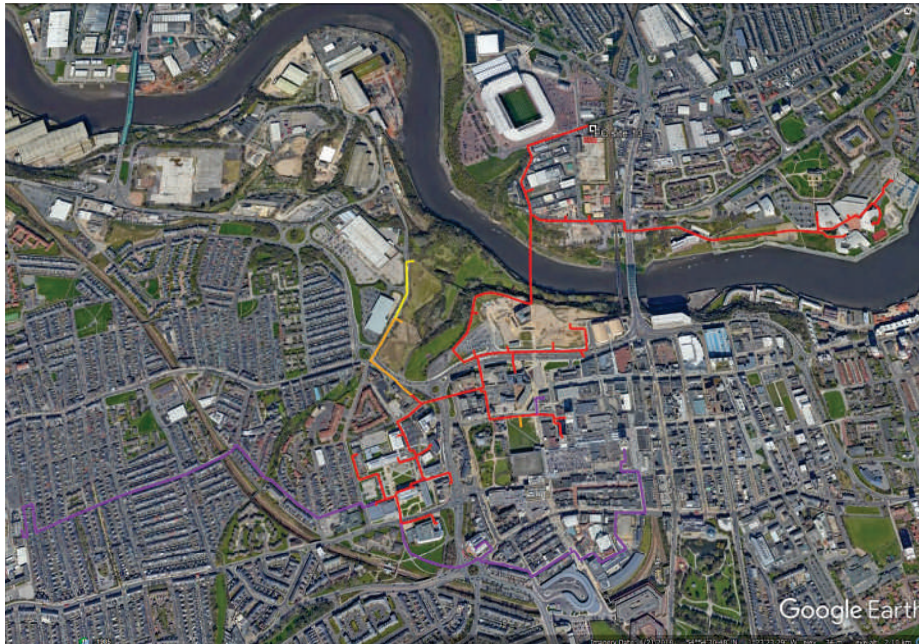


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# Network Routing



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# Sustainability

- Higher source temperature = Increased efficiency over other decarbonised heat sources
- Centralised production allows shift of production to low demand/carbon periods – use of thermal storage and smart controls
- Initial >70% reduction in CO2e vs. Gas
- Carbon savings increase over time as National Grid decarbonises
- Gas back up as interim – Future decarbonisation will be explored
- Aim for Net Zero heat

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# Do nothing isn't an option

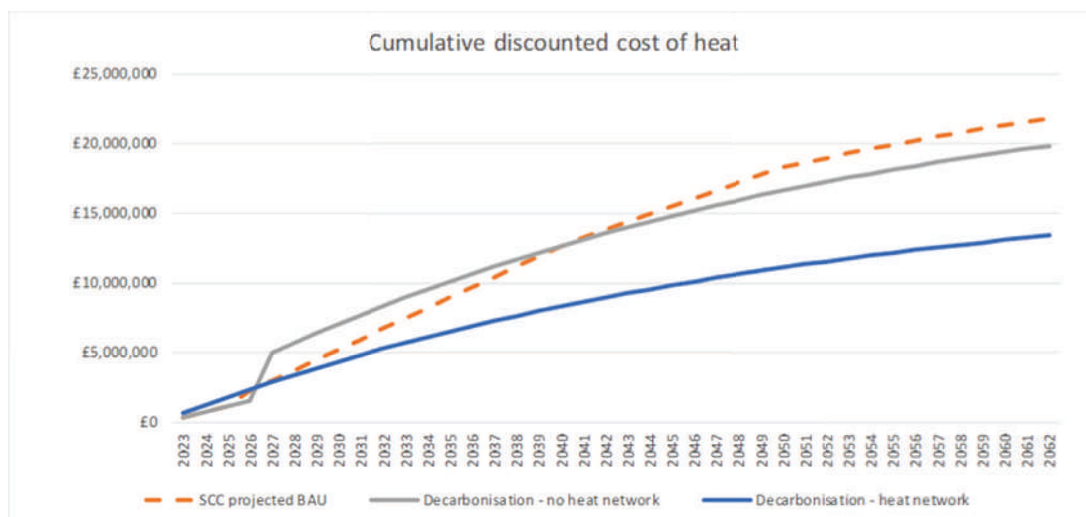
- Global warming must be limited to 1.5°C, as opposed to the previous target of 2°C
- UK Climate Change Act now legislates for a commitment to net zero greenhouse
- Young people - Environment and climate change is their number one priority
- Change is coming:
  - Climate Change Levy is changing - gas up and power flat
  - Current gas pricing unsustainable and at risk of becoming volatile - demonstrated through ongoing energy crisis
  - Govt. Policy is beginning to follow to achieve national 2050 target, it's now a case of what and when, not if
  - Heat Network Zoning – Energy White Paper commitment by 2025, BEIS consultation is now live and SCC have agreed to help pilot test the methodology.

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## Heat Network vs. Air Source Heat Pumps



Heat network would save this customer ~£8.5m over 40 years compared to the SCC projected BAU scenario and ~£6.5m when compared to an alternative decarbonisation pathway of air source heat pumps.

Further savings in reduced capital outlay, plant maintenance, power supply upgrades and floor space.

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# Commercial and funding position

- Outline Business Case and Techno Economic study complete, inc. 40year Financial Model
- SCC target IRR of 6%+ (with grant support) viable through modelling
- £2.22M – Estimate for commercialisation and pilot boreholes to prove source
- £41.6M – Estimated construction cost
- Net Present 'Social Value' (NPSV) £3.4M
- Diverse customer anchor load; SCC, NHS Trust, University, Housing Association and large-scale mixed-use development + significant expansion potential
- Draft HoT's tabled and letters of support received from main anchor loads
- GHNF Transition Scheme – Grant funding approved

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# Programme

Milestone	Date
Cabinet	Jun 2021 - Approved
GHNF Grant Application	Oct 2021 - Submitted
Funding Decision	Dec 2021 - Approved
Borehole Drilling	Jun 2022 to Dec 2022
Customer Agreements	Dec 2022
Construction	Spring 2023 to Spring 2025
Heat On – Phase 1	Phase 1 Autumn 2024
Heat On – Phase 2	Phase 2 Spring 2025

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# Any questions?

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## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**8 FEBRUARY 2022**

### **ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2022**

### **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 2021-22 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 2021-22.

#### **5 Recommendation**

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

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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
<b>Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses</b>			Licensing Policy Review (Steve Wearing)	Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (Steve Wearing)						
<b>Scrutiny Business</b>	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service (Catherine Auld)	Covid Business Support Grants (Catherine Auld)	Future High Street Fund Programme (Peter McIntyre)  Sunderland Rail Station Update - (Peter McIntyre)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby)  Economic Challenges - North East England Chamber of Commerce (Jonathan Walker)  Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Mark Wilson)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld)  Environmental Enforcement (Michelle Coates)  Environmental Services Update (Sandra Mitchell/Graham Scanlan)	Leisure Centres (Martin Miles Active Sunderland)	Low Carbon Framework Progress Report/ incl role of International Strategy (Catherine Auld)  City Heat Network Projects (Peter Graham)	Housing Strategy Update (Graham Scanlan/gentoo)  Siglion (Peter McIntyre)  Culture/Major Events Update (Victoria French)  Annual Report (Jim Diamond)	Annual Road Safety Report (Mark Jackson)  Public Transport Update (Mark Jackson)  E Scooter – Pilot Feedback (Mark Jackson)  Environmental Services – Update (Sandra Mitchell/Graham Scanlan)
<b>Consultation Information and Awareness Raising</b>		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

Sunnyside Area – Member Working Group – On Going  
SSTC and Port – Visit – Date to be confirmed (Matthew Hunt/Mark Jackson)  
Street Trading Policy

### 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
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	During the period 11 January to 31 March 2022.	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>
200813/494	To approve funding mechanisms for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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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211005/641	To agree the proposed development strategy for Northern Spire Park and the recommended next steps	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
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	8 February 2022	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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210728/613	To seek approval for strategic land acquisitions in Sunnyside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
211105/656	To authorise the Council to enter into Funding and Partnership Agreements for the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, subject to the successful outcome of the bid.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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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211110/657	To seek approval to the lettings of the ground floor commercial units at Keel Square.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
211112/658	To seek approval for the Disposal of the Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk Street, SR1 1EE.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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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211215/670	To agree to the terms of lettings at Hillthorn Farm.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
211215/671	Following the report taken to September 2021 Cabinet, to authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order over land at Washington Road, Sunderland, and to authorise the necessary land acquisitions by private treaty.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
211215/672	To seek approval for the sale of Penshaw House, Penshaw.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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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211217/674	To present the updated Unauthorised Encampment Policy for approval.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
211217/675	To seek approval to the award of grant funding for specialist domestic abuse provision.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
220104/676	To agree the increase in housing rents to be applied to Sunderland City Council tenants with effect from 4 April 2022 in accordance with the Government's Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing 2019.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
220106/677	To consider the Capital Programme 2022/2023 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2022/2023 including Prudential Indicators for 2022/2023.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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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220106/678	To consider the Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2022/2023 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2025/2026.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
220106/679	To consider the Collection Fund 2021/2022.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	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>
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 8 February to 22 March 2022.	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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210419/577	To approve the dilapidation settlement figure and the procurement of the dilapidation works in respect of the CESAM building.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	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>
211103/653	To consider and approve the Siglion Business Plan.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 31 March 2022.	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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211203/668	Subject to the outcome of the Link Together Heritage Fund application, to authorise entering into associated funding and partnership agreements in relation to the proposed green infrastructure improvements within the Coalfield area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	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>
220106/680	Amendment to e-scooter Trial in line with DfT approval	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	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>
211217/673	To seek approval to widen the scope of the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan.	Cabinet	Y	22 March 2022	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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**\*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; 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

10 January 2022