

CITY HALL,
SUNDERLAND.
6 May 2022.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND the **ANNUAL MEETING** of Sunderland City Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA** on **WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022** at **6.00 p.m.** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

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| 1. To read the Notice convening the meeting. | - |
| 2. Mayor's Announcements. | - |
| 3. To elect the Mayor for the ensuing Council year. | - |
| 4. To elect the Deputy Mayor for the ensuing Council year. | - |
| 5. To approve the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2022 (copy attached). | 1 |
| 6. Apologies for absence. | - |
| 7. New Mayor's Announcements. | - |

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| 8. To elect the Leader of the Council. | 19 |
| 9. To note the decision of the Leader on the appointments to the Cabinet and the Portfolio responsibilities, to note the appointment of Deputy Cabinet Members and any amendments to the arrangements for the delegation of executive functions made by the Leader (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow). | 19 |
| 10. To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairs and Vice-Chairs thereof (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow). | 20 |
| 11. To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function (holding report attached and supplementary report to follow). | 25 |
| 12. Update to the Constitution (copy report attached). | 40 |
| 13. To fix dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees etc. (proposed diary copy attached). | 41 |
| 14. To authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the respective Chairs, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with 13 above. | - |



PATRICK MELIA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

(**Note:** All appointments are to the next Annual Meeting unless otherwise specified.)

Note it is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/lxbs0rEZIAI>.

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 23 MARCH 2022 at 4.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor H Trueman) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor A Smith)

Councillors	Ali	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Smith, G
	Bewick	Foster	McClennan	Smith, P
	Blackburn	Gibson, E	McDonough	Snowdon, D
	Blackett	Gibson, P	McKeith	Snowdon, D E
	Burnicle	Gibson, P W L	Miller, F	Speding
	Butler	Greener	Miller, G	Stewart
	Chequer	Hartnack	Mullen	Thornton
	Crosby	Haswell	Nicholson	Trueman, D
	Dixon	Heron	Noble	Tye
	Dodds	Hodson	Peacock	Usher
	Donaghy	Johnston, K	Potts	Walker, M
	Doyle	Johnston, S	Price	Walker, P
	Dunn	Lauchlan	Reed	Warne
	Edgeworth	Laws	Rowntree	Williams
	Essl	Leadbitter	Samuels	Wood, A
	Fagan	MacKnight, N	Scott	Wood, P
	Farthing	Mann		

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Howe, D. MacKnight, Morrissey, O'Brien, Scanlan and Taylor together with Aldermen Forbes, Tate and Greenfield.

Minutes

53. RESOLVED that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 2 March 2022 be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the following amendment:

Item 4 – Receipt of Declarations of Interest – to read “Councillor Fletcher – Member of GMB” and not UNISON as previously recorded.

Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

Announcements

(i) Honorary Alderman Arnott

It was with great sadness that the Mayor informed Council of the death of Honorary Alderman and former Councillor Arnott.

The Mayor invited Council to join him in observing a minute's silence as a mark of respect for their former colleague.

(ii) Marie Curie's Day of Reflection

The Mayor advised that today was the anniversary of the first Covid-19 Lockdown and that across the Council, Members and Officers had supported Marie Curie's Day of Reflection. The Mayor had lit a candle in memory of former Councillor Margaret Beck.

(iii) Retiring Councillors

The Mayor advised that Councillors Blackett, Essl, E. Gibson, Howe, Leadbitter, D. MacKnight, N. MacKnight, McClennan and Taylor would be retiring from office and not standing in the municipal elections in May. As this would be their last Council meeting, he expressed his gratitude for their past service and wished them well for the future.

The Mayor having thanked all those retiring from the Council for their contribution, individual speeches and tributes were paid by Members.

Covid-19 – Verbal Update by the Leader of the Council

The Mayor invited the Leader to provide a verbal update on the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Leader began by paying tribute to the phenomenal efforts by residents, volunteers, businesses, public sector organisations and service providers to keep the city running and recovering strongly from the pandemic and the effects of lockdown.

After the surge in infection rates in January due to the Omicron variant, the City had seen figures going in the right direction and infection rates reducing week on week.

However now, with the lifting of all legal restrictions by the government and the advent of the new BA.2 subvariant, the pressure was persisting on hospitals across the North East and the numbers of patients admitted was beginning to creep back up.

The Leader explained that there were far fewer people in hospital with Covid-19 at the moment than in January, but that the city needed to be mindful of recent developments and cases being on the rise. In the week up to the 11 March, rates for Sunderland, the North East and England were increasing, whereas they had been coming down steadily before then. At the current point in time, there were 350 cases per 100,000 in Sunderland, 375 per 100,000 in the North East and 580 per 100,000 in England.

The Leader commented that based on previous experience of how infection rates rose and at times surged, that unfortunately the Sunderland and North East rates were set to rise further, and potentially significantly further if the England rate was taken as a measure, as throughout the pandemic the region had been a couple of weeks behind London and the south of the country once infections were going up.

The Leader went on to say that he had recently had Covid himself and was hugely thankful that he had had all of the doses of the Covid-19 vaccine he was eligible for, because he was in no doubt that it protected him from being far more poorly than he was. He emphasised again how important it was to people themselves, and to those around them that everyone took up all the doses of the vaccine they were eligible for. The creation of the vaccines had been the big game changer in the country's battle against Covid-19 and the Leader stated that it was no exaggeration to say that it was a life-changer and indeed lifesaver too. People owed it to themselves and their loved ones and the NHS and the Care Sector to get vaccinated.

The Leader referred to the fact that the NHS and care sector had worked tirelessly, to a superhuman degree, for two full years throughout this pandemic now, being faced with unprecedented levels of demand, but with much reduced resources as absence rates due to sickness and self-isolation had had a serious impact on their own workforces.

The Leader believed that the root cause of the acute difficulties and challenges faced, with demand far outstripping capacity, was the Government's underfunding of these sectors that were the heart and backbone of the country, and the Government's complete failure to plan for this or any other type of national crisis.

The Leader went on to stress the importance of making sure that Sunderland was doing everything it could to support NHS and care workers by getting all available vaccinations. Latest figures showed that Sunderland had 85.2% of eligible people with their first dose, 80.4% with their second, and 62.7% with their third dose or booster. The Leader urged everyone to book an appointment if they still had jabs to get.

Sunderland was a resilient and determined city and while infection rates were on the rise, and it would impact all organisations in some way, incredible efforts continued to go into ensuring that particularly vital frontline services were kept going across the city and the most vulnerable residents were supported, protected, and had everything they needed.

The Leader said that there was so much positivity about continuing to recover strongly from the pandemic, and a real buzz around the city as the ambitious and transformational regeneration plans took shape more and more with each passing week. On Thursday 17 March 2022, the Mayor had presided over the official opening of the wonderful City Hall, one of many significant developments on Riverside Sunderland which has been described as the UK's most exciting regeneration site.

With two more office buildings under construction, taking the Council towards its target of 10,000 more high quality jobs in the city centre for residents; construction set to start on the new Eye Hospital; the Culture House about to be created across the road; work to begin on the new pedestrian footbridge, connecting communities across the river; then on the other side the construction of the Housing, Innovation and Construction Skills Academy and the new e-sports centre, the Leader did not think there was any city that could demonstrate a stronger recovery from Covid-19 and a bigger determination to create a bright and successful future for everyone, in a dynamic, healthy, vibrant and smart city.

The Leader knew and understood that everyone welcomed the return towards normality and freedom from the legal restrictions which people had lived with for a long time now, but he could not emphasise strongly enough, how important it was for everyone to keep acting responsibly, and to continue to be aware of the real danger Covid posed if efforts were allowed to fall by the wayside. It was crucial for people to be mindful of whatever situation they were in and to think about how they could prevent the virus from spreading; this meant following the latest guidance on testing and isolation, continuing to maintain social distance and wearing a face covering in enclosed spaces, especially around vulnerable people.

The Leader concluded by saying that there were many more fantastic things to come in Sunderland, creating lots of opportunities of all kinds for residents, and encouraged everyone to keep up the good work.

54. RESOLVED that the update from the Leader be noted.

Citywide approach to carbon reduction – Verbal update by the Deputy Leader of the Council

The Deputy Leader provided an update regarding ongoing progress being made in relation to carbon neutral goals. Work had continued to progress in each of the strategic priority areas set out in the Low Carbon Framework in recent months which included:-

- The City Council had been awarded Warm Homes Funding of £628,000 to support the installation of 135 Air Source Heat Pumps in private rented or owner occupier properties (with Energy Performance Certificate ratings of E, F, or G) as well as a further £252,000 funding to deliver a valuable complementary energy efficiency advice and support programme, in partnership with Groundwork Green Doctors and Citizens Advice Bureau.

- The Council had also been successful in securing a grant from the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, working closely with Gentoo, and had been granted over £1.2m funding to deliver a joint project which together with investment from Gentoo would deliver a total improvement programme of £2.6m. The project aimed to improve the Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of 604 properties across the city and bring properties with EPC D, E and F ratings up to EPC C or D standard.
- The end of the ECO and ECO FLEX delivery process in Sunderland was now approaching, through which since January 2021, the Council had assisted 312 properties with heating and insulation measures and had attracted nearly £737,000 of utility funding to support energy efficiency improvements to homes across the city.
- More than 15,000 tree and hedge plants were currently being planted at Elemore Park, together with new wildflower meadow, across an area of over five hectares. On the 22 March 2022, the Mayor helped to plant a ceremonial tree to commemorate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee and Queen's Green Canopy, as well as the launch of the North East Community Forest. Through this new Forest, the City Council had already been able to access £145,000 of external funding for the Elemore Park works.
- The NE Community Forest had also provided external funding for two new orchards in the city, one had recently been planted at Hetton Park and the other one was due to be planted next week at Silksworth Welfare Park. These were both community orchards, which would help local residents access healthier food in their respective localities, as well as reducing the carbon footprint of a small part of the city's food consumption.
- In terms of grant funding for small and medium sized businesses (SMEs), through the regional BEST project, Sunderland City Council led the regional performance table, with 21 approvals, 14 grants claimed to date, and a total project value of £130,000 invested in energy efficiency improvements.
- Through the city-wide ERDF-funded BREEZ project, more than 30 businesses had now been supported with lighting, heating, insulation and solar PV improvements.
- The Council had commenced formal market engagement with drilling contractors relating to the pilot boreholes proposed at Riverside Sunderland and would then seek to procure a contractor with a view to being on site later this year.
- In relation to the City Centre Mobility Hub – 10 Nissan Leaf cars had now arrived and were being made available first to a small test group, before then being rolled-out shortly to all staff.
- The Council had also secured an extension of the current e-scooter trial area to include integration of Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor phase 3 (SSTC 3), and the surrounding areas, which would now allow for improved connectivity between employment, residential and retail zones as part of the trial.

- Work was now underway on the development of a 'Social Prescribing Pilot' project, with the Council having received funding from the Department for Transport to develop a proposal. Focusing on the Redhill and Southwick wards in the first instance, the pilot project would seek to improve people's health through increased levels of physical activity and active travel and provide clear links between infrastructure development and the social prescribing schemes. Working closely with Public Health colleagues, a proposal would be developed for submission to the Department of Transport by the end of April.
- In February, the new state-of-the-art Household Waste and Recycling Facility at Pallion opened, which was five times the size of the former Beach Street facility and was capable of handling more than a million visits annually as encouragement of high levels of recycling across the city continued.
- The Council had also continued two pilot projects bringing together Smart City and low carbon ambitions, working with the Digital Catapult from its regional base in Sunderland to develop and trial digital innovations in improving energy efficiency in two of the operational buildings, as well as in helping to understand travel patterns and choices as the Council sought to encourage adoption of low carbon and active transport wherever appropriate.
- The Council had supported young people from Sunderland College and a High School in Essen to participate in a Digital Exchange meeting to share thoughts on climate change and carbon reduction. The Digital Exchange session was part of a partnership project, with Essen and its wider region, called the 'CLIMATE' initiative and a series of follow-up sessions were being planned to enable Sunderland and Essen students to learn more about their city's approaches.
- As the Council continued to encourage leadership on this important agenda from our young people, the Environmental, Green and Sustainable (EGS) young people's group had their third meeting on Monday 14 March in City Hall. The group had a short tour of City Hall and took part in discussions, sharing thoughts and ideas on topics including local growing and sustainable transport. Two EGS representatives would be attending the March 2030 Shadow Board later in the week to continue to discuss the low carbon agenda with the partnership.

The Deputy Leader explained that the Council had also continued to progress work on the detail of its monitoring and reporting, including the Council's quarterly operational emissions data, and learning from engagement with the World Wildlife Fund One Planet City Challenge.

The Deputy Leader stated that she hoped that she had provided a useful and positive update on work that was ongoing and would continue to provide updates to Council as appropriate going forward.

55. RESOLVED that the information be noted.

Outstanding Motions from the last ordinary meeting of the Council

(i) Reform of Rent Charges

Councillor P.W.L. Gibson, duly seconded by Councillor Haswell, moved the following motion: -

This Council notes the unequal status of rent charge payers compared to that of other freeholders or leaseholders. It recognises the potential for their exploitation by unscrupulous rent charge holders.

The Council agrees to develop a strategy to ensure that: (i) any rent charges introduced, acquired or managed by this Council and/or any of its wholly owned companies, joint ventures or any other delivery vehicles or organisations treat residents fairly and proportionately; and (ii) wherever possible residents subject to rent charges are able to have assets and services adopted by and provided by the Council for which they pay Council Tax.

The Council also asks the Chief Executive to lobby the Government, and ask local Parliamentarians to do likewise, to request amendments to legislation in order to reform rent charges. These reforms should include:

- In all future developments any rent charges should be set by and paid to a company limited by guarantee and owned by the residents.
- In existing developments, following a ballot from residents in which a majority agree, a company limited by guarantee owned by the residents shall be formed. The company's purpose will be to purchase the rent charge holders interest and to be paid rent charges by the residents.
- Where residents of existing developments vote against forming a company limited by guarantee they shall be protected by amendments to section 120-122 Law of Property Act 1925, so that:
 - A defaulter must be informed in writing of the arrears at the time and before any legal action.
 - Any action must be through the courts, with the charge payer having the right to contest the level of the charge or the standard of the service provided by the charge holder.
 - All charge holders and their agents must be registered and bound by a Code of Conduct
 - Charge payers must be informed of the names and business address of the charge holder and his agents. If the charge holder is a company or trust then the names and business addresses of the Secretary, Directors or Trustees must be provided.

Councillor Stewart, duly seconded by Councillor K Johnston, moved the following amendment: -

Second Paragraph – Delete the following

“and (ii) wherever possible residents subject to rent charges are able to have assets and services adopted by and provided by the Council for which they pay Council Tax.”

So that the amended motion would read:

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Upon being moved the amendment was declared to be carried unanimously.

The Mayor read the new Substantive Motion.

The Mayor then put the new substantive motion to the meeting and accordingly it was: -

56. RESOLVED that: -

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(ii) Working to achieve a greater policing outcome for Sunderland

Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by Councillor F Miller, moved the following motion : -

This Council notes

- the Northumbria Police Force has seen its budget slashed by the Government in the name of Austerity by more than 31% between 2010/11 and 2018/19 and by March 2020 the annual cut in its budget amounted to over £144m pounds.

- the recent change of heart by government to fund additional police officers across the country but recognising Northumbria Police still continues to have a shortfall in officer numbers.
- the reduction in police numbers over this period have come at a time when expectations from local residents have increased, especially relating to police action to reduce Anti-Social Behaviour.

This Council recognises that Northumbria Police no longer have the resources to achieve all of the expectations demanded by local residents and that we can achieve much more by working in partnership with them and other stakeholders in this city, to reduce crime and the fear of crime.

We therefore call upon the Council to work jointly with Northumbria Police

- in supporting a permanent police presence in Washington, Coalfield and Sunderland City Centre that can be accessed by local residents
- to expand the successful SARA project based in Southwick to many other parts of the city
- to review how we can support the police through increased surveillance of anti-social behaviour hot spots via more CCTV, purchase and use of drone technology, together with a dedicated mobile traffic unit for our 20/30mph zones
- to produce an annual 'Respect Plan' for the City, detailing how the council and its partners will work collaboratively to tackle crime and the fear of crime.

Councillor Hartnack had given notice of his intention to move an amendment to the original motion. The Leader of the Council raised a point of order that the proposed amendment added to the original motion to an extent which changed the intent of the motion and made it too wide ranging. The Mayor upheld the point of order and the amendment was rejected.

Councillor Haswell, duly seconded by Councillor P W L Gibson, then moved the following amendment: -

Bullet point 4 – after “Washington, Coalfield and Sunderland” add “, including the” and then after “City Centre” add “, Southwick and Farringdon,”
Insert new bullet point 8:

“to encourage and foster links between the Police and schools/youth clubs to educate young people as to the detrimental effects of anti-social behaviour. This should include the provision of facilities on council premises and/or on council land for youth/community organisations.”

Insert new bullet point 9:

“to commit to liaise with the parents or guardians of children at risk of adopting criminal lifestyles through all appropriate agencies, as council is mindful of the impacts of a criminal record in adult life.”

Insert new bullet point 10:

“and extend an annual invite to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting of full council and deliver an in person report on policing performance and crime prevention in Sunderland, Washington, Houghton and Hetton.”

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- and extend an annual invite to the Police and Crime Commissioner to attend a meeting of full council and deliver an in-person report on policing performance and crime prevention in Sunderland, Washington, Houghton and Hetton.

Upon being moved the amendment was declared to be carried unanimously.

The Mayor read the new Substantive Motion.

The Mayor then put the new substantive motion to the meeting and accordingly it was: -

57. RESOLVED that: -

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Reception of Petitions

- 58. RESOLVED** that the petitions listed below submitted by the Councillors named be received and referred to the appropriate Chief Officer for consideration in accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme: -

Councillor Tye – Petition asking the Council to give consideration to a traffic signal pedestrian crossing being installed between St Christopher's Road and Nursery Road on Silksworth Lane.

Councillor F Miller - Petition asking the Council to give consideration to a Traffic Regulation Order being put in place at Barmston Village Centre.

Councillor Mann - Petition asking the Council to act upon issues of parking, damage to the highway and pavement and increased litter at Broadstairs Court and Broadway properties.

Councillor Hartnack - Petition raising objections to the proposed road closure at Princess Avenue, Seaburn.

Councillor Mullen - Petition opposing the application to construct a drive thru restaurant on the site of the Barnes service station.

Councillor Mullen – Petition asking the Council to reimburse residents of Vicarage Close for damage caused to their properties by the Persimmon development.

Councillor S Johnston - Petition asking the Council to install CCTV on Tyzacks field.

Councillor S Johnston - Petition asking the Council to remove the shrubs on the bank outside Bloomfield Court.

Written Questions by Members of the Public under Rule 10

Pursuant to Rule 10 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were asked questions which had been submitted by members of the public.

Written Questions by Members of the Council under Rule 11

Pursuant to Rule 11 of the Council Rules of Procedure, the Leader and Members of the Cabinet were to be asked questions which had been submitted by Members of the Council.

- 59. RESOLVED** that written responses be issued for all questions by Members.

Report of the Human Resources Committee

The Human Resources Committee reported and recommended as follows: -

1. Pay Policy Statement 2022-2023

That at its meeting on 17 March 2022 the Human Resources Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services (copy attached) which sought approval for publication, subject to Council approval on 23 March 2022, of the Pay Policy Statement for 2022-23.

Accordingly, the Human Resources Committee having considered the information set out in the report, recommended Council to approve the Pay Policy Statement for 2022-23 and its publication on the Council website by 31 March 2022.

The Leader of the Council, Councillor G Miller, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Rowntree, moved the report of the Human Resources Committee.

The recommendation was put to the meeting and with all Members present being in agreement it was: -

- 60. RESOLVED** that the report the report of the Human Resources Committee be approved and adopted.

The meeting adjourned at this point, having reached three hours' duration.

(Signed) H TRUEMAN,
Mayor.

Committee Lists

Note: All appointments are to the next Annual Meeting unless otherwise specified.

ITEM 8 – TO ELECT THE LEADER OF THE COUNCIL

Leader of the Council

(Term of office of Leader in accordance with the Council's executive arrangements : until the first Annual Meeting after his/her normal day of retirement as a councillor)

ITEM 9 - TO NOTE THE DECISION OF THE LEADER ON THE APPOINTMENTS TO THE CABINET AND THE PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES, TO NOTE THE APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS AND ANY AMENDMENTS TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DELEGATION OF EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS MADE BY THE LEADER

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and one relevant Portfolio Holder

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (Chair), Leader of the Council (Vice Chair), Cabinet Secretary, Vibrant City Portfolio Holder, Healthy City Portfolio Holder.

ITEM 10 - COMMITTEES, SUB – COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS THEREOF

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5 Members (no more than one Member of Cabinet) plus 2 Co-opted Members

Independent Members Mr. G.N. Cook and Mr. M. Knowles

Chair (Co-opted Member) Mr. G.N. Cook

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12 Members

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 Members

3 Members of the Majority Group

1 Opposition Member

Council is requested to note the above-mentioned nominations are made by the Leader.

(Council Officers)

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Director of Adult Services

Director of Children's Services and Chief Executive – Together for Children

(Representatives of external organisations)

Chief Officer – Clinical Commissioning Group – D Chandler

Chair of Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr. I. Pattison (Vice Chair)

Member of the Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr T. Lucas

Healthwatch representative – Dr J Dean

Chair – Sunderland Partnership – **Vacancy**

Chief Executive, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust – K. Bremner

Executive Director of Commissioning and Quality Assurance, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – L. Quinn

University of Sunderland representative – Dr. Y. Graham

Chair – Sunderland Healthy Workplace Alliance

Chair - Health and Care Executive

Chair – All Together Better in interim until place-based provider alliance established – Dr. M. Weatherhead

Safer Sunderland Partnership representative – Chief Superintendent

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

14 Members

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members + 4 Co-Opted Members

Co-opted Members:-

1 Church of England diocese representative – **Vacancy**

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Ms. A. Blakey

Secondary and Special School Parent Governor representative – **Vacancy**

Primary School Parent Governor representative - **Vacancy**

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members

Co-Opted Members (non-voting):-

2 Members of Hetton Town Council nominated by the Town Council:-

To be advised

Independent Person (not a member of the Committee):-

Mr D. Hall – Appointed at Council in September 2017 for a period of two years, an additional period of two years from 1 October 2019 then an additional period of two years from 1 October 2021.

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS

10 Members

Current Arrangement

At present there are two Planning and Highways Committees.

- Planning and Highways (East) Committee (consisting of 16 Members).
- Planning and Highways (West) Committee (consisting of 9 Members).

Both Committees meet once, every calendar month and consider a range of Planning and Highways related matters.

Proposal

The replacement of the two Committees with a single Planning and Highways Committee, which would be responsible for all planning and highway related decisions, recommendations or actions that are not delegated to Officers.

At present, it is not considered that the existing arrangements for planning and highways decision making are as efficient or effective as they could be to fulfil the city-wide, strategic aims and aspirations of the Council. It is in the public interest for the Council to have the most appropriate and proportionate arrangements in place to ensure that decisions on planning applications and related applications/notifications, that raise no significant planning issues and accord with the Development Plan, are made as quickly as possible and that resources are appropriately concentrated on the applications of greatest significance and sensitivity to the City.

Consequently, it is considered that having one committee would reinforce the remit of the Planning and Highways Committee, as a “city-wide” committee focusing on strategic matters, operating with clear levels of decision making between the Committee (strategic and city-wide decision making) and Officers (localised decision making). A single committee will help improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Council’s decision-making.

The Committee will consist of 10 Members and will meet on a monthly cycle.

Council is recommended to approve the proposal set out above and authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly.

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

15 Members

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Panels of 3 Members from Licensing Committee – Rotation system to operate

HOMELESSNESS APPEALS PANEL

10 Members

EDUCATION COMPLAINTS PANEL

10 Members

EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL

10 Members

APPEALS COMMITTEE

20 Members

A Panel will comprise 3 Members, 2 majority and 1 opposition

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

8 Members

* N.B. The position of Chair alternates annually with Trade Union Side.

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

7 Members including relevant Portfolio Holder and 7 substitute Members

1 Non-Voting Co-opted Member – A Non-Executive Director from Together for Children - Sunderland

PORT BOARD

5 Members

Co-Opted Members

The Council is requested to consider appointments to the two vacancies for co-opted members on the Port Board.

The Port Board was originally established in 2010 as a non-executive committee of Full Council in accordance with the Department for Transport's ("DfT") then guidance for municipal ports contained in "*Opportunities for Ports in Local Authority Ownership*" (2006). The current Port Board structure is based on the harbour management committee model that was recommended by the DfT at that time as the best practice governance model for in-house local authority owned ports.

The DfT has subsequently issued updated guidance in relation to port governance arrangements which applies to all statutory harbour authorities ("SHAs"). These include the Council and other municipal ports, plus trust ports and certain private ports (*Ports Good Governance Guidance 2018*). This replaces the previous 2006 guidance. Whilst this guidance is not legally binding, it is recommended good practice and all SHAs are expected to carefully consider it and implement its principles (if these are not already in place), unless this is considered impractical or inappropriate based on local circumstances. Where a SHA decides not to comply with the 2018 Guidance, it is stated that the relevant SHA should clearly state the reasons why publicly.

The DfT's 2018 Guidance reaffirms that the existing harbour management committee model, namely a specific Council committee comprising a majority of elected members plus external appointees with suitable and valuable skills and experience (based on the requirements of the relevant port), continues to be the recommended model as to how good practice corporate governance principles can be applied to local authority ports.

There are currently two external vacancies on the Port Board following the departure at the end of 2019 of the two previous co-opted members who had served on the Port Board for almost ten years.

An external recruitment exercise, supported by specialist recruitment consultant, has been undertaken to seek two new co-opted member appointees based on an up-to-date role profile. As a result of this process, it is recommended that the following two candidates are appointed to the Port Board for a three-year term.

Richard McEvoy is currently Chief Risk Officer of Tier One Capital, a Non-Executive Director and Trustee of both Age UK Northumberland and The Concern Group, a Coach and Mentor of The Experience Bank and a member of the Northumbria University Advisory Board, with considerable corporate finance sector experience.

Leonard Taylor is a senior mechanical engineering professional and is currently a Sector Specialist for offshore wind and renewables for the Northern Powerhouse/Department for Trade and also Managing Director of Lenergy Consulting, with proven Chief Executive Officer experience in the energy, chemical storage and offshore wind industries.

Council is therefore recommended to approve the appointment of Richard McEvoy and Leonard Taylor to the Port of Sunderland Port Board, for a three year term;

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row)

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, St. Chad's, Sandhill and Silksworth)

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St. Michael's)

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St. Peter's and Southwick)

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West)

ITEM 11 - JOINT COMMITTEES, JOINT AUTHORITIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANELS

Council is requested to note that it is proposed that no appointments will be made to the above panels by the Council. The delivery of adoption and fostering services is delegated to Together for Children (TfC). Adoption now sits in a partnership with Durham and Cumbria, but with the team remaining with TfC.

The regulation and inspection of both adoption and fostering services sits separately from children's services and they have their own Ofsted judgements. At the moment both are rated Good. As a result of the delivery model in TfC both are regarded legally and from a regulatory perspective as independent. The Council is not legally required to nominate members onto either panel nor is there any provision for this in the TfC services contract.

Both panels have independently appointed Chairs. The suitability and selection of panel members is an area of increasing scrutiny as a result of the national focus on safeguarding children, particularly post-pandemic, and both chairs will be interviewed by Ofsted on this issue. To maintain ongoing assurance to the Council, performance reports are provided to a variety of council meetings around the quality of both services. The Regional Adoption Agency Head of Service also attends Scrutiny to provide a full update on outcomes.

ACADEMY TRUSTS

Castle View Enterprise Academy – 2 Vacancies

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BOARD

1 Member

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

AGE UK

1 Member

AGED MERCHANT SEAMEN'S HOMES AND THE SUNDERLAND DISTRESSED MARINER'S FUND

2 Members

ALLIANCE (FORMERLY COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN)

2 Members

ANEC LTD.

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – LEADERS’ AND ELECTED MAYORS’ GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – RESOURCES TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – NORTH EAST CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

1 Member

BOWES RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

1 Member

BRITISH RESORTS ASSOCIATION - POLICY COMMITTEE

1 Member

CHANCE PROJECT

1 Member

**CHILDREN’S CENTRES/EARLY HELP LOCAL ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP
BOARDS**

Coalfield and Washington –Coalfield Area Committee representative (Substitute – 1 Member) and Washington Area Committee Representative (Substitute - 1 Member)

Sunderland North & South –North Sunderland Area Committee Representative (Substitute - 1 Member), East Sunderland Area Committee Representative (Substitute – 1 Member) and West Area Committee Representative (Substitute – 1 Member)

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, WASHINGTON - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

1 Member

CO-OPERATIVE COUNCILS INNOVATION NETWORK

1 Member

**CUMBRIA, NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST
COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS**

1 Member

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

1 Member

ELIZABETH DONNISON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

2 Members

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UK

4 Members and the Director of Environmental Services – [Not on Committee]

FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS

1 Member

Substitute: 1 Member

GENTOO GROUP LIMITED (this includes board membership of GENTOO HOMES)

(Nominations are made subject to the application of Gentoo's appointments process)

1 Member

NB Councillor Tye to also remain as a Board Member until the end of his term of office in June 2022

GREAT EPPLETON WIND FARM PANEL

1 Member

GREEN TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST

3 Members

HETTON TOWN TRUST

Councillor Blackburn (term of office to 16 May 2024)

Councillor Scott (term of officer to 16 May 2023)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAIRS NETWORK

1 Member

HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE BETWEEN SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

7 Members

HOUGHTON FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE

4 Members

HYLTON CASTLE TRUST

2 Members

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) LLP

1 Member (Substitute - 1 Member),
Chief Executive and the Executive Director of City Development

KEPIER ALMSHOUSES CHARITY HOUGHTON LE SPRING RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Mrs. S. Wardle

KEY CITIES BOARD

1 Member (with 1 Member as a substitute) and the Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leader of the Council and 2 Members

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – SIGOMA

1 Member

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION COASTAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

1 Member and the Flood and Coastal Group Engineer, City Development Directorate

MAYOR’S FUND FOR NECESSITOUS CHILDREN

The Right Worshipful the Mayor for the time being
2 Majority Party Members
1 Majority Party in Opposition Member

MILLFIELD/ST. MARK’S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

1 Member

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

3 Members

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

1 Member (and 1 substitute Member)

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

Director 1 Member
Alternate Director 1 Member

NORTH EAST AUTOMOTIVE ALLIANCE

Chief Executive

NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION

1 Member

NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY (where appointments are made by NECA or the Joint Transport Committee, those bodies will have regard to the nominations made by the Council)

North East Leadership Board

Leader of the Council
Substitute – 1 Member

Audit and Standards Committee

2 Members
Substitutes – 2 Members
(Appointments should be based on the advice from NECA with regard to the required political affiliation to ensure regional political balance)

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 Members
Substitutes – 2 Members
(Must not be Members of the NE Leadership Board, Transport North East Committee or Transport North East (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee. Appointments should be based on the advice from NECA with regard to the required political affiliation to ensure regional political balance.)

North East Joint Transport Committee

Deputy Leader of the Council (appointed by NECA)
Substitute – Leader of the Council (appointed by NECA)

North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee

1 Member
Substitute – 1 Member

North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

2 Members

Substitutes – 2 Members

North East Joint Transport Audit Committee

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board to the North East Combined Authority

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

NORTH EAST DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

1 Member

NORTH EAST JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Substitute: Chair of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council – Observer to the Board appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD INNOVATION DELIVERY ADVISORY BOARD

Chief Executive of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD BUSINESS GROWTH ADVISORY BOARD

Leader of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST MIGRATION NETWORK CORE STRATEGIC GROUP

Dynamic City Portfolio Holder (appointed by ANEC Ltd.)

NORTH EAST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Tyne and Wear vacancy to be nominated by ANEC Ltd.

NORTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

4 Members with 1 as Member of the Executive Committee

NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

1 Member

NORTH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SENSORY SUPPORT

General Council – 2 Members with 1 also a Member of the Executive Committee

NORTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM LIMITED

2 Members

NORTHERN REGIONAL BRASS BAND TRUST

1 Member

NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR AND NORTH DURHAM STP JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 Members

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

2 Members Substitutes – 2 Members

NORTHUMBRIA REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE (Four Year Term commencing 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2025)

Councillor Peacock
Substitute – Councillor Edgeworth

Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Programming and Investment Group

1 Member (and substitute)

PARKER MEMORIAL HOME / PARKER TRUST CIO

Ms P Dyball, Mr I. Galbraith, Ms S. Rackstraw and Ms A. Solomon (for a four year term until 19 June 2023)

Ms. H. Cox, Mrs S. Preece and Mr T. Preece (for a four year term until 19 May 2025)

The Trust demonstrates operational independence from the Council by having the number of trustees who are “associated persons” of the Council at less than 20% of the total membership. “Associated persons” include individuals who have been members of a local authority in the previous 4 years, which therefore includes the current trustee, Mr. I. Galbraith (up until 6 May 2023). Parker Trust CIO was established in April 2017 to provide a corporate structure to the charity. Now that the CIO has been operational for several years and is performing well in delivering the aims of the original Parker Memorial Home charity it is appropriate to explore the

transfer of the existing assets of the unincorporated Parker Memorial Home Charity into the Parker Trust CIO. For the information of Members, the trust deed under which the Property and assets of the original Parker Memorial Home Charity are held by the Trustees do not permit the Trustees to transfer the assets of the Charity other than with the consent of the Charity Commission. The current assets of the Charity include the money held in the bank account for the Charity and the Charity's interest in 25 Kayll Road, Sunderland. The consent of the Trustees of both the Parker Trust CIO and the Parker Memorial Home Charity will be needed before an application to the Charity Commission could be made.

ROKER REGATTA COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE

2 Members

SAMUEL DOBSON TRUST

6 Members

SIGLION LLP, SIGLION INVESTMENTS LLP, SIGLION DEVELOPMENTS LLP, SIGLION NOMINEE LTD, SIGLION NEWCO LTD, POTTERS HILL MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD, VAUX MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED

Leader of the Council, 1 Member and Chief Executive

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

1 Member

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

5 Members

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference

5 Members

ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

1 Member

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BAKEHOUSE CAFÉ (Known as Bede's Monastery @ Monkwearmouth Limited)

1 Member

SUNDERLAND AFC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council, 2 Portfolio Holders, Chief Executive, Executive Director of City Development and Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND BOYS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FUND

3 Members

SUNDERLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT (HOLDING COMPANY) LIMITED

3 Members together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT LIMITED

3 Members together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S GOVERNING BODY

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities
and Director of Adult Services

Primary Care Co-Commissioning Sub-Committee

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND CULTURE LIMITED

1 Member and Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE TRUST

Councillor Williams (for a three year period to 19 May 2024) and the Assistant Director of Finance (to 28 March 2023)

SUNDERLAND AND NORTH DURHAM ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

2 Members

SUNDERLAND FOOTBALL TRUST BOARD

1 Member

SUNDERLAND FUTURES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1 Member

SUNDERLAND LIFESTYLE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

1 Member and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND ORPHANAGE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

4 Members

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chief Executive

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Leader of the Council

Safer Sunderland Partnership

Leader of the Council

Portfolio Holder

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Director of Children's Services – Chief Executive of Together for Children

Director of Adult Services

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Head of Adult Social Care

Assistant Director of Regulatory Services

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)

Coalfield – 1 Member

East Sunderland – 2 Members

North Sunderland – 1 Member

Washington – 1 Member

West Sunderland – 1 Member

Dynamic City Board

Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

1 Member

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP)

1 Member

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN – SUNDERLAND

Executive Directors

Chief Executive of Together for Children
Director of Corporate and Commercial Services (TfC)
Director of Finance (TfC)

Non-Executive Directors

Mr D. Gallagher (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)
Ms D. Exley (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)
Ms C. Hearne (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)
Mr S. Mason (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)
Assistant Director of Corporate Affairs, Sunderland City Council
Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council

* Chair of the Board - Mr P. Moffat – appointed by the Department for Education

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH BOARD

Deputy Leader of the Council – appointed as the Deputy Representative by the North East Combined Authority

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Representative to be appointed by the North East Combined Authority

TRIPLETT CHARITY

3 Members

TYNE AND WEAR ANTI FASCIST ASSOCIATION

1 Member - non-voting

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

4 Members

TYNE AND WEAR LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

1 Member

TYNE AND WEAR PENSION FUND

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1 Member

VICTORIA HOUSE CHARITY

3 Members

WASHINGTON SPORTS TRUST

5 Members

WEAR WATER SPORTS CLUBS ASSOCIATION

1 Member

WOODCOCK AND BOWES CHARITY

2 Members

**WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

1 Member

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK

1 Member

Substitute – 1 Member

Previously, it was a condition that local authority representatives were appointed to Community Associations that were in receipt of grant aid from the Council exceeding £500 per annum.

As grant aid is not provided to Community Associations from the Council, the Council is not entitled to require a representative to serve on these bodies. Any positions which continue to be held on Community Associations by individual Councillors will be in a capacity other than as a nominee of the Council.

Governors of Schools/Colleges

To note the appointment of Governors as set out below. Those highlighted in bold have been made by the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel. The other governorships are those positions of which Governance Services are aware which are held by the individual Councillors in a capacity other than as a nominee of the Council. Any additions to this list may be notified to Governance Services and the on-line list will be updated.

Cllr. U. Ali	St. Paul's Primary School
Cllr. S.J. Ayre	Brighter Academy Trust
Cllr. J. Blackburn	Hetton Primary
Cllr. M. Burrell	St. Michael's RC Primary School
Cllr. M. Butler	Southwick Primary School (parent governor)
Cllr. K. Chequer	Southwick Primary School
Cllr. J. Doyle	Fulwell Junior School
Cllr. P. Donaghy	Oxclose Community Nursery
Cllr. R. Dunn	Richard Avenue Primary School
Cllr. L. Farthing	Rickleton Primary
Cllr. H. Greener	Plains Farm Academy
Cllr. M. Hartnack	Fulwell Junior School, Grange Park Primary School
Cllr. K. Johnston	Houghton Community Nursery
Cllr. L. Lauchlan	Biddick Primary
Cllr. F. Miller	George Washington Primary
Cllr. G. Miller	Oak Learning Trust (Director)
Cllr. C. Rowntree	Virtual School
Cllr. A. Samuels	Grange Park Primary School
Cllr. I. Scott	Hetton Primary School
Cllr. G. Smith	Diamond Hall Junior Academy
Cllr. D. Snowdon	Barmston Village Primary

Cllr. D.E. Snowdon	John F Kennedy Primary , Biddick Academy
Cllr. M. Speding	Shiney Row Primary
Cllr. P. Stewart	Willow Fields Primary (Co-opted Governor)
Cllr. M. Thornton	Eppleton Academy Primary School
Cllr. H. Trueman	Columbia Grange
Cllr. P.M. Tye	New Silksworth Academy
Cllr. P. Walker	Albany Village Primary ,
Cllr. L. Williams	Lambton Primary , Oxclose Community Academy, Discover Learning Trust (Trustee)
Cllr. P. Wood	St. Aidan's Academy
Cllr. L. Farthing, Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (appointed by Sunderland College)	Sunderland College – Board of Corporation
S. Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Resilience	Beacon of Light Free School Trust (Director)

**REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT
ARRANGEMENTS**

To note the under mentioned appointments made by the Leader

**COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF
ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS (ANEC)**

1 Member

**SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT
PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

2 Members

Substitute – 1 Member

**PATROL (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OUTSIDE
LONDON) ADJUDICATION JOINT COMMITTEE**

1 Member

TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE

4 Members

Substitutes – 4 Members

ITEM 12 - UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Council is recommended to agree the approach set out below to the making of appointments in the circumstances referred to, and authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly.

Where an appointment to a position on a committee or external body is to be made in accordance with

(a) the rules regarding political proportionality or

(b) a decision of Council that the position be filled by a member of a particular political group,

and the nominee for the position concerned has not been notified to Annual Council for appointment, the relevant group leader, or their representative, may notify the Assistant Director of Law and Governance of their nominee within three weeks of the date of the Annual Council Meeting and the Assistant Director of Law and Governance will make the appointment and notify Council accordingly.

In addition, should any external organisation inform the Council that any Council representative(s) must be from a particular political group in order to comply with that organisation's constitution or other governing document, or, should any notification be received that a nominated member is ineligible for appointment under the organisation's constitution or governing document, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance is authorised to make any necessary changes to appointments, in accordance with notification(s) received from the relevant group leader(s) or their representatives and notify Council accordingly.

In respect of nominations to the Health and Wellbeing Board by external organisations, where any such nominations or changes to existing appointments are notified to the Council following the Annual Council meeting, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance will be authorised to make any necessary changes to the appointments and will notify Council accordingly.

COUNCIL DIARY

2022/2023

May/June 2022

Monday	30	
Tuesday	31	
Wednesday	1	
Thursday	2	Spring Bank Holiday – Coronation Day
Friday	3	Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Monday	6	10.00 Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5. 30 Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	7	
Wednesday	8	5.30 Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	9	10.00 Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30 Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	10	
Monday	13	5.45 Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	14	4.30 Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	15	6.00 Coalfield Area Committee
Thursday	16	1.00 Joint Leadership Team
		5.30 Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

June/July 2022

Friday	17		
Monday	20		
Tuesday	21	4.30	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Wednesday	22	4.00	Council
Thursday	23	10.30	Human Resources Committee
		1.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	North Sunderland Area Committee
Friday	24		
Monday	27	5.30	East Sunderland Area Committee
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29	5.30	West Sunderland Area Committee
Thursday	30	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		6.00	Washington Area Committee
Friday	1	10.00	Senior Members' Briefing
Monday	4	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5. 30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	5		
Wednesday	6	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	7	5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	8	12.00	Health and Wellbeing Board

July 2022

Monday	11	5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	12	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	13	5.30	West Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Thursday	14	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	15		
Monday	18	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board
Tuesday	19	4.30	Coalfield Neighbourhood and Community Board
Wednesday	20	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.00	North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Thursday	21	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		4.00	Washington Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Friday	22	1.30	Audit and Governance Committee
Monday	25	3.30	East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Tuesday	26		

July/August 2022

Wednesday	27	
Thursday	28	9.00 Port Board
Friday	29	
Monday	1	10.00 Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5.30 Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	2	
Wednesday	3	
Thursday	4	
Friday	5	
Monday	8	
Tuesday	9	
Wednesday	10	
Thursday	11	
Friday	12	
Monday	15	
Tuesday	16	
Wednesday	17	
Thursday	18	
Friday	19	
Monday	22	
Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	2.00 Senior Members' Briefing

August/September 2022

Friday	26		
Monday	29	Summer Bank Holiday	
Tuesday	30		
Wednesday	31	1.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
Thursday	1		
Friday	2		
Monday	5	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5. 30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	6		
Wednesday	7	3.00	Joint Consultative Committee
		5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	8	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	9		
Monday	12	5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	13	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

September/October 2022

Wednesday	14	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		4.00	Council
Thursday	15	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	16		
Monday	19	5.30	East Sunderland Area Committee
Tuesday	20		
Wednesday	21	5.30	West Sunderland Area Committee
Thursday	22	9.00	Port Board
Friday	23		
Monday	26	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board
Tuesday	27		
Wednesday	28	6.00	Coalfield Area Committee
Thursday	29	2.00	Senior Members' Briefing
		5.30	North Sunderland Area Committee
		6.00	Washington Area Committee
Friday	30	12.00	Health and Wellbeing Board
Monday	3	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5.30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	4		

October 2022

Wednesday	5	5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	6	5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	7		
Monday	10	5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	11	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	12	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
Thursday	13	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	14		
Monday	17		
Tuesday	18	4.30	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Wednesday	19		
Thursday	20	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
Friday	21		
Monday	24		
Tuesday	25		
Wednesday	26		
Thursday	27	2.00	Senior Members' Briefing

October/November 2022

Friday	28		
Monday	31	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5. 30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	1		
Wednesday	2	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	3	5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	4	1.30	Audit and Governance Committee
Monday	7		
Tuesday	8	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	9	5.30	West Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Thursday	10	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	11		
Monday	14	3.30	East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel

November 2022

Tuesday	15	4.30	Coalfield Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Wednesday	16	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		4.00	Council
Thursday	17	10.30	Human Resources Committee
		1.00	Joint Leadership Team
Friday	18		
Monday	21	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board
Tuesday	22		
Wednesday	23	5.00	North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Thursday	24	9.00	Port Board
		2.00	Senior Members' Briefing
		5.00	Washington Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Friday	25		
Monday	28	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5. 30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	29		

November/December 2022

Wednesday	30	5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	1	5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	2		
Monday	5	5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	6	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	7	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	West Sunderland Area Committee
Thursday	8	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	9	12.00	Health and Wellbeing Board
Monday	12	5.30	East Sunderland Area Committee
Tuesday	13		
Wednesday	14	6.00	Coalfield Area Committee
Thursday	15	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		5:30	North Sunderland Area Committee
		6.00	Washington Area Committee
Friday	16		
Monday	19		
Tuesday	20		

December 2022/January 2023

Wednesday	21	
Thursday	22	
Friday	23	
Monday	26	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	27	Bank Holiday
Wednesday	28	
Thursday	29	
Friday	30	
Monday	2	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	3	10.00 Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5.30 Planning and Highways Committee
Wednesday	4	
Thursday	5	2.00 Senior Members' Briefing
		5.30 Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	6	
Monday	9	5.45 Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	10	4.30 Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

January 2023

Wednesday	11	5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	12	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	13		
Monday	16	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board
Tuesday	17		
Wednesday	18		
Thursday	19	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		2.00	Senior Members' Briefings
Friday	20		
Monday	23	11.30	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
Tuesday	24		
Wednesday	25	4.00	Council
Thursday	26	9.00	Port Board
Friday	27		
Monday	30	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		1.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	31		

February 2023

Wednesday	1	5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	2	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	3	1.30	Audit and Governance Committee
Monday	6	3.30	East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	7	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	8	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
Thursday	9	5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	10		
Monday	13		
Tuesday	14	4.30	Coalfield Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Wednesday	15	5.30	West Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board

February/March 2023

Thursday	16	1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		5.00	Washington Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		5.00	North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Friday	17		
Monday	20		
Tuesday	21		
Wednesday	22	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		4.00	Council (Budget)
Thursday	23	10.30	Human Resources Committee
Friday	24		
Monday	27	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5.30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	28	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
Wednesday	1	5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	2	2.00	Senior Members' Briefings
		5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	3		

March 2023

Monday	6	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board
Tuesday	7	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	8	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		3.00	Joint Consultative Committee
Thursday	9	5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	10		
Monday	13	5.30	East Sunderland Area Committee
Tuesday	14	5.30	West Sunderland Area Committee
Wednesday	15	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		6.00	Coalfield Area Committee
Thursday	16	10.00	Cabinet (Decision Making)
		6.00	Washington Area Committee
Friday	17	12.00	Health and Wellbeing Board
Monday	20	5.45	Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel
Tuesday	21	4.30	Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education
Wednesday	22	4.00	Council
Thursday	23	9.00	Port Board
		1.00	Joint Leadership Team
		5.30	North Sunderland Area Committee
Friday	24		

March/April 2023

Monday	27	10.00	Licensing and Regulatory Committee
		5.30	Planning and Highways Committee
Tuesday	28		
Wednesday	29	5.00	Washington Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		4.30	Coalfield Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		5.30	West Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Thursday	30	5.30	Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee
Friday	31		
Monday	3	3.30	East Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
		5.00	North Sunderland Area Neighbourhood and Community Board
Tuesday	4	4.30	Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee
Wednesday	5	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)
		5.30	Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee
Thursday	6	5.30	Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Friday	7		Good Friday
Monday	10		Easter Monday
Tuesday	11		
Wednesday	12		
Thursday	13		
Friday	14		
Monday	17		
Tuesday	18		
Wednesday	19	10.00	Appeals Panel (to be confirmed)

April/May 2023

Thursday	20		
Friday	21		
Monday	24		
Tuesday	25		
Wednesday	26		
Thursday	27		
Friday	28	1.30	Audit and Governance Committee
Monday	1		May Day Bank Holiday
Tuesday	2		
Wednesday	3		
Thursday	4		Local Government Elections
Friday	5		
Monday	8		
Tuesday	9		
Wednesday	10		
Thursday	11		
Friday	12		
Monday	15		
Tuesday	16		
Wednesday	17	6.00	Annual Council
Thursday	18	9.00	Port Board
Friday	19		
Monday	22	5.30	Corporate Parenting Board

May/June 2023

Tuesday	23	
Wednesday	24	
Thursday	25	
Friday	26	
Monday	29	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday	30	
Wednesday	31	
Thursday	1	
Friday	2	