

## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Committee Room 1), Plater Way, Sunderland on Thursday 12 January, 2023 at 5.30 p.m.**

#### Membership

Cllrs Bond, Butler, Curtis, Doyle, Edgeworth, Hartnack, Mason-Gage, Mullen, P. Smith, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon (Chair), Thornton, H. Trueman and Watson (Vice Chair).

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No items.

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No items.

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4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

**At a meeting of the SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2022 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor D.E. Snowden in the Chair

Councillors Bond, Butler, Curtis, Doyle, Edgeworth, Hartnack, Mullen, H. Trueman and Watson.

Also in attendance:-

Mr Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Ms Beverley Poulter, Corporate Strategy Manager

Ms Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members Support Co-ordinator, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mason-Gage, P. Smith and Thornton.

**Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> November, 2022**

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the penultimate paragraph on page 3 and stated that he was not aware that his request that details of SAIL were circulated to all Members of the Council for their information had been actioned.

Councillor Curtis referred to the final paragraph on page 3 and advised that he had met with 'Sunderland Youth Council' not 'Sunderland Youth Parliament'.

Councillor Hartnack referred to the penultimate paragraph on page 4 and stated that in addition to Fulwell he had also mentioned South Bents and Seaburn.

Councillor Mullen referred to his comments on paragraph 2 of page 6 and advised that he specifically highlighted the action of the PCC in declining invitations received from Conservative Councillors.

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record subject to the above amendments.

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

### **Item 6 – Notice of Key Decisions**

Councillor Doyle made an open declaration in respect of item number 220621/720 (To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside) due to the involvement of his employer in relation to the matter on the notice regarding the development.

### **Reference from Cabinet – 8 December 2022 Capital Programme Planning 2023/2024 to 2026/2027**

The Assistant Director of Finance presented a report (copy circulated) which sought the views of the Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 8 December 2022 which detailed:

- an update to Cabinet on the level of capital resources and commitments for the forthcoming financial year within the current approved capital programme; and
- additional capital new start project proposals for inclusion in the Capital Programme 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 to be reported to Cabinet in February 2023.

Members' views were requested in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Paul Wilson, Assistant Director of Finance and Mr Paul Dixon, Chief Accountant, addressed questions and comments from Members in relation to:-

- The availability of grant support and the Council's relative success in securing such support.
- The possibility of detailing comparative data in future reports on Sunderland's performance in securing grant funding against the performance of other local authorities.
- An assessment of the impact of the loss of EU funding.
- The increase in the cost of materials and its impact on highways projects funded by the Area Committees
- The availability of warranties on major infrastructure projects such as the Aspire bridge.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Mr Wilson and Mr Dixon for their report and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that it be reported to Cabinet that:-

'The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee noted the report and the additional proposals outlined within. The Committee will continue to monitor the capital programme through these regular updates and has no further comment to make at this time.'

**Reference from Cabinet – 8 December 2022**  
**Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 – 2026/2027**

The Assistant Director of Finance presented a report (copy circulated) which sought the views of the Committee on a report considered by Cabinet on 8 December 2022 which:

- Provided an update, since the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) report to Cabinet in October 2022, on the key factors influencing the development of the Council's financial plans into the medium term;
- Set out the updated headlines and context for the MTFP 2023/2024 to 2026/2027;
- Set out provisional budget savings proposals for 2023/2024 to assist in meeting the current budget gap, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2023/2024; and
- Set out the consultation / communication strategy for the budget 2023/2024.

Members' views were requested in accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Paul Wilson, Assistant Director of Finance briefed the Committee on the report highlighting paragraph 3.4 concerning Central Government Funding for Local Government, the Medium Term Financial Plan detailed at paragraph 3.5 and revised gap of £61m over the 4-year period 2023/2024 to 2026/2027. Members were informed that the spending assumptions were unchanged from those reported to the Committee in October. There were no details yet regarding Sunderland's likely share of the funding provided by Central Government. The Local Government Financial settlement was scheduled to be announced during the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> December, although it was feared the announcement could come as late as the 21<sup>st</sup>.

Councillor Butler referred to the harrowing prospect outlined in the initial report of having to find savings of £5.3m in respect of Adult Social Care. In reply Mr Wilson explained the process whereby services areas were invited to submit proposals as part of the budgetary process which were discussed and developed in consultation with lead Members. At the start of this process there were often a lot of uncertainties in respect of funding available including the extent of grant funding, the shape of the local government financial settlement and the government plans in relation to Business rate retention and the fair cost of care review.

Councillor Butler welcomed the reduction in the savings being sought in respect of adult social care to £2m and asked if there was a chance that it could rise again come the final drafting of the budget proposals. He also commented that Christmas was not a good time to consult on anything let alone the budget. Mr Wilson replied that he was confident that the figure would remain around £2m. With regard to the timing of the consultation, he acknowledged that the run up to Christmas was not a

good time but advised there was no practical alternative given there was only a limited window of opportunity. Any later would be too late given the budgetary setting timetable and any sooner would be meaningless given the degree of uncertainty the proposals would be based on.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the Corporate Affairs and Communications proposal to reduce the frequency of the residents' printed newsletter and suggested that it should be scrapped altogether along with the residents' survey. Councillors Mullen and Hartnack agreed with the suggestion to scrap the newsletter and Councillor Hartnack suggested that it would also help with the Council's Carbon reduction targets. Councillor Butler stated that whilst acknowledging we lived in a digital age with a variety of means of communication available, there was still a need to cater for residents without access to the internet. In conclusion, Councillor Edgeworth acknowledged the difficult financial situation facing the Council but asked if Cabinet could be asked to consider limiting any proposed rises in council tax given the current financial climate and the impact this would have on residents.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Doyle regarding the impact of any appeals in relation to the new April 2023 business rateable values on the rate of collection, Mr Wilson advised that he believed the effect would be neutral with a decrease in income received from retail businesses balanced by an increase from that received from the manufacturing sector.

Councillor Mullen referred to last year's corresponding meeting where he had raised with Jon Ritchie his belief that the question in the residents' Budget Consultation regarding raising council tax was loaded to achieve a particular response. He stated that Mr Ritchie had agreed to take this point on board and feed it back to the Communications Team in time for this year's consultation. In response, Mr Wilson read out this year's question to the Committee. Councillor Mullen replied that it sounded like the question had been revised. In conclusion Councillor Mullen informed the Committee that the Conservative Party members would take up the offer from Mr Wilson for advice in preparing alternative budgetary proposals.

Councillor Hartnack noted the difficulties in trying to reduce complex budgetary issues into the format of an easily understandable committee report but believed it suffered from a lack of context. For example, he struggled to understand what the savings proposals actually meant in relation to overall departmental budgets and suggested that if they were accompanied by percentage figures it would help place them in context.

Councillor Bond referred to the Social Care cost pressures and stated that the biggest log jam in relation to social care was the inability of providers to recruit care staff because of the low wage levels in the sector. He questioned the ability of Local Authorities to make further savings given this situation.

Councillor Curtis referred to conversations he had undertaken with the Housing Options Team regarding the increasing levels of homelessness and asked if all councillors could receive details of how the homeless could access support which could then be shared with residents seeking help.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Trueman, Mr Wilson confirmed that if local schools sought to go down the route of establishing as a trust and provide their own

support services this would result in the downsizing of the Council's schools support services team.

In conclusion Councillor Edgeworth referred to the on-line residents' budget consultation and expressed the view that some of the terminology was not very user friendly. For example, he believed that asking a resident to select their 'Area' or 'Ward' would be meaningless to some.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Mr Wilson and Mr Dixon for their attendance and Members for the healthy nature of the debate.

Consideration having been given to the Committee's response to Cabinet, it was :-

3. RESOLVED that it be reported to Cabinet that:-

'The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee acknowledges the information contained in the detailed report as well as noting a number of uncertainties that remain around funding and the local government settlement which would be resolved in due course.

The Committee would also recommend that serious consideration is given to limiting any rises in council tax given the current financial climate and the impact this will have on residents of the City and the services they need to access.

The Committee would also recommend that consideration is given to the way we communicate with residents in the future and if a printed newsletter is needed.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee would also like to acknowledge the hard work of officers and members in the preparation of the budget and the medium-term financial plan.

The Committee will continue to monitor the budget through these reports and has no further comment to make at this time.'

### **Performance Management Update – Quarter 2 Of 2022/23**

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide the Committee with the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 2 of 2022/23.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Ms Beverley Poulter, Corporate Strategy Manager presented the report and advised that the Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework was aligned to the Sunderland City Plan 2019 – 2030 and to the three key themes of the City Plan, Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City, as well as including the organisational health indicators, productive & innovative working, financial management and a council ready for the future. The report set out the progress made to the end of Quarter 1 of 2022/23, against a City Plan that commenced in 2019 and spanned an eleven-year period through to 2030.

The Committee was informed that following the City Plan's publication in 2019, the first review was undertaken following the conclusion of performance for 2019/20. The

refreshed plan was adopted from 1st April 2021. The report before members was aligned to the refreshed plan. A review and assurance process would be undertaken each year, to ensure that delivery remains focused on achieving the plan commitments.

Ms Poulter took the Committee through the summary for the three key themes of Dynamic City, Healthy City and Vibrant City of the Sunderland City Plan, highlighting commitments, achievements and progress made for each key theme, as well as performance against each of the five aspirations for each theme and against the additional Council indicators for good organisational health, productive and innovative working, strong financial management and a Council ready for the future.

With regard to Dynamic Smart City, Councillor Doyle enquired whether the opening of the Yard Business Hub was on track as it appeared to be running a little behind schedule and what were the anticipated timescales for its completion? In addition, he asked how performance in respect of the delivery of affordable homes was reported and also how many affordable homes had actually been built given developers were allowed to make a contribution in lieu of provision. Ms Poulter advised that she would investigate and report back.

Councillor Mullen referred to the interactive version of the City Plan and asked if funding streams for projects could be built into it. Ms Poulter replied that the ultimate aim would be to provide a version that would allow a person to click on an action or project and delve deeper from there. It was something that she was going to seek members views on during the City Plan Workshop scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> December.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Curtis, Ms Poulter confirmed that as discussed in a previous meeting, the decline in the figure for the percentage of properties with ultrafast broadband as reported in the Q1 report reflected a data error. There had been no physical change in the number of properties with ultrafast broadband rather that the initial number on which the figures were based was inaccurate. She was confident that the position statement in the report before members was correct.

Councillor Hartnack referred to the increased turnover at the Port as detailed on page 43 of the agenda papers and asked for further detail as to whether this reflected an operating profit or loss.

Councillor David Snowdon indicated his surprise that City Hall had been named "Best of the Best" in office workspaces at the British Council for Offices Awards. He expressed his annoyance that issues in respect of the acoustics in the Council Chamber and the broken Audio Visual System in Committee Room 1 had still not been satisfactorily addressed. The building had been open for a year and it had gone beyond teething troubles and snagging issues. It was something that would not be tolerated by the purchaser of a newly built home.

With regard to Healthy Smart City, the Chairman referred to the review of signage on Wearmouth Bridge as part of measures to prevent suicides and drew Ms Poulter's attention to the fact that this had been the subject of a previous notice of motion at Council. Councillor Doyle noted that the motion had been debated in 2019 and expressed disappointment at the time taken to address it.



Councillor Doyle referred to the development of the North-East Community Forest and welcomed Catherine Auld taking time to attend the Area Committees' Neighbourhood Boards to assist in identifying potential tree planting sites.

Councillor Trueman welcomed the tree planting initiatives across the city but mourned the overall loss of green space. He cited various examples of the development of green space for housing, reservoirs and solar farms and expressed concern that brownfield sites were being ignored. He believed Planners should be given the teeth to ensure that the reverse was the case.

Councillor Mullen noted that the opening the hours of the Everyone Active centres had still not returned to those of the pre Covid pandemic levels and asked if a conversation could be had to encourage them to do so.

Councillor Mullen also referred to the issue of side waste and stated that a much tougher enforcement regime was required as the current one was not working. If this didn't happen, residents would continue to put out side waste in the belief that no enforcement action taken and whilst it may not be collected with the bins, someone would come along eventually to remove it as flytipping. Councillor Edgeworth referred to the introduction of the No Side Waste Policy from January 2023 and stated that Members would need to receive the bin day statistics in order to assess the effectiveness of the Policy. Councillor Bond advised that he had previously asked that the Committee received comparative data in respect of household waste collection.

Councillor Edgeworth also referred to the figures regarding Alcohol detailed on page 48 paragraph 3 and asked if those in relation to hospital admissions included repeat visits from the same person?

Councillor Butler stated that the figures in relation to a healthy life expectancy made depressing reading and there was no doubt that this was directly linked to poverty. He advised that in Southwick, Councillors tried to ensure that services were delivered from the bottom up and he believed that funds should be provided at that level rather than top down.

With regard to Vibrant Smart City, Councillor Mullen stated that the experience in St Peter's with regard to the Triathlon had been disappointing citing for example, that assurances given to local business regarding unhindered public access to their premises had not been kept. With regard to the Airshow, he asked if an environmental impact assessment had been carried out and that if this was a genuine reason for its cancellation, how would this impact on future events?

Councillor Hartnack welcomed the increase in visitor numbers but stated that there was still work to be done in encouraging them to stay and spent in the city. Anecdotal evidence continued to indicate that visitors from outside the region attending events in Sunderland tended to stay in either Newcastle or Durham.

With regard to Organisational Health, and in particular to Cyber Security Resilience, Councillor Doyle asked to receive an update in respect of the current position in relation to the exceptions list.

With regard to the Customer Services Network, Councillor Edgeworth advised that some residents had reported difficulties in trying to book slots at the recycling centre if they did not have access to the internet.

Councillor David Snowdon advised that he had previously asked for a position statement regarding the use of Social Prescribing but did not appear to have received it.

There being no further questions or comments for Ms Poulter, the Chairman thanked her for her report and it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

### **Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23**

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) attaching, for Members' information, the thematic Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2022/23 and which provided an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2022/23.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Nigel Cummings presented the report, updating Members on the current position regarding the Work Programmes of the Scrutiny Committees.

In response to a request from Councillor Mullen that the Council's Risk Register was added as a standing item on the Committee's Work Programme for consideration once or twice a year, Mr Cummings advised that there was possibly scope to include it on the agenda for the Committee's next meeting in January.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Edgeworth regarding the possibility of looking at the Council's Corporate Parenting Board, Ms Robinson advised that the matter most likely fell within the remit of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee.

5. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committees' work programmes for 2022/23 and the variations to these work programmes be noted, together with the current scrutiny budget position.

### **Notice of Key Decisions**

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 9<sup>th</sup> November 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Consideration having been given to the report, it was :-

6. RESOLVED that the Notice of Key Decisions be received and noted.

The Chairman then closed the meeting, having thanked everyone for their attendance and offering her best wishes for a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

(Signed) D. E. SNOWDON,  
Chairman.

**SMART CITY PROGRESS UPDATE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF SMART CITIES**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To receive a progress report from Liz St Louis (Director of Smart Cities) on the progress being made in delivering the Smart City Vision.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 At the work planning meeting of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, the Committee requested a progress update with regards the Smart City Vision and Delivery Programme and the opportunities afforded by the BAI Communications Joint Venture announcement in the city as well as several other initiatives.
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee in view of the significant and positive impact of the Smart City Programme on the City Plan aspirations of delivering a dynamic smart, a healthy smart and a vibrant smart city

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 Liz St Louis (Director of Smart Cities) will provide a presentation on the progress being made to date.
- 3.2 A copy of the presentation will be made available following the meeting.

**4. Recommendations**

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the contents of the presentation.

**CITY PLAN AND INDICATIVE TIMELINE ASSURANCE PROCESS**

**Report of the Director of Strategy and Corporate Affairs**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To seek Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's consideration of the details of the City Plan and Indicative Timeline Assurance Process and the proposed updating of the Plan and Timeline.
- 1.2 Committee's views will contribute to the assurance process and the finalisation of the updated Plan and Indicative Timeline.

**2.0 Context**

- 2.1 The City Plan is the council's sole strategic plan. It is an Article 4 Plan subject to approval by Full Council.
- 2.2 The City Plan currently covers the period 2019-2030 and describes the Challenges, Themes and Commitments for the regeneration, growth and recovery of the city post the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 2.3 Following the City Plan's and Indicative Timeline's initial publication in 2019 it was intended that annual reviews would be undertaken of both.
- 2.4 The first review was undertaken in 2020 as the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic started to become apparent and resulted in revisions including:
  - the inclusion of a Covid-19 specific Challenge
  - refinements to the wording of other Challenges
  - references to Smart City to recognise the globally significant developments taking place in Sunderland
  - refinements to the wording of the Commitments
  - the updating of the Indicative Timeline of activities through to 2030
- 2.5 The second review was undertaken last year and resulted in revisions that are included in the current version of the City Plan, including:
  - the inclusion of a global climate change, related Challenge "*Sunderland will play its role in tackling the global challenge of climate change, working together across the city to be carbon neutral by 2040*" (and associated additions to relevant Commitments)
  - the updating of the Indicative Timeline to reflect the breadth and current status of key projects in the city that would contribute to the delivery of the Plan.

### 3.0 Current Position

- 3.1 Given the continuing emerging impacts of the cost-of-living crisis and other related socio-economic and structural changes impacting on the city, evidence has been collated to determine whether changes need to be made to the City Plan and Indicative Timeline this year, including:
- the council's quarterly performance reporting process
  - responses to quarterly performance reporting to Scrutiny
  - specialist analysis and considerations from council services and city partners
  - analysis of wider socio-economic, demographic and deprivation data and intelligence
- 3.2 In addition the council's Extended Joint Leadership Team also met to consider the contents of the Plan.
- 3.3 The analysis and considerations indicated that the following revisions should be considered to the City Plan:
- **Timescale:** As the City Plan is a rolling 10-year plan it is proposed to revise the timescale to 2023-2035, allowing for a recognisable, revised end date
  - **Challenges:** Previous revisions to the current Challenges have included the use of a more positive and aspirational style of language. It is therefore proposed that the Challenges are now described as Ambitions
  - **Cost-of-Living:** That the Covid-19 Challenge/Ambition is revised to reflect the ongoing challenges the city and residents face with an emphasis on the cost-of-living crisis
  - **Vision:** That the reference to 2030 is removed from the Vision in line with the change to the overall timescale.
  - **Themes:** That the references to 2030 in each Theme are removed in line with the change to the overall timescale
  - **Commitments:** That specific references are made to children and adult social care in the Healthy Smart City Commitments and that a specific reference to the Cost-of-Living crisis is made in the Vibrant Smart City Commitments
  - **Indicative Timeline:** That updates and revisions are made to reflect the breadth and current status of key projects in the city that will contribute to delivery of the Plan.
  - **Achievements Timeline:** That previously archived activity from 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and activity for the current year 2022-23 is updated to accurately completed projects and published as part of the City Plan to promote the understanding of achievements towards the Vision
  - **Narratives:** That the existing, unpublished, Narratives that are used to define the Commitments are updated and refreshed for publication to promote the fuller understanding of each Commitment
- 3.4 A workshop was held with Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 19 December. Comments made at the workshop included:

- Including a description of the challenges which the council faces as context to or within individual Ambitions
- Considering the order in which Commitments are presented under each Theme
- The use of more descriptive language for each Commitment
- Endorsement of the proposal to publish the Narratives to promote understanding of the detail and emphasis of each Commitment

3.5 Committee's considerations have been used to refine the proposed final content of the City Plan and the final draft proposed Plan and Indicative Timeline will be tabled at the meeting,

#### **4.0 Next Steps**

4.1 Subject to the Committee's considerations it is proposed that a report is presented to the 2 February 2023 Cabinet meeting with a view to the proposed updated City Plan 2019-2030 and Indicative Timeline being adopted by Full Council at its meeting on 22 February 2023.

#### **5.0 Recommendation**

5.1 Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is recommended to consider the details of the City Plan and Indicative Timeline assurance process and the proposed updating of the Plan and Timeline.

**WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the thematic Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2022/23 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2022/23.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is two-fold, firstly it has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the Scrutiny Committees and manage the overall Scrutiny Work Programme and secondly to consider the Council's corporate policies, performance and financial issues.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.3 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).

**3. Thematic Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes**

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for the Children, Education and Skills, Economic Prosperity and Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committees respectively.

**4. Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's Work Programme**

- 4.1 **Appendix 2** outlines this Committee's full work programme for the year, updated to reflect new additions and amendments requested by Committee as the year has progressed.
- 4.2 Topics for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme will vary from single issue items for consideration such as policy and performance reports through to regular updates on issues that the committee have adopted a more focused monitoring role.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the work programme is a 'living' document and can be amended throughout the course of the municipal year. Any Elected Member can add an item of business to an agenda for consideration (Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook outlines this process).



## 5. Working Groups - Update

- 5.1 Working groups are currently being developed with relevant officers around content and approach, dates and sessions will be circulated to Members as soon as is practicable. The emphasis will be on exploring the individual issues fully with relevant officers and ascertaining the course of action for these issues.

## 6. Dedicated Scrutiny Budget

- 6.1 A small budgetary provision of £15,000 per annum is available to the Scrutiny Committees to deliver the agreed Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes.
- 6.2 As of 3 January 2023 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

Description	£
Scrutiny Development	Nil
Member Development	Nil
Policy Review Development	Nil
<b>Total Expenditure to Date</b>	£0.00
<b>Budget</b>	£15,000.00
<b>Remaining Budget</b>	£15,000.00

## 7. Recommendations

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:
- (a) notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2022/23 and to its own work programme; and
  - (b) notes the current scrutiny budget position for 2022/23.

## 8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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REASON FOR INCLUSION	9 JUNE 22 (INFORMAL MEETING)	7 JULY 22	8 SEPT 22	6 OCT 22	3 NOV 22	1 DEC 22	5 JAN 23	2 FEB 23	2 MARCH 23	30 MARCH 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										Scrutiny Annual Report – 22/23
Scrutiny Business	Work Programme 2022/23	Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community	Corporate Parenting (Majella McCarthy)  SEND – Areas for Deep Dive (Pamela Robertson)  Performance Report (Jill Colbert)	SEND – Areas for Deep Dive (Pamela Robertson)  Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community - Feedback on Visit (Members)	Asylum Seekers support available for children and their families (Tracy Jeffs/Sharon Willis/Karen Dunn)  Mental Health Charter Mark Award (Catherine Barnett)	Speech Disorder and Language Disorder in Early Years (Kimm Lawson)  Holiday and Activities Food Programme (Jane Wheeler)  Ofsted Fostering Inspection – Feedback (Tracy Jelfs)	Early Help Annual Report for 2021/22 and update on Family Hubs.(Karen Davison)  YOS Review – Outcome (Karen Davison/Linda Mason)	Child Obesity – (Incl How can we better promote healthy eating among young people. Also, the influence of exercise and sporting provision) (Lorraine Hughes)  Prevention Bus – Feedback (Jane Wheeler)	Schools Update (incl action being taken to catch up on lost education due to the Covid pandemic and particularly for SEN pupils/School Attendance) (Simon Marshall)  Cared for Children – Deep Dive (Social Care)	Training and Apprenticeship Access for Care Experienced Young People (Sharon Willis)  The measures to reduce the number of young people not in education or training (Simon Marshall/Jane Wheeler)
Performance / Service Improvement		TfC Self – Evaluation (Jill Colbert)  Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)		TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report – Areas Deep Dive (Jill Colbert/Stacey Hodgkinson)		Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)		TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report (Stacey Hodgkinson)		
Consultation / Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme	

**Items to Programme:**

- Visit to Sunnigdale School (tbc)
- Safeguarding of Children (To consider the implications the National Safeguarding Review Panel Review of Child Protection (Jill Colbert)
- School Place Sufficiency (Alan Rowan)

**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23**

REASON FOR INCLUSION	14 JUNE 22 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	12 JULY 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 (REARRANGED)	11 OCTOBER 22	8 NOVEMBER 22	6 DECEMBER 22	10 JANUARY 23	7 FEBRUARY 23	7 MARCH 23	4 APRIL 23
<b>Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses</b>			Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licence Policy (Steve Waring)							Scrutiny Annual Report
<b>Scrutiny Business</b>	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Refugee Provision (Graham Scanlan)  Port Visit – Arrangements (Matthew Hunt)	Housing Strategy/ Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy – Consultation (Graham Scanlan)  Visit to the Port of Sunderland – Cancelled and Rescheduled to December)	Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby)  Events (Stephen Savage)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld)  Environmental Services Update (Marc Morley)  Visit to the Port of Sunderland (Matthew Hunt)	Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball)  Housing Strategy (Graham Scanlan)	Housing Provider Consultation (Gentoo) (Other Housing Providers)	Siglion (Neil Guthrie/Anthony Crabb)  Future High Street Fund Programme (Neil Guthrie/Anthony Crabb)  UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland)  Screen Industries - Update	Annual Road Safety Report (Paul Muir)  Public Transport Update (Mark Wilson)  Cycling Infrastructure – Update (Mark Wilson)
<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

City Heat Network Projects – Update (Peter Graham) - TBC

E Scooter – Update (June 23)

Accessibility (Stephen Dixon)

# HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		5 JULY 22 D/L:24 JUNE 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L:2 SEPT 22	4 OCTOBER 22 D/L: 23 SEPT 22	1 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 21 OCT 22	29 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 19 NOV 22	3 JANUARY 23 D/L: 23 DEC 23	31 JANUARY 23 D/L: 20 JAN 23	28 FEBRUARY 23 D/L: 17 FEB 23	28 MARCH 23 D/L: 17 MAR 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Public Health – Annual Report (Gerry Taylor)  Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement)	Task and Finish Working (Nigel Cummings)	Winter Planning (ATB/ICB)  SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board)  Social Care Health Check (Graham King/Ann Dingwall)	Elective Surgery – Update (NHS FT)  Integrated Care System Update (Scott Watson – ICB)	Health Protection Arrangements incl. Flu Immunisation Update (Public Health)  Maternity Services Assurance Update (NHS FT)	ICB Sunderland Update (Scott Watson)	North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton)  Decent Homes Update (Graham Scanlon)	MH Strategy Update (Sunderland ICB)  Annual Report (Nigel Cummings)	GP Access Review Update (Sunderland ICB)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 22-23

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		14 JULY 22 D/L 4 JULY 22	26 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L 5 SEPT 22	13 OCTOBER 22 D/L 3 OCTOBER 22	10 NOVEMBER 22 D/L 31 OCT 22	8 DECEMBER 22 D/L 28 NOV 22	12 JANUARY 23 D/L 3 JAN 23	9 FEBRUARY 23 D/L 30 JAN 23	9 MARCH 23 D/L 27 FEB 23	6 APRIL 23 D/L 27 MARCH 23
<b>Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses</b>		First Revenue Budget Review 21/22 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)  Capital Programme First Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)  First Revenue Budget Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)		Budget Planning Framework 2022/23 and Financial Strategy (Paul Wilson)  Capital Programme Second Review 2021/22 (Paul Wilson)		Capital Programme Planning 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson)  Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson)	City Plan Refresh (Beverly Poulter/Jon Beaney)	Collection Fund (Council Tax) 2022/23 (Paul Wilson)  Capital Programme 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2022/2023, including Prudential Indicators for 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 (Paul Wilson)  Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2022/2023 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 (Paul Wilson)		
<b>Scrutiny Business</b>		Review of Scrutiny (Gillian Robinson)		Residents Survey Summary (Lucy Nicholson)  Task and Finish Working Group (Nigel Cummings)  Review of Scrutiny – Action Plan (Gillian Robinson/Nigel Cummings)	Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report (Stephen Laverton)		Smart Cities Update (Liz St Louis)		Council's Risk Register (Paul Davies)	Annual Report (N Cummings)
<b>Performance / Service Improvement</b>		Performance Management Q4 (Beverley Poulter)	Performance Management Q1 (Beverly Poulter)			Performance Management Q2 (Beverley Poulter)			Performance Management Q3 (Beverly Poulter)	
<b>Consultation / Information &amp; Awareness Raising</b>		Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions  Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22

Work Programme Items to be scheduled:

**NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR****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 for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022.

**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 for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022 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 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 for the 28-day period from 21 December 2022 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
220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220725/725	To approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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221121/734	To provide an update and to seek approval for the change in delivery approach in respect of the Sunderland Heat Network.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221006/744	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221026/748	To provide an update on the disposal of the former Civic Centre site	Cabinet	N	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221101/750	To consider the outcome of the review of the governance and contract arrangements for Together for Children Sunderland Limited and approve the recommended next steps.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221123/754	To seek approval to procure a contractor and negotiate and enter into a build contract for the delivery of 13 one bed apartments at James William Street.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221123/755	To seek approval to increase housing rents for Sunderland City Council tenants with effect from 3 April 2023.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221130/756	To seek approval to procure a contractor and, negotiate and enter into a build contract in the delivery of 55 nos. bungalows and apartments for over 55s at land at St Luke Road.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221201/757	To approve the Third Capital Review 2022/2023 (including Treasury Management).	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221201/758	To approve the Third Revenue Review 2022/2023.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221201/759	To approve the Council Tax Base 2023/2024.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221201/760	To approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2023-2024.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221201/761	To approve the Revenue Budget 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 – Update and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221206/762	To approve the purchase of the property; 1 Nookside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221207/763	To consider the Homes England Compliance Audit Report - Provider's Acknowledgement of Report.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221212/764	To approve a scheme of external and internal refurbishment works to Washington and Houghton Le Spring Library.	Cabinet	Y	19 January 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220822/736	To update Cabinet on progress of the New Wear Footbridge ("the Scheme") and seek approval to award the main works contract for the Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221018/746	To consider the acquisition of land and buildings at Cowies Way, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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221018/747	To consider a disposal of land at Silksworth Road, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221212/765	To endorse the North East Bus Service Improvement Plan Enhanced Partnership and Scheme and to delegate to the Executive Director of City Development any last minute changes to the Plan and Scheme that arise through the consultation process.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221215/766	To seek approval of a framework of Tree Planting and Maintenance approved contractors.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221216/767	To seek approval to acquire St. Cuthbert's Methodist Church and associated land to enable the build of 6 specialist supported bungalows and approval to procure a contractor and enter into a build contract for the delivery of the bungalows.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221216/768	To seek approval to acquire the former Halfway House Public House and, negotiate and enter into a build contract with Bright Ideas in the delivery of 8nos. 1-bed apartments for supported accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221220/769	To approve the 2023 Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	2 February 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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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	During the period 19 January to 31 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	<p>Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA</p> <p><a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a></p>

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Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to [committees@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk)

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**Who will decide;**

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; 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

21 December 2022