

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 1) on
Tuesday 12th September, 2017 at 5.30 p.m.**

Membership

Cllrs Blackburn, Curran, M. Dixon, Essl, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, E. Gibson, Marshall,
Porthouse, D. Snowdon, Taylor, Turner.

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4th September, 2017.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY 18TH JULY at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor David Snowdon in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, M. Dixon, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, E. Gibson, Marshall, Taylor and Turner.

Also in attendance:-

Cllr Dianne Snowdon, Vice Chair Scrutiny Coordinating Committee (Observing)
Ms Sharon Appleby, Head of Operations, Sunderland BID
Rebecca Ball, Director, Sunderland 2021
Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council
Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services, Sunderland City Council

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Curran and Porthouse.

Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 26th June 2017

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 26th June, 2017 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 26th June, 2017 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest made.

Business Improvement District (BID) – Annual Update

The Head of Member Services and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) which introduced Sharon Appleby, Head of Business Operations, Sunderland Business Improvement District (BID).

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Appleby provided the Committee with a comprehensive powerpoint presentation detailing what had been delivered by the BID to date together with key projects for the future.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Blackburn, Ms Appleby advised that details of the 50 restaurants that took part in Sunderland Restaurant week were posted on the BID website. The event had been widely promoted on social media and via the restaurants concerned.

Councillor Taylor suggested that in order to encourage people to dine in the city centre, thought could be given to the introduction of a 'dine around scheme' that included as many of the city centre restaurants as possible. Councillor Turner highlighted similar schemes operated in other cities by hotel chains such as Holiday Inn.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Dixon, Ms Appleby informed members that the BID had stepped in to assist Sunderland Pride when it was struggling to organise its annual event. It had been important to do so in order to 'bust the myth' that the city centre was not a welcoming place for all.

The Chairman referred to the Sunderland Diwali Festival held in November where the atmosphere had been 'buzzing'. Ms Appleby advised that this aspect was something that the BID was keen to develop. To this end the Team had recently undertaken a fact finding visit to the long established Middlesbrough Mela.

Councillor Dixon referred to developments in Sunnyside which he felt was 'on the up' and asked Ms Appleby for her opinion. Ms Appleby replied that she felt Sunnyside had a really strong offer but perhaps suffered from not being publicised enough. She worried that the public realm was not being looked after and there was the potential for a degree of anti-social behaviour during the day time.

With regard to future plans, the BID was preparing to re-launch itself to its levy payers alongside a rebranding featuring a new red and white logo. The re-launch would focus on the themes of Reputation, Reposition and Transformation. The ultimate aim was to keep people coming back to the city. The rebranding would be a feature of the new 'pop up city centre' which could be used to market the city at key events such as the airshow. Based around a shipping container, interest had been expressed in using it for meetings, as a pop up restaurant or bistro, as well as being used as a promotional tool.

Councillor Blackburn suggested that Hetton Lyons Country Park could host the shipping container during events such as the Dragon Boat Race and Councillor Dianne Snowdon cited Albany Park, Washington as another possible venue.

In response to enquiries from Councillors Blackburn and Dixon, Ms Appleby confirmed that parking enforcement operated in the city centre up until 10pm. Councillor Dianne Snowdon advised of a scheme operating in South Shields where on street parking was charged at a rate of £2 all day. In addition you received a

voucher that could be used in certain shops that refunded your parking fee if you spent over a certain amount.

Councillor Dixon welcomed the design of the new logos and wished Ms Appleby success on their introduction. He referred to the relation between the BID and the Local Authority and asked if the Council provided any support. Ms Appleby advised that the BID received £40,000 in the form of grant funding and other services in kind such as the collection of the BID levy.

Councillor G Galbraith believed the future plans to be exciting but stated that in attempting to attract families to the city centre they would need to feel safe. In this regard she asked, did the BID work in conjunction with the police? Ms Appleby replied that the BID had a close working relationship with the Police however there were increasing concerns around response times. A current issue was the growing number of beggars who appeared to see Sunderland as a soft touch with little chance of being moved on. Some of the larger BIDs such as Liverpool were of a size where they could actually employ two police officers to tackle issues such as this.

Councillor Dixon expressed his disappointment at the on-going problem with beggars as both he and Councillor Marshall had received assurances that the problem was being addressed. He believed that it was something the Police could do more to control. Councillor Marshall suggested that perhaps the problem could be addressed by the extension of public place protection orders.

In drawing the debate to a close, the Chair welcomed the future plans highlighted by Ms Appleby. He asked if businesses in the City were aware of the number of exciting events due to take place such as the opening of the new bridge, the Tall Ships Race and potential City of Culture status. Ms Appleby replied that it was fair to say that the reception had been mixed, ranging from real excitement and enthusiasm to scepticism. She felt there was a need to get out and about, talking to businesses to understand why people felt the way they did. Sometimes using feedback from a newsletter or flyers was not enough.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Appleby for her attendance, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the progress being made and the information brought out in the report and presentation be received and noted.

UK City of Culture Bid 2018 – Progress Report

The Head of Member Services and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided background information on Sunderland's bid to be UK City of Culture for 2021 and introduced Bid Director Rebecca Ball who was present to provide members with an update on the progress made to date.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

The Chairman welcomed Ms Ball who confirmed the exciting news that since the publication of the Agenda, Sunderland had been shortlisted along with four other cities (Paisley, Stoke, Coventry and Swansea) following the first round of the process.

Sunderland had produced a film '21 Reasons Why Sunderland Should be UK City of Culture 2021' which could still be viewed on the Bid's Website. The Bid was based on the premise that Sunderland had always been a cultural city but had recently suffered a loss of confidence to the extent that residents no longer viewed it as a city of culture. The Bid was an attempt to invest in and reignite the confidence and pride in the city. The 21 reasons had been distilled down to the 3 main themes of Light, Inventiveness and Friendship.

Ms Ball advised that the shortlisting had been a major milestone for the Bid. It was seen as a vote of confidence and a major endorsement of the vision and ambition in the city. With regard to the next steps, a second bid would need to be submitted by 29th September, following which the Judging Panel would visit Sunderland during October. Sunderland would then be invited to make a final presentation to the Judging Panel in Hull during early December 2017 with the winning city announced shortly afterwards.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Blackburn, Ms Ball advised that the Panel comprised 8 members. Its composition had been kept a secret until after the short listed cities had been announced.

Councillor Dixon asked Ms Ball if she would receive feedback on the performance of the other cities bids. Ms Ball replied that she believed that each city would receive feedback only on their own bid. If there was one thing she had learned from the bidding process so far, it was the importance of running your own race. Councillor Dixon informed members of a conversation with a foreign resident of the city who had chosen to live in Sunderland because it was a city by the sea. She had told him that the treasure within Sunderland was its people. Given this enthusiasm he asked if the Bid had involved overseas students living in the city. Ms Ball advised that they had been involved in the 21 Reasons film however it was something that could perhaps be utilised to a greater extent.

Councillor G Galbraith referred to conversation she had had with a woman who was aware that Sunderland had been shortlisted for something but wasn't quite sure what. It was apparent therefore that some additional awareness raising may be required. Ms Ball replied that this was something that she was seeking to address. The executive summary of the Bid document included in members' agenda papers was something that had been kept deliberately quiet so as not to fore arm rival cities. Now that the shortlist had been announced it was something that could easily be transformed into a promotional leaflet given its format and design. Councillor G Galbraith stated that it needed to allow everyone to feel the passion that there was for the city and let them know the benefits that would accrue from a successful bid.

Councillor I Galbraith stated that he imagined that there would be Councillors from the other shortlisted cities sitting in meetings like this discussing the merits of their own bid. He asked what would be Sunderland's unique selling point to give it an advantage over its rivals. Ms Ball advised that she had deduced that the judges were looking for three things. Firstly, a city where the award would make a tangible difference, secondly, a city that could deliver something brilliant and thirdly, a city that had shown the passion to demonstrate they really wanted it.

The Chairman thanked Ms Ball for her attendance and presentation. He stated that the bid needed to cover the whole of the city and ensure that everyone was engaged and encouraged to celebrate. The city had only one stab at the award and needed to make it work.

3. RESOLVED that the progress being made and the information brought out in the report and presentation be received and noted

Annual Work Programme 2017/18

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated), requesting the Committee to consider and agree the draft work programme for the municipal year 2017-18.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

4. RESOLVED that approval be given to the work programme for 2017/18 as detailed in the report and that emerging issues be incorporated into the programme as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.

Notice of Key Decisions

A report providing an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 20th June 2017 (copy circulated), was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked Members and Officers for their attendance.

(Signed) D. SNOWDON,
Chairman.

Item 4

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - PLACE

SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS - PROGRESS REPORT

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Scrutiny Committee on the progress being made in relation to the monitoring of Section 106 Agreements, the production of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document and relevant processes.

2. Background

- 2.1 In November 2016 the City Council appointed a Planning Obligations Officer to develop and manage effective and efficient administration of S106 agreements including the monitoring, collection and spending of financial contributions. A review of the S106 agreement database, software, processes and monitoring arrangements is currently being undertaken.
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee at the request of Members to provide an update on the progress being made in relation to Section 106.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 A new integrated software package has been procured which records and assists with the monitoring of agreements. This system is in the process of being populated with existing S106 agreement data and will be updated as the agreements progress and with new agreements as they arise.
- 3.2 To date 80 agreements have been transferred to the new system, of which 69 are live and being actively monitored.
- 3.3 A review of the S106 processes and monitoring arrangements is currently being undertaken.
- 3.4 A Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document is currently being prepared to set out the standards for seeking developer contributions and to provide advice and guidance to developers.
- 3.5 The Planning Obligations SPD will assist in infrastructure delivery within the South Sunderland Growth Area and across the City as a whole and will be used as a material consideration in deciding planning applications.
- 3.6 A Scoping Report on the Planning Obligations SPD is currently out for consultation until 2 October.

- 3.7 Iain Fairlamb (Head of Planning and Regeneration) and Natalie Smithwhite (Planning Obligations Officer) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the current position.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made with the monitoring of S106 agreements, process review and the production of the Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made in relation to Section 106 agreements, as set out above.

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report (July 2017).

Item 5

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER PLACE

INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Scrutiny Committee how the Council are planning for future infrastructure delivery within the city and progress made in respect of this to date.

2. Background

- 2.1 As part of the preparation of a Local Plan, the council is required to prepare an Infrastructure Delivery Plan (IDP) which sets out the infrastructure that will be required to support the delivery of the proposals set out within the plan. The IDP is also required to provide details of the expected delivery timescale for the infrastructure, who will deliver it and how much it is likely to cost.
- 2.2 To support the draft Core Strategy and Development Plan (CSDP), the council has prepared and published a draft IDP which provides detailed guidance on the infrastructure improvements that will be required to support the delivery of the proposals in the plan. A link to the Plan is available below and a full copy of the Plan is available in the Members Room.
- 2.3 In addition to the CSDP, the council are also currently consulting on the draft South Sunderland Growth Area Supplementary Planning Document (SSGA SPD). A separate detailed Infrastructure Delivery Study has been prepared for the SSGA, which identifies the infrastructure that will be required to support the new residential communities, the costs associated with this and how the money will be raised from developers.
- 2.4 In addition to planned infrastructure in support of a Local Plan, local planning authorities are also able to collect money for necessary infrastructure approval through the planning application process by entering into a legal agreement under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act (1990).
- 2.5 Section 106 contributions can only be collected where it can be demonstrated that the improvements to the infrastructure are necessary to make an otherwise unacceptable development acceptable in planning terms.

3. Current Position

Core Strategy and Development Plan

- 3.1 A draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan was published alongside the CSDP for consultation. The document includes an infrastructure schedule setting out the infrastructure improvements that would be required to support the growth envisaged by the policies within the Plan.

- 3.2 The document has been informed by a number of technical background studies such as the Transport Assessment and Education Plan, but also through ongoing discussions with a range of stakeholders who provide infrastructure within the city. The draft IDP is currently out for consultation until 2nd October 2017. Following this, the council will finalise the IDP for submission alongside the CSDP to the Secretary of State.
- 3.3 The draft IDP is seen as a 'live' document and will be regularly updated as the plan develops and more information is provided through our ongoing discussions with stakeholders.

South Sunderland Growth Area

- 3.4 Work on the South Sunderland Growth Area has been underway for some time with the Council committed to delivering housing growth within the south Sunderland area.
- 3.5 In order to ensure that development across the sites within the SSGA is planned comprehensively, the council has been preparing the SSGA Supplementary Planning Document, which will be used as a material planning consideration in the determination of planning applications.
- 3.6 Alongside the preparation of the SPD, the council has also been working closely with infrastructure providers and prospective developers to ensure that all development proposed within the SSGA contributes towards the necessary infrastructure improvements.
- 3.7 The infrastructure improvements which will be required to support the SSGA are set out within the supporting Infrastructure Delivery Study. Key improvements identified include:
- Completion of the Doxford-Ryhope link road;
 - Subsidy towards bus provision;
 - Extensions to two existing primary schools and the completion of one new 1.5 form primary school;
 - Creation of a new Suitable Alternative Natural Greenspace (SANG);
 - Creation of 4 play parks;
 - Provision of a new 3G pitch, grass pitch and changing accommodation;
 - 42 new allotment plots; and

- 3.8 The study identifies the likely costs of the infrastructure and the developer contributions which will be sought from developers to fund this.

Planning Obligations (Section 106)

- 3.9 As part of the planning application process, the council often enters into Section 106 legal agreements with a developer to ensure that any necessary

infrastructure improvements required as a result of the development can be undertaken.

- 3.10 The Council is currently in the process of preparing a Planning Obligations Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), which will provide detailed guidance on what infrastructure the council will seek financial contributions towards, in what circumstances we will seek these contributions from developers and provide clear guidance on how this will be calculated. This document will take effect over the full City wide area and will take into account experience to date in areas such as the SSGA.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee note the work that is being done by the council to plan for infrastructure improvements within the city

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

Draft Infrastructure Delivery Plan (July2017)

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19103&p=0>

South Sunderland Growth Area Infrastructure Delivery Study

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19085&p=0>

DRAFT CORE STRATEGY AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN**REPORT OF THE CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER - PLACE****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consult with and get feedback from the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee on the draft *Core Strategy and Development Plan*

2. Introduction/Background

- 2.1 The Sunderland Local Plan aims to establish a policy framework that guides and shapes development. It will set the parameters for this to be achieved, and to encourage and support development in coming forward. It will ensure that Sunderland is a city that is open for business and growth, providing jobs and prosperity for local people, delivering housing to meet the needs of all of our communities, and tackling deprivation within the city. A link to the Plan is available below and a full copy of the Plan is available in the Members Room.
- 2.2 Sunderland's Local Plan is being prepared in three parts;
- Part One - Core Strategy and Development Plan which will set out an overarching strategy for future change and growth in the city and includes detailed development management policies and strategic allocations and designations.
 - Part Two – Allocations and Designation Plan which will set out site-specific policies for the development, protection and conservation of land in the city,
 - Part 3 - International Advance Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Area Action Plan (AAP), which will set out site specific policies for the land to the north of the Nissan Plant. The Council is working jointly with South Tyneside Council on this plan. This plan is currently going through an Examination in Public.
- 2.3 Local Plans must be prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate and legal and procedural requirements as set out in the Localism Act 2011 (covering the Duty to Cooperate and Neighbourhood Planning), the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Planning) (England) Regulations 2012. The Plan must also be considered to be a sound Plan which means it has been positively prepared and seeks to meet the objectively assessed needs for development and infrastructure requirements, is justified, is the most appropriate strategy, is effective and is consistent with national policy.
- 2.4 National policy is set out in the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Paragraph 154 of the NPPF states that Local Plans should be aspirational but realistic. They should address the spatial implications of economic, social and environmental change. Paragraph 156 states that Local Plans should include strategic policies to deliver the following:
- the homes and jobs needed in the area;
 - the provision of retail, leisure and other commercial development;
 - the provision of infrastructure for transport, telecommunications, waste management, water supply, wastewater, flood risk and coastal change management;
 - the provision of minerals and energy (including heat);

- the provision of health, community and cultural infrastructure and other local facilities; and
- climate change mitigation and adaptation, conservation and enhancement of the natural and historic environment, including landscape.

Preparation of the Core Strategy and Development Plan

- 3.1 Sunderland has been preparing its CSDP for a number of years and the first formal Regulation 18 stage on Plan making began with consultation on Issues and Options between November 2005 and February 2006. The Preferred Options Draft was consulted upon between December 2007 and February 2008 and a revised Preferred Option Draft was consulted on in April 2013.
- 3.2 Due to significant regulatory and policy changes the council decided to progress with a Core Strategy and Development Plan which would cover the period 2015 to 2033. The council undertook a growth options consultation in spring 2016, to consult on what the preferred growth strategy was for the council.
- 3.3 The council received 92 submissions to the Growth Options consultation. In summary;
 - The majority of residents and local groups supported the medium growth option. Where support for no development or low growth options were expressed, matters of capacity of existing infrastructure and erosion of the Green Belt and its purposes were raised as concerns.
 - *Statutory Stakeholders*: Statutory stakeholders have reserved the right to make further comment until more detail is released and the impact of site specific considerations could be considered fully.
 - *Neighbouring Local Authorities*: implied that the lower growth option would be more acceptable.
 - Developers and parties with land interests expressed preference for the higher growth option.
- 3.4 A feedback report has been published which summaries the issues raised. Officers have taken all responses into consideration and these have informed the CSDP Draft Plan (July 2017). The council paused preparing the draft CSDP to take into account the implications of the Housing White Paper published March 2017.

Evidence

- 3.6 The NPPF requires development plan policies to be based on up-to-date and relevant evidence. The Local Plan evidence base is comprised of documents that have informed past stages of the draft CSDP and new evidence which has helped identify our objectively assessed needs. All of these documents have been consulted on as part of the consultation process.
- 3.7 In addition, the draft CSDP has been subject to a number of statutory impact assessments, including Sustainability Appraisal (incorporating Strategic Environmental Assessment), Habitats Regulations Assessment, Equalities Impact Assessment and Health Impact Assessment.

Duty to Cooperate

- 3.8 The duty to cooperate was created in the Localism Act 2011, and amends the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004. It places a legal duty on Authorities

and public bodies to engage constructively, actively and on an ongoing basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation in the context of strategic cross boundary matters. It is not a duty to agree, but authorities should make every effort to secure the necessary cooperation on strategic cross boundary matters before they submit their Local Plans for examination. The council continues to work closely with its neighbours to address strategic planning issues.

4. Content of Draft Plan

- 4.1 The CSDP sets out an overarching strategy and policies to ensure that Sunderland's future needs are met. The CSDP will ensure that new growth is delivered in the most sustainable way, ensuring that the development of new homes is matched by the provision of opportunities for new employment, accessible local services and a high quality environment.
- 4.2 The CSDP sets out how new development, growth and investment in Sunderland will be distributed to 2033 and beyond. It identifies locations where development should take place in order to create sustainable neighbourhoods and includes topic policies to ensure:
- ***We provide sufficient homes of all types, sizes and tenures to meet the needs of its existing and future communities*** – Housing provision is a fundamental element of the plan. Sunderland's population is expected to increase to 286,000¹ by 2033. Historic trends and the Strategic Housing Market Assessment (SHMA) demonstrate an outward migration of working age population from the city partly due to a lack of appropriate housing choice, which has left a legacy of inward commuting from neighbouring authorities to places of work in Sunderland. The plan seeks to stem outward migration through provision of new housing to meet the needs and aspirations of existing and future residents, creating sustainable neighbourhoods in which residents want to live and work. Policies in the CSDP will ensure that a balance of good quality housing types, sizes and tenures can be delivered in sustainable locations across the city. The approach will focus on existing housing stock and opportunities for renewal; new housing development and land availability to deliver new housing choice; identification of affordable housing requirements and tenure split; and provision for specific communities including student accommodation and the provision for Travelling Showpeople, Gypsies and Travellers.

The CSDP will ensure that there are sufficient homes to meet our communities' needs now and in the future. The NPPF requires that local planning authorities identify objectively assessed housing need, which is the level of development required to meet the projected increases of population and household growth, allowing for economic growth (growth in jobs), and adjusted to reflect market signals, impact of past delivery and affordability issues. The objectively assessed housing need for Sunderland is the provision of an additional 13,824 new dwellings (an average of 768 dwellings per annum) by 2033.

Delivering the city's housing need must however be considered within the context of deliverability, sustainable development, justifiable constraints and housing land supply. With this in mind the council have reviewed and updated its Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment (SHLAA). This review has identified that the city can accommodate up to 10,791 new homes. 3,235 are in the Coalfields, 4,795 in South Sunderland, 884 in Central Sunderland, 1,160 in North Sunderland, and

¹ ONS Sub-national Population Projections 2014 based

884 in Washington. As such, it is not possible to deliver the city's full housing needs within the existing urban area and a shortfall of 1,357 exists. The council has worked proactively to identify additional land which could meet the shortfall. A review of all employment land has been undertaken to identify if any land is surplus. Any sites identified for de-allocation have been considered for potential residential use. In addition, the council undertook a comprehensive review of its Settlement Breaks and recommended the retention of the majority of Settlement Breaks that currently exist, however, a substantial amount of land will be de-allocation, most notably at South Sunderland Growth Area for 1,064 homes. Further investigative work has been carried out by reviewing the Allocations in the UDP, reviewing the city's White Land, and reviewing the city Greenspace Audit and Report.

The CSDP has sought to maximise the level of housing delivery within the built-up area of the city, however, it is not possible to achieve the levels of new housing development which would be required to meet this need within the existing urban area. The Plan therefore needs to identify land to accommodate a minimum of 1,500 new homes in the Green Belt. In order to deliver this scale of growth a comprehensive Green Belt Review has been undertaken to assess the most appropriate and sustainable locations for land to be removed from the Green Belt. The Report has been prepared in three stages;

- Stage 1 assessed all land against the purposes of the Green Belt and concluded that just over two thirds (67%) of the Green Belt should be retained without further examination as it is fundamental.
- Stage 2 assessed the parcel of land against Category 1 constraints to determine suitability. In addition, the assessment looked at all parcel of land submitted by developers.
- Stage 3 – Site Selection assessed parcel of land against a robust methodology to determine if it was suitable, sustainable, deliverable and achievable for housing development. This methodology was consulted on in September 2016.

The Green Belt and Site Selection Assessment identified 15 sites which it is considered are appropriate for residential development, covering a total area of 104.8 hectares, which would result in the loss of less than 3% of the city's overall Green Belt. The following sites are allocated in the draft CSDP as Housing Release Sites and would deliver approximately 1,500 new homes.

- North of Mount Lane, Springwell Village (3.2ha) – Approx. 48 dwellings;
- Peareth Hall Farm and Gospel Hall Trust Meeting Houses, Springwell Village (3.7ha) – Approx. 40 dwellings;
- Stoney Lane, Springwell (4.2ha) – Approx. 54 dwellings;
- George Washington Hotel Golf Course (Pitch and Putt), Usworth (3.6ha) – Approx. 40 dwellings;
- West of Waterloo Road, Usworth (10.9ha) – Approx. 205 dwellings;
- Land at James Steel Park, Fatfield (5.2ha) – Approx. 32 dwellings;
- Southern Area Playing Fields, Rickleton (18.7ha) – Approx. 202 dwellings;
- Land at Glebe House Farm, Staithes Road, Pattinson (2.2ha) – Approx. 41 dwellings;
- Land north and west of Ferryboat Lane, North Hylton (8ha) – Approx. 135 dwellings;
- Land at Newcastle Road, Fulwell (4.3ha) – Approx. 82 dwellings;
- Land at West Park, Middle Herrington (7ha) – Approx. 70 dwellings;
- Land adjacent to Herrington Country Park, Penshaw (23.9ha) – Approx. 400 dwellings;

- New Herrington Workingmen's Club, Houghton-le-Spring (1.6ha) – Approx. 17 dwellings;
- Land to the east of The Granaries, Offerton (0.9ha) – Approx. 10 dwellings; and
- Redevelopment of Philadelphia Complex (8.3ha) – Approx. 170 dwellings.

Local Plans must also identify a supply of sites which are deliverable to meet the needs for Gypsies, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople for the first five years of the Plan period, and broad locations for need after that. In order to understand the future need for Travelling Showpeople plots and Gypsy and Traveller pitches within the city over the plan period, the council has undertaken a Gypsy and Traveller and Travelling Showpeople Accommodation Assessment Update (2017). The assessment concluded that provision should be made for 33 plots over the plan period broken down into the following time periods:

	Total Need
Plot shortfall year 1-3 (2015/16-2017/18)	6
Plot requirements years 4-9 (2018/19- 2022/23)	9
Plot requirements years 10-18 (2023/24- 2032/33)	18
Total requirement plan period (2015/16-2032/33)	33

In terms of requirements for Gypsy and Travellers, the assessment indicated that within the city there have been a number of unauthorised encampments and people stopping off as part of a longer journey. As such the assessment indicates a need for transit/stop-over provision within the city to accommodate 5 pitches, rather than a permanent site.

In order to accommodate this need a city-wide search was undertaken to identify appropriate locations for both Travelling Showpeople and Gypsy and Travellers in-line with criteria set out within the Planning Policy for Travellers and Travelling Showpeople (DCLG 2015). Overall 117 city-wide sites were assessed. The assessment has identified two preferred allocated sites to accommodate the Travelling Showpeople on an area of open space to the rear of Pearson's Industrial Estate in Hetton-le-Hole and the council depot at Market Place Industrial Estate, which is due for closure within the next 2 years. These sites can accommodate a mix of plot sizes and can meet the short term needs of 15 plots. Broad locations for growth have also been identified in this area to accommodate the remaining 18 plots.

The CSDP identifies three potential sites to be allocated to accommodate the stop-over site for gypsy and travellers, however due to the low numbers of need only one site will be required. The options are:

- Hendon Road East, on the perimeter of the industrial estate;
- Within Leechmere Industrial estate, off Sandmere Road and;
- On the site of an existing car park at Hetton Lyons ponds.

The stop-over site is not for permanent residence, it will be restricted to a maximum stay of 7 days. Residents will be prohibited from returning to the site within a three month period. The site will be gated and a nightly tariff will be in place for those wanting to stay.

- ***We deliver a thriving economy and economic prosperity*** - The council is committed to bringing economic prosperity into the city in order to attract inward investment and help existing businesses thrive. Sustainable economic growth is essential to maintaining and enhancing the overall prosperity of residents in

Sunderland. A healthy economy is a fundamental factor in shaping our society by improving the quality of life and prosperity of residents. The council's 2016 Employment Land Review (ELR)² and associated Post EU Referendum forecasting addendum (2017)³ have been prepared to identify the need for general employment land over the plan period up to 2033. The ELR indicates that there will be a requirement for between 95 and 115 hectares of general employment land over the plan period to meet identified needs. This does not include the land required for the IAMP, which is in addition to the general employment needs identified through the ELR and is being brought forward separately through the IAMP Area Action Plan (AAP). Whilst in quantitative terms, the city has a sufficient supply of employment land available to meet identified needs, based on the current employment allocations identified through the Unitary Development Plan, the ELR indicates that this is not necessarily within the most attractive commercial locations, with a significant oversupply identified within the Sunderland South subarea and an undersupply identified within the Washington subarea.

- ***We encourage investment in our Urban Core and centres-*** The Urban Core and other town, district and local centres within Sunderland are an important aspect of the local economy, providing shops, services, and leisure and community facilities to serve our local communities. The CSDP will ensure that our centres are healthy and sustainable places that bolster community resilience, and that their character is protected and enhanced through sensitive development and environmental improvements that create safe, attractive streets and spaces.
- ***We protect, conserve and enhance our environment -*** The CSDP seeks a positive and proactive approach to the environment in Sunderland, with the emphasis on achieving quality places that are attractive and sustainable, and which contribute to quality of life, community wellbeing and local character. The CSDP seeks to meet these strategic priorities and sets out policies relating to the built, natural and historic environment, and environmental amenity. It focuses on protecting and enhancing the Plan area's environmental assets, whilst allowing development in areas where potential environmental harm is minimal or can be adequately mitigated.
- ***We adapt and mitigate climate change -*** The CSDP seeks to address and mitigate climate change by supporting the development of decentralised, renewable and low carbon energy; reducing the risk and impact of flooding and requiring new development to incorporate sustainable resource management
- ***We promote sustainable travel and seek to improve local transport infrastructure*** –enhancing accessibility by sustainable transport modes to local services and centres, key facilities such as hospitals and schools, and to main employment sites is a key issue addressed by the CSDP including supporting the development of new strategic road infrastructure and the expansion of the Metro system.
- ***We plan for healthy communities*** - A strategic aim of the council is to tackle unhealthy lifestyles including unhealthy eating and obesity. One of the ways in which planning can have the greatest impact on health, is the restriction of new hot food takeaways. This policy approach is one component in the wider Strategy for tackling unhealthy lifestyles and obesity across Sunderland.

² Sunderland Employment Land Review (9 March 2016)

³ Employment Land Review Post EU Referendum Forecasting Analysis (20 February 2017)

- ***We plan for infrastructure*** – Sunderland’s future housing growth, economic development and environmental sustainability cannot be achieved without a wide array of physical and service infrastructure including mobility and connectivity, health and wellbeing, skills and education. The council will keep these documents under review to measure progress. It should be noted that the IDP principally identifies high level strategic infrastructure and does not include site specific infrastructure requirements, which will be dealt with through individual planning applications.

5. Engagement and Consultation

- 5.1 The CSDP was approved for consultation by the Council’s Cabinet in July 2017. Following Cabinet approval and prior to the public consultation starting, Council Officers held a number of Member Workshops where details of the CSDP were presented to Members and comments and questions welcomed. A session was also held with the Area based officers to inform them of the details of the CSDP and the proposed consultation.
- 5.2 As with previous consultation on the Local Plan, the council has publicised awareness of the consultation in the following ways:-
- Early notification emails to statutory and other consultees, including those registered on the consultation database;
 - Sending a leaflet to all households and businesses in the city;
 - Formal consultation letters and emails at the start of the consultation period;
 - Articles in free magazines circulated to every household.
 - Use of social media to raise awareness about the start of the consultation –and in advance of consultation events;
 - Clear links on the front page of the council’s website;
 - Promotion through voluntary and community sector partners.
 - Summary document available and distributed to council offices/information points;
 - Hosting events and briefing sessions, with effective use of exhibitions/displays and materials;
 - Attending Scrutiny committee and host Member briefing sessions.
 - Using existing forums to communicate the consultation - key messages and dates of events (e.g. VCS / Equality forums)

6. Next steps

- 6.1 Following the consultation on the draft CSDP and the consideration of the representations received (including those recorded at scrutiny), a final version of the Plan will be published. The ‘Publication’ version will be available for a statutory six weeks consultation in late 2017. The council, will then submit the ‘Publication version’, all representation received and supporting evidence to the Secretary of State for independent examination. An independent Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State to conduct an examination into whether the Plan has been prepared in accordance with the Duty to Cooperate, legal and procedural requirements and whether it is sound.
- 6.2 The council has published an updated Local Development Scheme which sets out the key milestone in preparing the Local Plan and sets out the Council’s commitment to the production of various other planning documents.

7. **Recommendation**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee note the consultation and provide feedback on the draft Core Strategy and Development Plan to the Planning Strategy Team.

8. **Background Papers**

Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2033

<http://www.sunderland.gov.uk/CHttpHandler.ashx?id=19110&p=0>

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**ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

12 SEPTEMBER 2017

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY
PARTNERSHIPS**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2017-18 municipal year.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 The work programme is intended to be a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year, allowing it to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 In delivering its work programme the Committee will support the Council in achieving its corporate outcomes

3. Current position

- 3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2017-18.

5 Recommendation

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

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18

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Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee International Advanced Manufacturing Park (Les Clark)	Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby BID) City of Culture Bid 2021 (Rebecca Ball)	Local Plan (Ian Fairlamb) New Housing Developments and Infrastructure (Dan Hattle) Section 106 Agreements (Ian Fairlamb)	International Strategy Annual Report (Catherine Auld) Events (Victoria French) Stadium Village Plan (Dan Hattle)	Sunderland Music, Arts and Culture Trust (Paul Callaghan) Development of SME sector (Catherine Auld) Business Centres Progress Report (Catherine Auld) City of Culture bid (Rebecca Ball)	Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) (Stuart Douglass) Siglion – Progress Report (John Seager Chief Executive)	Housing Strategy (Liz McEvoy) Industrial Strategy (Vince Taylor)	Sunderland Rail Station (Mark Jackson) Libraries Update (Sandra Mitchell/Nick Wood) Northumbria Road Safety Partnership (Mark Jackson)	Sunderland Cultural Partnership (Keith Merrin, Chief Executive Sunderland Culture) Key Cities – Progress (Jill Laverick) International Advanced Manufacturing Park (Les Clark)	Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor/New Wear Bridge (Les Clark/Mark Jackson) Refuse Collection (Mark Speed) Events Feedback (Victoria French)
Performance / Service Improvement										
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To Programme:

Holmeside Masterplan (Dan Hattle)
City Centre Development
Adult Training (Steph Rose)
Visit to Innovation Xchange Hope Street (Rebecca Robinson)

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 12 SEPTEMBER 2017

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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28 day notice
Notice issued 22 August 2017

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
160728/94	To approve the disposal of premises within the Athenaeum Buildings, Fawcett Street, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 20 September to 31 October 2017.	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170123/161	To approve the appointment of a development partner for the International Advanced Manufacturing Park and funding required to progress the project.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 12 to 20 September 2017	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170207/164	To procure a Building Operator for offices at Vaux Building One, currently under construction, at the former Vaux site, St Marys Way, Sunderland and to approve a variation of the Vaux Phase one Development Agreement to include the delivery of the Vaux Promontory (The Launch) and the Vaux Building One fit out.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 19 July to 30 September 2017	Y	The Part II 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. The remainder of the information will be included in a report to the public part of the meeting.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170207/165	To seek approval to procure a contractor for the refurbishment of offices at 28-32 Fawcett Street	Cabinet	Y	During the period 19 July to 30 September 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170418/184	To approve an outline business case for Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor Phase 3.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 20 September to 31 October 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170425/189	To agree to procure a developer for the redevelopment of Site D, Sheepfolds Industrial Estate and the disposal of land at Sheepfolds Industrial Estate	Cabinet	Y	During the period 18 October to 31 December 2017	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170428/192	To approve the implementation of a locally administered business rates relief scheme	Cabinet	Y	During the period 19 July to 30 September 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170505/195	To approve the Stadium Village Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD) for the purposes of public consultation and as a material consideration in assessing planning applications, pending its finalisation following public consultation.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report Stadium Village Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170725/196	To approve the Sunderland Energy Storage - ERDF Project	Cabinet	Y	During the period 20 September to 31 October 2017.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170725/197	To approve the sale of land at former Kentmere House, Houghton.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170724/198	To approve the Housing Financial assistance Policy 2017 – 2019.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report Housing Financial Assistance Policy 2017 - 2018	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170727/199	To approve the Budget Planning Framework 2018/2019, Revenue Budget Proposals 2018/19 to 2019/20 and Medium Term Financial Strategy.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170728/200	To approve a consultation exercise in relation to the Local Council Tax Support Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1st September 2017 to 31st October 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170807/201	To approve Data Centre Energy Efficiency Proposals.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170807/202	To agree to enter the Better Care Fund Section 75 agreement for 2017-2019.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170807/203	To update on the delivery of library services and to consider options for future governance.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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170810/204	To confirm contract arrangements for a Materials Recovery Facility to ensure service continuation when existing contract expires 31/3/2018.	Cabinet	Y	20 September 2017	N	Not Applicable	Cabinet Report Contract for Materials Recovery Facility- Update	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170810/205	To approve the freehold acquisition of a property to provide children's services accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 20 September to 31 December 2017	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Who will decide;

Cabinet; Councillor Paul Watson - Leader; Councillor Henry Trueman – Deputy Leader; Councillor Mel Speding – Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children’s Services; Councillor Graeme Miller – Health, Housing and Adult Services; Councillor John Kelly – Public Health, Wellness and Culture; Councillor Michael Mordey – City Services; Councillor Cecilia Gofton – Responsive Services and Customer Care

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

Elaine Waugh

Head of Law and Governance **22 August 2017**