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Decision Taker:

Cabinet

Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:

Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

Date decision in force:

18 November 2022

Date of decision:

10 November 2022

Title and author(s) of written report:

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 13 October 2022 –
Second Revenue Budget Review 2022/2023 – Report of the Assistant
Director of Law and Governance

Full description of decision:

To note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

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10 November 2022

Title and author(s) of written report:

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 13 October 2022 –
Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 –
2026/2027 – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

Full description of decision:

To:-

- note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee; and
- recommend to Council approval of the Capital Strategy.

Reasons for decision:

To comply with statutory requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

Full description of decision:

To approve the draft Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

Reasons for decision:

Entering a Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol was one of the recommendations from the recent independent review of scrutiny that was conducted by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny and is considered to provide a framework for continued development of good working relationships between Cabinet and Scrutiny.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

Not to agree a Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol. This is not recommended as the benefits of entering a Protocol would not be realised.

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Is this a key decision:

No

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Review of Council Size and Ward Boundaries – Report of the Chief Executive

Full description of decision:

To recommend to Council that:

- i) it notes the commencement of the review of the overall composition of the Council and its Ward arrangements by the Commission;
- ii) the timetable for the review process and the date for the submission of the Council size proposal, in particular, be noted;
- iii) a politically balanced Boundary Review Working Group be established of seven members of the Council to assist in the process of developing initially the Council Size Proposal document;
- iv) the terms of reference for the Boundary Review Working Group as set out in Appendix 1 be approved;
- v) the Chief Executive be authorised to draft the Council Size Proposal document in consultation with the Working Group and submit it for approval to the Council Meeting on 25 January 2023 prior to its submission to the Commission by 28 February 2023; and
- vi) it notes that further reports will be submitted to Council as the review by the Commission progresses to consider the Ward arrangements.

Reasons for decision:

The review is a periodic review undertaken by the Commission. By developing and putting in place appropriate arrangements within the Council, it will be able to participate in the review process and respond accordingly.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no alternative options available. The Council has to participate in the review to be undertaken by the Commission.

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No

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:
Energy Company Obligation 4 Flexible Energy (ECO 4 Flex) Scheme:
Statement of Intent – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:
To:

- i) approve the draft Statement of Intent (SOI) for delivery of ECO 4 Flex in Sunderland, and its publication;
- ii) authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, to appoint approved energy suppliers to take forward delivery of the scheme; and
- iii) authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Leader and Deputy Leader, to make changes to the SOI such as those that may be required by the Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem), including as a result of changes to government policy or guidance.

Reasons for decision:

Publication of an agreed local ECO 4 Flex SOI is required to enable a significant number of Sunderland residents to benefit from energy saving measures, which will be funded in most cases by the main energy suppliers. These measures will lower carbon emissions and reduce household fuel bills. It is expected to have a positive impact on residents living in deprived areas, on low incomes, facing high and potentially unaffordable fuel costs, or with a heightened vulnerability to cold.

A procurement exercise will be undertaken to appoint approved energy suppliers to take forward delivery within the city through direct contracts between the energy suppliers and their appointed contractors and individual households. It is intended that through the procurement exercise energy suppliers will be asked to draw on local or regional contractors for delivery within the city wherever possible.

Changes to the SOI are expected to be required when changes to national ECO Guidance and secondary legislation are made. The SOI and any future amendments to the SOI must be lodged with Ofgem. Delegating such changes will enable the scheme to continue to be delivered within the city uninterrupted and is consistent with the requirement for approval of the SOI at Director level as a minimum to meet BEIS and Ofgem requirements.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be not to approve a local ECO 4 Flex Scheme and associated SOI. However, this would prevent local households being able to receive this financial assistance towards energy efficiency measures. It would also make it more difficult for the Council to enable delivery against the ambition to be a carbon neutral city by 2040, in accordance with the Sunderland Low Carbon Framework.

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
Committee

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Low Carbon Annual Report 2021/22 – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To note the Low Carbon Annual Report 2021/22 (Appendix 1) and approve its publication on the MySunderland webpages.

Reasons for decision:

In accordance with the Council's Low Carbon Action Plan, the Council is committed to publishing an annual data report which sets out the progress made towards both the Council's and the city's low carbon commitments. The Low Carbon Annual Report 2021/22 provides an overview of the progress made and sets out the latest city-wide and Council emissions data.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The alternative option would be not to publish the Low Carbon Annual Report 2021/22. However, this would result in the Council not meeting its commitment to publishing an Annual Low Carbon Report as set out within the Council's Low Carbon Action Plan.

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny
Committee

Date decision in force:

18 November 2022

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10 November 2022

Title and author(s) of written report:

Procurement of a Healthwatch Sunderland Service - Report of the Director of Adult Services

Full description of decision:

To:-

(i) approve the procurement of a local Healthwatch service; and

(ii) authorise the Director of Adult Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care to procure and subsequently award a contract for a local Healthwatch Sunderland service

Reasons for decision:

The Council has a statutory duty under The Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 (as amended by Health and Social Care Act 2012) to commission a local Healthwatch service. The proposed commissioning intentions shall enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are no suitable alternative options to consider as the Council has a statutory duty to ensure the provision of a local Healthwatch service.

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Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny
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21 October 2022

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10 November 2022

Title and author(s) of written report:

Disposal of land at Commercial Road, Hendon, Sunderland – Report of the
Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To agree to the disposal of land at Commercial Road, Hendon, Sunderland
identified in the report on the terms detailed in the report or as otherwise
agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the
Chief Financial Officer, Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None