

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At a meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on WEDNESDAY 4 MARCH 2026 at 4.00pm

Present: The Mayor (Councillor Haque) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Thornton)

Councillors	Blackburn	Elms	Johnston	Smith, G
	Bond	Fagan	Jones	Snowdon, D
	Burnicle	Feeley	Laverick	Snowdon, D E
	Burrell	Fletcher	Laws	Speding
	Chequer	Foster	Leonard	Stewart
	Chisnall	Gibson	McDonough	Tobin
	Clinton	Glancy	Mordey	Trueman, H
	Crosby	Guy	Mullen	Tye
	Curtis	Hartnack	O'Brien	Usher
	Dagg	Haswell	Potts	Vera
	Dixon	Heron	Price	Walker, P
	Dodds	Hodson	Reed	Walton
	Donkin	Hunter	Smith, A	Williams
	Edgeworth			

Also Present: -

Honorary Aldermen Greenfield and Wood

The notice convening the meeting was read.

Apologies

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ayre, Butler, Chapman, Graham-King, Herron, Mason-Gage, McKeith, McKinley, F Miller, G Miller, Newey, Samuels, Scanlan, M Walker, Watson, Wilson and Wood together with Honorary Alderwomen Farthing and Honorary Aldermen Forbes and Tate.

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29. RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 28 January 2026 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest

The following Councillors declared interests as follows: -

Cllr Chequer	Member of Unison
Cllr Chisnall	Member of Unison
Cllr Dagg	Member of Trade Unions UCU and NEU and Vice Chair of the Sunderland Trades Union Council
Cllr Dodds	Member of Unite
Cllr Feeley	Member of Unison and Council Tax payer in Sunderland
Cllr Guy	Member of Unite
Cllr Johnston	Member of Unite
Cllr Jones	Member of Unison
Cllr Laverick	Member of Unite
Cllr Laws	Member of Unite and Unison
Cllr Leonard	Member of Unison
Cllr Mordey	Member of GMB and Unison
Cllr O'Brien	Employee of a charity in receipt of UKSPF funding
Cllr D Snowdon	Council Tax payer in Sunderland
Cllr D E Snowdon	Council Tax payer in Sunderland
Cllr Speding	Member of GMB, Member of the Football Association, Football Foundation and National Game Board, member of Co-operative Party
Cllr Stewart	Member of Unison
Cllr Thornton	Member of Unison
Cllr Tobin	Member of Unite and Unison
Cllr H Trueman	Member of CWU Union
Cllr P Walker	Member of Unison and Gentoo Sub-Branch Secretary

Announcements

There were no announcements on this occasion.

Report of the Cabinet

The Cabinet reported and recommended as follows: -

That they had referred the initial proposals on the Revenue Budget to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee: -

- On 6 November 2025, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 – 2029/2030 report which was referred from the October Cabinet meeting:

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee acknowledged the information contained in the report including the Medium-Term Financial Strategy and Budget Planning Framework.

The Committee also acknowledged the work undertaken around identifying spending pressures, addressing the funding gap and updating the Capital Strategy. The Committee remained committed to budget monitoring through further updates to the Committee and had no further comments to make at the time.

- On 15 January 2026, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the Budget Planning Framework and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 – 2029/2030 report which was referred from the December Cabinet meeting:

The Scrutiny Committee noted the contents of the report including the Medium-Term Financial Plan and Budget Planning Framework and acknowledged the spending pressures and budget saving proposals.

- On 12 February 2026, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered Budget and Service Reports on Collection Fund (Council Tax) 2025/2026, Capital Programme 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2026/2027, including Prudential Indicators for 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 and Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 reports which were referred from the 12 February Cabinet meeting:

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee noted and acknowledged the information in the various reports as was presented.

The Committee also acknowledged the financial pressures on the Council and its services as detailed throughout the report and noted the recommended Council Tax increase for 2026/27, although recognised that this still needed to be approved by Council. The Committee also noted the proposed budget savings proposals within the reports and the outcome of the budget consultation which was undertaken.

Finally, the Committee acknowledged the work and diligence of Officers and Members in preparing the budgetary information presented to the committee and to other key stakeholders and had no further comments to make.

That they had also referred the proposals for Capital Programme Planning 2026/2027 – 2029/2030 to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee: -

- On 15 January 2026, Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the Capital Programme Planning 2026/2027 – 2029/2030 and Capital Strategy report which was referred from the December Cabinet meeting:

The Scrutiny Committee noted the Capital Programme Planning report including the additional capital project proposals and was satisfied with the report and had no further comments to make.

That they had also submitted the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy and prudential indicators within the attached report numbered 1 to the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee: -

- On 13 February 2026, the Audit and Governance Committee was consulted specifically on the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2026/2027.

The Committee noted the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2026/2027 and the Prudential Treasury Management Indicators for 2026/2027 to 2029/2030.

The Committee noted the Borrowing and Investment Strategies contained within the report and that the Council continued to follow and adhere to fundamental principles in relation to the prudent investment of treasury balances. The Committee recognised that the Council continued to achieve a very positive treasury management performance and commended the work of officers in achieving these outcomes.

The Committee noted their responsibility for ensuring effective scrutiny of the treasury management strategy and policies and that they would continue to receive quarterly performance reports.

Subsequently;

The following precept figures had been confirmed as those set out in the report to Cabinet on 12 February 2026:

- The precept figures of the Police and Crime Commissioner Northumbria (PCCN) would mean an increase of £18.50 at a Band D in the precept level for 2026/2027; and
- The precept figures of the Parish of Hetton Town Council would mean an increase of 2% in the precept level for 2026/2027.
- The precept figures of the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority would mean an increase of £5 at a Band D in the precept level for 2026/2027.

The position set out at Item 3 of the report as Determination of Council Tax 2026/2027 reflected the above notified 2026/2027 precept levels in respect of the Precepting Authorities.

NOTE:

In relation to the report numbered 2 on the agenda entitled “Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 to 2029/2030”, Appendix F had not been printed with this item, but the recommendation, which included all of the substantive content of the report, was set out in full at item 3 overleaf.

1. Capital Programme 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2026/2027, including Prudential Indicators for 2026/2027 to 2029/2030

That they had considered the attached report of the Director of Finance on:

- the proposed Capital Programme for 2026/2027;
- the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2026/2027 (including specifically the Annual Borrowing and Investment Strategies);
- the Prudential Indicators for 2026/2027 to 2029/2030; and
- the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2026/2027.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommended the Council to approve: -

- (i) the proposed Capital Programme for 2026/2027;
- (ii) the Treasury Management Policy and Strategy for 2026/2027 (including specifically the Annual Borrowing and Investment Strategies);
- (iii) the Prudential Indicators for 2026/2027 to 2029/2030; and
- (iv) the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement for 2026/2027.

2. Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2026/2027 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 to 2029/2030

That they had considered the report of the Director of Finance which was at the following link [[Cabinet 12 February 2026](#)] on:

- (a) the overall revenue budget position for 2026/2027;
- (b) the projected reserves position as at 31st March 2026 and 31st March 2027 and advise on their sufficiency;
- (c) a risk analysis of the Revenue Budget 2026/2027;

- (d) a summary of the emerging medium term financial position facing the Council from 2026/2027 to 2029/2030, and associated Council Efficiency strategy;
- (e) any views received from residents, the local Business Sector, Trade Unions, Schools Forum, Change Council and Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on the proposed budget; and
- (f) the updated City Plan 2026-2035 including the indicative timeline.

The report of the Director of Finance to Council set out the proposed Revenue Budget and Council Tax for 2026/2027 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 as recommended by Cabinet and updated to reflect the outcome of the Final Local Government Finance Settlement which was published on 9 February 2026. The Final Local Government Finance Settlement confirmed an increase in Core Spending Power for the Council of 6.6% based on the Government's assumption of a 4.99% increase in council tax.

Accordingly, the Cabinet recommended the Council to approve: -

- (i) the proposals set out in the report including the proposed Revenue Budget for 2026/2027 set out at Appendix J;
- (ii) the Medium Term Financial Plan 2026/2027 to 2029/2030 including Efficiency Strategy as set out in Appendix G and the potential use of Capital Receipts Flexibility set out at section 9 of the report; and
- (iii) the adoption of the updated City Plan 2026-2035 including the indicative timeline.

3. Determination of Council Tax 2026/2027

That they had given consideration to a report of the Director of Finance making, subject to the approval of the Revenue Budget 2026/2027 (as set out at item 2 above), recommendations with respect to Council Tax levels for 2026/2027, and advising that the Council Tax was calculated using the tax bases for the areas of the City Council and Hetton Town Council as approved by Council on 28 January 2026, and setting out a number of resolutions required to be made to determine the Council Tax, including the confirmed precepts from the Major Precepting Authorities and Hetton Town Council.

They therefore recommended to Council: -

- (i) to confirm the council tax requirement for the Council for 2026/2027 for its own purposes is £144,939,634 (excluding Parish precepts) and which represents a 2.5% increase in core council tax for 2026/2027 and a 2% increase in the ringfenced social care precept.

(ii) it be noted that at its meeting on 28 January 2026 the Council approved the following amounts for the year 2026/2027 in accordance with the amended regulations made under Section 31B(3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 (the 'Act'):

a) 77,227 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with the above regulation of the Local Authorities (Calculation of Council Tax Base) Regulations 1992 as amended by Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012, as its council tax base for the year (Item T).

b) 4,454 being the amount calculated by the Council, in accordance with the regulations, as the amount of its council tax base for the year for dwellings in the area of the Parish of Hetton Town Council.

(iii) That the following amounts be calculated by the Council for the year 2026/2027 in accordance with Sections 31 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 as amended:

a) £907,753,841 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (2) of the Act taking into account all precepts issued to it by Parish Councils.

b) £762,745,838 being the aggregate of the amounts which the Council estimates for the items set out in Section 31A (3) of the Act.

c) £145,008,003 being the amount by which the aggregate at (a) above exceeds the aggregate at (iii) (b) above, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31A (4) of the Act, as its Council Tax Requirement for the year including Parish precepts (Item R in the formula in Section 31A(4) of the Act).

d) £1,877.6853 being the amount at (iii) (c) above (Item R) all divided by Item T ((ii) (a) above), calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 31B (1) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year (including Parish precepts).

e) £68,369 being the precept notified by Hetton Town Council as a special item under Section 34 of the Act.

f) £1,876.8000 being the amount at (iii) (d) above less the result given by dividing the amount at (iii) (e) above by the Item T ((ii) (a) above), calculated by the

Council, in accordance with Section 34 (2) of the Act, as the basic amount of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in those parts of its area to which no Parish precept relates.

- g) £1,892.1500 being the amount given by adding to the amount at (iii) (f) above, the amount at (iii) (e) divided by the amount at (ii) (b) above, calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 34 (3) of the Act as the basic amounts of its Council Tax for the year for dwellings in the area of the Parish of HettonTown Council.

- h) Charges relating to the Council

Valuation Band	Hetton Town Council £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,261.43	1,251.20
B	1,471.67	1,459.73
C	1,681.91	1,668.27
D	1,892.15	1,876.80
E	2,312.63	2,293.87
F	2,733.11	2,710.93
G	3,153.58	3,128.00
H	3,784.30	3,753.60

being the amounts given by multiplying the amounts at (iii) (f) and (g) above by the number which, in the proportion set out in Section 5 (1) of the Act, is applicable to dwellings listed in a particular valuation band divided by the number which in that proportion is applicable to dwellings listed in valuation band D, calculated by the Council, in accordance with Section 36 (1) of the Act, as the amounts to be taken into account for the year in respect of categories of dwellings listed in different valuation bands.

- (iv) it be noted that for the year 2026/2027, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria have confirmed the following amounts in precepts issued to the Council, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992:

Valuation Band	Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria £	Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority £
A	142.89	70.07
B	166.71	81.75
C	190.52	93.43
D	214.34	105.11
E	261.97	128.47
F	309.60	151.83
G	357.23	175.18
H	428.68	210.22

- (v) having calculated the aggregate in each case of the amounts at (iii) (h) and (iv) above and the estimated precepts in paragraph (iv), the Council, in accordance with Section 30 (2) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, hereby sets the following amounts as the amounts of Council Tax for the year 2026/2027 for each of the categories of dwellings shown below.

Valuation Band	Hetton Town Council £	All other parts of the Council's area £
A	1,474.39	1,464.16
B	1,720.13	1,708.19
C	1,965.86	1,952.22
D	2,211.60	2,196.25
E	2,703.07	2,684.31
F	3,194.54	3,172.36
G	3,685.99	3,660.41
H	4,423.20	4,392.50

- (vi) To determine that under Section 52ZB of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the Authority's relevant basic amount of Council Tax for 2026/2027 is not excessive in accordance with the principles determined under Section 52ZC(1) of the Act.

(i.e. the proposed council tax increase for 2026/2027 means that the Council does not need to hold a referendum on its proposed council tax. The provisions set out in Section 52ZC of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 require all billing authorities (councils and precept authorities (i.e. Fire and Police authorities)) to hold a referendum on their proposed level of basic council tax each year if they exceed government guidelines set out annually.)

The Leader of the Council, Councillor Mordey, duly seconded by the Deputy Leader, Councillor Chequer, moved the report of the Cabinet.

The following Amendment to the Revenue and Capital Budgets from the Liberal Democrat Group in Opposition was moved by Councillor Edgeworth and seconded by Councillor Fagan.

Revenue Budget

Revenue (Savings)	£
Reduction of support costs for Area Committees linked to the reduction in the number of Area Committees from 5 to 3.	(69,221)
Reducing number of Area Committees to three committees (and three Neighbourhood Boards) giving a saving of 2 Chairs and 2 Vice Chairs.	(33,254)
Reduction and scrapping of councillor allowances and expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remove the 2025/26 increase in basic allowance and then 5% reduction in basic allowance. • 20% reduction in Leader, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member SRAs. • 20% reduction in opposition party leader(s) SRAs. • Reduce SRA for Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to same as chairs of thematic scrutiny committees. • 20% reduction in SRAs for Chairs of Thematic Scrutiny Committees, Area Committees, Planning and Highways Committee and Licensing and Regulatory Committee. • Abolition of all Vice Chair SRAs. • 20% reduction in SRAs for Audit and Governance Committee Chair and Independent members. • Abolish positions of Mayor and Deputy Mayor and associated SRAs and replace with unpaid elected Chairperson. • Change travel allowances policy so expense can only be claimed when travelling outside the North East region. • Abolish all provision for subsistence claims. • Abolish all provision for reimbursement of broadband and telephone costs. 	(194,562)
Remove the Corporate Communications budget, including retainers with Creo Communications and Different Narrative.	(734,314)
Scrap residents survey and resident newsletter.	(137,070)
Remove budget for carbon reduction.	(382,451)
Introduce a full paperless system for meeting agendas and documents, unless there is an accessibility issue which requires hard copy documents as a reasonable adjustment.	(18,000)
End use of council vehicles for travel for the Mayor, Deputy Mayor, cabinet members and councillors.	(33,735)
Scrap Mayors hospitality Budget including provision of alcohol cellar and providing free food to guests.	(3,835)

Scrap foreign travel Budget and prohibit internal flights for Council staff and elected members when travelling within the United Kingdom (except for business travel to and from the North of Ireland).	(29,519)
End free parking for councillors at St Mary's car park.	(8,500)
Stop all funding and sponsorship for award ceremonies both hosted and attended by the Council (NEAA Annual Awards, North East Contact Centre Awards, Business Excellence Awards, Gala Awards, Sunderland Council STAR Awards).	(30,750)
Cancel subscriptions for the following membership organisations the Council is part of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-operative Councils Innovation Network • Industrial Communities Alliance • Key Cities • Local Government Information Unit • New Local Government Network • Healthy Cities Network 	(59,681)
Offer the top floor of City Hall out for lease by an external organisation at market rates including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all majority group offices (reallocate the spare group room (opposition room #3) to the majority party). • Leader's office • Deputy Leader's office • Cabinet offices • Mayor's office 	0
Increase Fixed Penalty Charge for fly-tipping to £1000.	(20,650)
Increase Household Waste Duty of Care breaches Fixed Penalty Notice to £500 on 2 nd or 3 rd breach.	(3,100)
Scrap Member Support budget.	(59,659)
Scrap Japan / American funding.	(33,481)
Total Revenue (Savings)	(1,851,782)

Revenue (Spending)	£
Reduce Labour's Council Tax increase by 0.868%.	1,203,854
Employ additional environmental services staff: 1 x Grade 6 FTE Environmental Enforcement Officer. 1 x Grade 6 FTE Anti-Social Behaviour Officer.	93,042
Costs for 1 x Grade 4 FTE Dog Warden officer.	39,578

Reverse planned increase in allotment rent charges for 2026/27.	10,669
Create large household waste bin fund comprising 140 x 360 litre household waste bins for households that require them.	5,733
Reverse the 2026/27 increase in brown bin tax.	29,567
Re-instate 'Free after 3' parking in all city centre car parks it previously applied to.	130,000
Introduce 'Free after 3' parking in the Riverside Multi-Story Parking.	15,000
Employ 1 x FTE traffic warden allocated specifically to the following areas: Sea Road, Fulwell Road, Southwick Village Green, Hylton Road, Durham Road, Chester Road and surrounding streets.	39,493
Employ 1 x FTE park warden allocated to the following areas: Doxford Park, Margaret Thompson Park, Barnes Park Extension.	39,578
Hire 2 new cleansing employees and 1 van on a 5/7 rota to provide a weekend fly-tipping/litter/overflowing bin responsive service to improve cleansing across the city.	80,168
Hire a graffiti cleansing crew and source appropriate equipment to solely operate outside of the city centre, complementing the city centre crew and ensure equipped to deal with the most stubborn graffiti.	138,668
Grit bin fund providing 5 x 160 litre grit bins for ward councillors to allocate in the following wards: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	14,000
Litter bin fund providing 5 x 120 litre bins for ward councillors to allocate in the following wards: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	12,432
Total Revenue (Spending)	1,851,782

Capital Budget

Capital (Savings)	£
Reallocate Washington F Pit Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvements.	(3,863,000)
Sale of the Mayor's & Deputy Mayor's chain; ceremonial mace; ceremonial robes, Chief Executive's wig; and OGR 1 numberplate.	(410,100)
Total Capital (Savings)	(4,273,100)

Capital (Spending)	£
Feasibility study into acquisition of a public park in the Ford / Pennywell Area.	10,000
Installation of a permanent enforcement camera to prevent (and issue fines for) illegal parking on Ebdon Lane, Fulwell.	30,000
Install pelican crossing at Front Road/Fordfield Road junction.	110,000
Install pelican crossing at Springwell Road near Springwell Medical Centre.	220,000
Install 2 chicanes on Westmoor Road to slow traffic.	50,000
Install 2 chicanes on Midmoor Road to slow traffic.	50,000
Repaint railings and lamp-posts on St Lukes Terrace.	20,000
Bus shelters fund providing 5 new bus shelters for ward councillors in the following wards to allocate: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	200,000
Upgrade Chester/Springwell/Holborn Roads roundabout to traffic-light controlled junction.	1,000,000
Amend layout of junctions of Toronto Road/Telford Road, Thanet Road/Telford Road and Truro Road/Thorndale Road in Thorney Close.	75,000
Install fencing and barriers at entrances of Stirling Close into Barnes Park Extension.	1,000
Install fencing along boundary with Hastings Hill Farm from North Farm Avenue, along Totnes Close, Tilbury Road and down to Summerhill.	20,000
Installation of bollards on pavement outside Hastings Hill shops.	15,000
Vehicle Activated Sign fund providing 3 VASs for ward councillors in the following wards to allocate: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	192,000
Installation of double yellow line waiting restrictions at junction of Sevenoaks Drive and Chester Road (A183).	8,000
Street lighting improvement fund providing funding for 10 additional lighting columns for ward councillors in the following wards to allocate in order to make strategic improvements: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	160,000
Dropped kerbs fund providing funding for 10 sets of dropped kerbs for ward councillors in the following wards to allocate: (i) Barnes & Thornhill; (ii) Deptford & Hendon; (iii) Doxford Park; (iv) Fulwell; (v) Grindon & Thorney Close; (vi) Pallion & Ford; (vii) Pennywell & South Hylton; (viii) Roker.	800,000

Installation of bollards on pavement outside shops on Chester Road (between Sorley Street and Hylton Street, and between Co-operative Terrace and Stewart Street) to prevent pavement parking.	50,000
Install bollards and railings to go around junction of Midmoor Road and St Luke's Terrace to prevent parking obstructing flow of traffic.	10,000
Additional funding to road and pavement repairs and resurfacing.	1,252,100
Total Capital (Spending)	4,273,100

The Liberal Democrat Group's amendments to the Revenue and Capital Budget were then put to the vote with 16 Members voting in favour: -

Councillors	Bond	Edgeworth	Haswell	Potts
	Crosby	Fagan	Hodson	Reed
	Dixon	Gibson	Mullen	Vera
	Donkin	Hartnack	O'Brien	Walton

38 Members voting against: -

The Mayor (Councillor Haque)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Thornton)

Councillors	Blackburn	Feeley	Laverick	Snowdon, D E
	Burrell	Fletcher	Laws	Speding
	Chequer	Foster	Leonard	Stewart
	Chisnall	Glancy	McDonough	Tobin
	Clinton	Guy	Mordey	Trueman, H
	Curtis	Heron	Price	Tye
	Dagg	Hunter	Smith, A	Usher
	Dodds	Johnston	Smith, G	Walker, P
	Elms	Jones	Snowdon, D	Williams

And no Members abstaining.

The Amendment was defeated.

The proposed amendment to the Revenue and Capital Budgets from the Conservative Group in Opposition was moved by Councillor Mullen and seconded by Councillor Reed.

Revenue Savings

Reduce the Neighbourhood Fund budget allocation to Area Committees	£1,000,000
Reduction in Corporate Affairs and Comms budget (to include total reduction in spending on Creo Comms and social media influencers)	£868,710

Reduction in the Events budget	£ 695,440
Reduction in the Low Carbon budget	£382,451
Cuts to councillors' allowances	£173,214
Paperless model for agendas and magazines	£88,000
Reduction in Member Support budget	£50,000
Reduction in TU facility time	£150,000
End chauffeur-driven cars for the Mayor and Labour cabinet	£33,735
Abolish councillors' expenses budget	£35,000
Reduce the Business and Investment budget, including the total budget for Japan/America travel	£250,000
Reduction in the Community and Belonging budget	£1,000,000
Redirect the Active Sunderland budget to pay for play park upgrades	£340,032
Total	£5,066,582

Revenue Spending

Reduce Labour's Council Tax increase by 2.64%	£3,665,481
Introduce free parking in the city centre (based on a 'Free After 3' scheme)	£130,000
Introduce free parking on the Roker and Seaburn sea fronts (based on a 'Free After 3' scheme)	£140,000
Make CPMS parking permits free to all residents	£122,200
Implement 5 new School Streets schemes	£250,000
Install 10 new shroud bins in wards with high volumes of litter, to include Grangetown and Barnes and Thornhill	£4,670
Introduce 5 new Civil Enforcement Officers (Traffic Wardens), including one dedicated solely to Chester Road area	£197,465
Introduce 3 Park and Cemetery Wardens	£118,734
Line Queen Alexandra Road, Chester Road, Dame Dorothy Street (from Church Street North) and Harbour View with the Union flag	£98,000
Revenue transfer to capital to support play park upgrades	£340,032
Total	£5,066,582

Capital Savings

Delete the remaining F-Pit budget	£3,863,000
Reduce the allocation for Strategic Acquisitions	£200,000
Transfer from revenue	£340,032
Cancel the building decarbonisation programme	£775,000
Cancel the City Gateway Screens programme	£154,000
Total	£5,332,032

Capital Spending

Increase spending on road resurfacing and pavement and pothole repairs (to include £1m to be directed by Area Committees)	£3,417,032
Replace the Broadway roundabout with traffic lights	£1,000,000
Introduce safe crossing points on Silksworth Lane	£300,000
Provision of a capital grant to a third-sector organisation (e.g. Save the National Glass Centre) to support the purchase of the centre and the surrounding land	£200,000
Build a new play park in Middle Herrington	£415,000
Total	£5,332,032

The proposed Amendment to the Revenue and Capital Budgets from the Conservative Group in Opposition was put to the vote with 16 Members voting in favour: -

Councillors	Bond	Edgeworth	Haswell	O'Brien
	Crosby	Fagan	Hodson	Potts
	Dixon	Gibson	McDonough	Reed
	Donkin	Hartnack	Mullen	Walton

37 Members voting against: -

The Mayor (Councillor Haque)
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Thornton)

Councillors	Blackburn	Feeley	Laverick	Speding
	Burrell	Fletcher	Laws	Stewart
	Chequer	Foster	Leonard	Tobin
	Chisnall	Glancy	Mordey	Trueman, H
	Clinton	Guy	Price	Tye

Curtis
Dagg
Dodds
Elms

Heron
Hunter
Johnston
Jones

Smith, A
Smith, G
Snowdon, D
Snowdon, D E

Usher
Walker, P
Williams

And no Members abstaining.

The Amendment was defeated.

The original motion that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted was then put to the vote with 37 Members voting in favour: -

The Mayor (Councillor Haque)

The Deputy Mayor (Councillor Thornton)

Councillors	Blackburn	Feeley	Laverick	Speding
	Burrell	Fletcher	Laws	Stewart
	Chequer	Foster	Leonard	Tobin
	Chisnall	Glancy	Mordey	Trueman, H
	Clinton	Guy	Price	Tye
	Curtis	Heron	Smith, A	Usher
	Dagg	Hunter	Smith, G	Walker, P
	Dodds	Johnston	Snowdon, D	Williams
	Elms	Jones	Snowdon, D E	

16 Members voting against: -

Councillors	Bond	Edgeworth	Haswell	O'Brien
	Crosby	Fagan	Hodson	Potts
	Dixon	Gibson	McDonough	Reed
	Donkin	Hartnack	Mullen	Walton

And no Members abstaining.

Accordingly, it was: -

30. RESOLVED that the report of the Cabinet be approved and adopted.

(Signed) **E HAQUE**
Mayor

