

CITY HALL,
SUNDERLAND.
10 June 2022.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING of Sunderland City Council to be held in the **Council Chamber, City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, SR1 3AA** on **WEDNESDAY 22 JUNE 2022** at **4.00 p.m.** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

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| 1. | To read the Notice convening the meeting. | - |
| 2. | Apologies. | - |
| 3. | To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held 18 May 2022 (copy attached). | 1 |
| 4. | Receipt of Declarations of Interest (if any). | - |
| 5. | Announcements (if any) under Rule 2(e). | - |
| 6. | Covid-19 - Verbal Update by the Leader of the Council | - |
| 7. | Citywide approach to carbon reduction – Verbal update by the Deputy Leader of the Council | - |
| 8. | To consider the Outstanding Motion from the last ordinary meeting of the Council held 23 March 2022 (copy attached). | 43 |

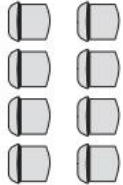
9.	Reception of Petitions.	-
10.	Written Questions by Members of the Public (if any) under Rule 10.	-
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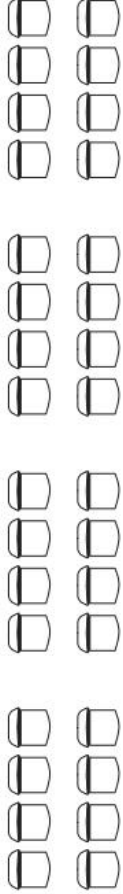
PATRICK MELIA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

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Chief Officer seating



Press and Public Gallery



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9	S. Ayre
10	C. Burnicle
11	U. Ali
12	M. Hartnack

	G. Peacock 13
	P. Mann 14
	H. Greener 15
	R. Dunn 16
	S. Johnston 17
	L. Vera 18
	J. McKeith 19
	P. Wood 20
	L. Reed 21
	M. Dixon 22
	J. Doyle 23
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	M. Bond 28
	C. Morrissey 29
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	C. Nicholson 34

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Honorary Aldermen

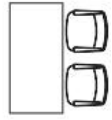
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	49 C. Rowntree
	50 G. Miller

	51 J. Price
	52 I. Scott
	53 J. Blackburn
	54 D. Wilson
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	56 M. Herron
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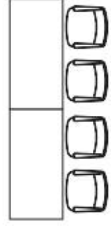
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	70 J. Fletcher
	71 M. Thornton
	72 K. Mason-Gege

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	74 D. Snowdon
	75 D.E. Snowdon
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	77 M. Morley
	78 S. Watson
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Governance Services



	E. Waugh Asst Dir Law & Governance
	A. Smith Mayor
	P. Mellia Chief Executive
	D. Trueman Deputy Mayor

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At the Annual meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on WEDNESDAY 18 MAY 2022 at 6.00 p.m.

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

Councillors	Ali	Fagan	Mann	Smith, P
	Ayre	Farthing	Miller, F	Snowdon, D
	Blackburn	Fletcher	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.
	Bond	Foster	Mordey	Speding
	Burnicle	Gibson, P.W.L.	Morrissey	Thornton
	Burrell	Gibson, P.	Mullen	Trueman, D.
	Butler	Greener	Nicholson	Tye
	Chequer	Guy	Peacock	Usher
	Chisnall	Haswell	Potts	Vera
	Crosby	Heron	Price	Walker, M.
	Curtis	Herron	Reed	Walker, P.
	Dixon	Hodson	Rowntree	Warne
	Donaghy	Johnston, K.	Samuels	Williams
	Doyle	Johnston, S.	Scanlan	Wood, A.
	Dunn	Lauchlan	Scott	Wood, P.
	Edgeworth	Laws	Smith, G.	

Also Present:-

Honorary Aldermen: - M. Greenfield and R.D. Tate.

Notice Convening the Meeting

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Annual Council meeting and the Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

Announcements

- **Former Councillor Bryan Charlton**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor reminded Council of the recent death of former Councillor and Mayor of the City, Bryan Charlton. Councillors joined the Mayor in standing for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for their former colleague.

- **Former Councillor George Howe**

The Mayor informed Council that their former colleague Councillor George Howe had been suffering from ill health and had recently undergone an operation. The Mayor, on behalf of the Council, offered his best wishes to George and his family.

Election of Mayor

The Council proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, (to the next Annual Meeting of the Council) and nominations were invited. Councillor G Miller, seconded by Councillor Usher, nominated Councillor Alison Smith to be appointed as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Miller and Councillor Usher spoke in support of the nomination.

A further nomination was received from Councillor Mullen and seconded by Councillor Hodson that Councillor Peter Wood be appointed as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Mullen and Hodson spoke in support of the nomination.

With no further nominations being received, the Mayor informed Councillors that they would be invited in turn to vote for their preferred candidate. The vote was taken, with:-

36 Members voting in favour of Councillor Alison Smith:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Guy	Price	Thornton
	Burrell	Heron	Rowntree	Trueman, D.
	Butler	Herron	Samuels	Trueman, H.
	Chequer	Johnston, K.	Scanlan	Tye
	Chisnall	Lauchlan	Scott	Usher
	Farthing	Laws	Smith, P.	Walker, M.
	Fletcher	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Walker, P.
	Foster	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Warne
	Gibson, P	Mordey	Speding	Williams

and

28 Members voting in favour of Councillor Peter Wood

Councillors	Ali	Donaghy	Haswell	Peacock
	Ayre	Doyle	Hodson	Potts
	Bond	Dunn	Johnston, S	Reed
	Burnicle	Edgeworth	Mann	Smith, G
	Crosby	Fagan	Morrissey	Vera
	Curtis	Gibson, P.W.L	Mullen	Wood, A.
	Dixon, M.	Greener	Nicholson	Wood, P.

Councillor Wood having offered his congratulations and best wishes to Councillor Smith, it was:-

1. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Alison Smith be appointed Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

The Mayor then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and responded appropriately.

Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor reported that she had appointed the Reverend Jennifer Bradshaw of St Cuthbert's Church, Redhouse, to be Chaplain for her term of office. The Mayor's Chaplain then offered prayers.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

Councillor Speding, duly seconded by Councillor P Gibson and supported by Councillor Dixon, thanked the retiring Mayor, Councillor H. Trueman, for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Mayor.

Councillor Trueman responded appropriately.

The Mayor then presented badges to Councillors Harry and Dorothy Trueman, to commemorate their year of office, together with a photographic record of the engagements during the Mayoral Year.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Council then proceeded to the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year, (to the next Annual Meeting of the Council) and nominations were invited.

Councillor Scanlan, seconded by Councillor Speding nominated Councillor Dorothy Trueman to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Scanlan and Speding spoke in support of the nomination.

With no further nominations being received, it was:-

- 2. RESOLVED** that Councillor Dorothy Trueman be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Mayor then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and responded appropriately.

The Mayor then presented gifts to the Consorts to the retiring Mayor and the new Mayor.

Minutes

- 3. RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 23 March 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Bewick, Hartnack, Mason-Gage, McDonough, O'Brien, Stewart, Watson and Wilson and on behalf of Alderman M. Forbes.

Announcements

The Mayor made the following announcements:

- **Civic Service**

A Civic Service would be held in St Cuthbert's Church, Redhouse at 3pm on Sunday 10th July 2022.

- **Carol Service**

The Mayor's Carol Service would be held at Sunderland Minster on Sunday 11th December, 2022.

- **Mayor's Charities**

The charities the Mayor would be supporting during her term of office would be, Hope4ALL, the Friends of Bunnyhill and Downhill Community Pond and Garden.

Election of Leader of the Council

The Council then proceeded to the election of a Leader of the Council.

The Mayor having sought a nomination, it was moved by Councillor Rowntree and duly seconded by Councillor Usher that Councillor G. Miller be elected as Leader of the Council.

It was then moved by Councillor Hodson and duly seconded by Councillor Haswell, that Councillor Speding be elected as Leader of the Council.

Councillor Speding informed Council that he was not willing to accept the nomination nor had any intention of taking up the post if elected.

Councillor Hodson withdrew his motion but requested that a vote was taken in respect of the nomination of Councillor G. Miller.

The Mayor announced that Council would then vote on the nomination of Councillor G. Miller as Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion that Councillor G. Miller be elected as Leader of the Council was carried with 37 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Heron	Samuels	Trueman, H.
	Burrell	Herron	Scanlan	Tye
	Butler	Johnston, K.	Scott	Usher
	Chequer	Lauchlan	Smith, A.	Walker, M.
	Chisnall	Laws	Smith, P.	Walker, P.
	Farthing	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Warne
	Fletcher	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Williams
	Foster	Mordey	Speding	
	Gibson, P	Price	Thornton	
	Guy	Rowntree	Trueman, D.	

25 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Ali	Donaghy	Hodson	Reed
	Ayre	Doyle	Johnston, S	Vera
	Bond	Dunn	Mann	Wood, A.
	Burnicle	Edgeworth	Morrissey	Wood, P.
	Crosby	Fagan	Mullen	
	Curtis	Greener	Peacock	
	Dixon, M.	Haswell	Potts	

And 2 abstentions:-

Councillors	Gibson, P.W.L	Smith, G
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Accordingly it was:-

4. RESOLVED that Councillor G. Miller be appointed as Leader of the Council until the first Annual Meeting after his normal day of retirement as a Councillor.

Appointments to Cabinet and the Portfolio Responsibilities, the Deputy Cabinet Members and any Amendments to the Arrangements for the Delegation of Executive Functions made by the Leader

5. RESOLVED that:-

i) the Leader's appointments and allocation of Portfolio responsibilities as set out below, be noted and that consequential amendments would be made to the Constitution:-

ii) the Budget Headings set out in the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules be amended to reflect the new Portfolios and that the approved service budgets be realigned to the appropriate new Portfolio headings.

Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Rowntree

Cabinet Secretary

Councillor Stewart

PORTFOLIO

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Children, Learning and Skills

Councillor Farthing

Healthy City

Councillor Chequer

Vibrant City

Councillor Williams

Dynamic City

Councillor K. Johnston

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CABINET

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

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF CABINET

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

CABINET MEMBERS AND PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The revised portfolio responsibilities for executive members are as follows:

Executive Member

Portfolio

Leader

To provide political leadership on behalf of residents, stakeholders and partners in the co-ordination of Council strategies, policies, and service delivery, ensuring good quality services.

To provide political leadership in the development of local, regional, sub-regional strategies and strategic partnerships.

To promote and enhance the reputation of Sunderland - the city and the council - at national, European and international levels.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the economic, social and physical regeneration of the city is integrated, enabling and effective

To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders, ensuring a collaborative approach to the development and delivery of services which meet people's needs and aspirations.

To co-ordinate and apportion the roles and responsibilities of Members.

To provide political leadership in relation to communications and corporate affairs.

To provide political leadership in relation to safer communities.

To undertake the role of Armed Forces Champion for the Council.

Deputy Leader

In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.

To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members.

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the environment, ensuring that the city is clean, green, attractive and accessible for all.

To provide political leadership to the Council's climate change and low carbon plans and activities, working towards being a carbon zero council by 2030 and carbon zero city by 2040.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the environment is integrated, enabling and effective, and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes exercising political policy oversight in relation to public protection and place regulation to create a high-quality physical environment for living and working in and visiting the city.

To provide political leadership to environment, low carbon and energy partnerships.

Cabinet Secretary

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the efficient and effective deployment of resources to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To deputise for the Leader as appropriate.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Community Wealth Building and Cooperative development agendas, leading on the creation of social value through procurement and supporting the embedding of these principles across all portfolios.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to functions within Corporate Services, data protection and equalities.

To ensure that the Council's internal operations are integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to Corporate Services.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where Sunderland is the lead authority.

To provide political leadership to the Council's Smart City agenda.

Children, Learning and Skills

To be the designated "lead member for children's services" in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of children, learning and skills to ensure that children and young people achieve the best outcomes and all-age learning and skills agendas are supported.

To provide political leadership to the Council's work to tackle child poverty, and as the Council's designated Food Champion, the food poverty agenda.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the children, learning and skills agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

Healthy City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's adults and public health functions.

To provide political leadership to an all-population approach to public health, narrowing the health inequalities gap to achieve the best outcomes for all residents.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the adults and public health agendas is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

Vibrant City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of local communities to achieve the best outcomes as well as ensuring a wide-ranging cultural offer and that communities have access to the opportunities on offer in the city.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's communities and culture functions, including tourism and heritage.

To ensure that the Council's approach to communities, culture, leisure and resident engagement and resilience is integrated, enabling, effective and built on Community Wealth Building principles, and that the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to area/community and cultural partnerships.

Dynamic City

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of housing, regeneration and planning, ensuring that the city achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth.

To exercise political policy oversight and provide political leadership to the Council's transport and infrastructure priorities and plans, supporting the development of great transport links and active travel opportunities.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the housing, transport and regeneration agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions, including dealing with homelessness.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to partnerships relating to housing, transport and regeneration.

To ensure Community Wealth Building and cooperative development approaches to delivering these priorities and functions, including a focus on the growth of the SME sector and on opportunities for the expansion of social housing across the city.

DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS

Children, Learning and Skills	Councillor J. Price
Healthy City	Councillor F. Miller
Vibrant City	Councillor P. Walker
Dynamic City	Councillor I. Scott

- Item 10** **To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof**

- Item 11** **To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function**

- Item 12** **To agree an update to the Constitution**

- Item 13** **To fix dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees etc**

- Item 14** **To authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the respective Chairmen, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with 12 above.**

The Supplementary Report in relation to items 10-12 and revised Council Diary 2022/23 were circulated to all Members and it was moved by the Leader, and duly seconded by the Deputy Leader that items 10 to 14 inclusive be agreed.

Councillor Hodson duly seconded by Councillor Haswell moved the following amendments to item 11:-

Item 11 To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, Outside Bodies and Working Groups.

- i) Newcastle Airport Consultative Committee – Remove Councillor Mordey and replace with Councillor Edgeworth.
- ii) North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – Remove Councillor Stewart and replace with Councillor Bond.
- iii) Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority – Remove Councillor Tye and replace with Councillor G. Smith

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was defeated with 28 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Ali	Donaghy	Haswell	Peacock
	Ayre	Doyle	Hodson	Potts
	Bond	Dunn	Johnston, S	Reed
	Burnicle	Edgeworth	Mann	Vera
	Crosby	Fagan	Morrissey	Smith, G
	Curtis	Greener	Mullen	Wood, A.
	Dixon, M.	Gibson, P.W.L.	Nicholson	Wood, P.

And 37 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Heron	Samuels	Trueman, H.
	Burrell	Herron	Scanlan	Tye
	Butler	Johnston, K.	Scott	Usher
	Chequer	Lauchlan	Smith, A.	Walker, M.
	Chisnall	Laws	Smith, P.	Walker, P.
	Farthing	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Warne
	Fletcher	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Williams
	Foster	Mordey	Speding	
	Gibson, P	Price	Thornton	
	Guy	Rowntree	Trueman, D.	

Council's attention was drawn to the recommendation contained within item 10 (To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof) that the Planning and Highways (East) Committee and the Planning and Highways (West) Committee be replaced by a single Planning and Highways Committee. Members were advised that the Conservative group wished to speak against the proposal and a separate vote would be taken in respect of the matter.

Upon being put to the vote the recommendation was approved with 37 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Heron	Samuels	Trueman, H.
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Burrell	Herron	Scanlan	Tye
Butler	Johnston, K.	Scott	Usher
Chequer	Lauchlan	Smith, A.	Walker, M.
Chisnall	Laws	Smith, P.	Walker, P.
Farthing	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Warne
Fletcher	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Williams
Foster	Mordey	Speding	
Gibson, P	Price	Thornton	
Guy	Rowntree	Trueman, D.	

And 28 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Ali	Donaghy	Haswell	Peacock
	Ayre	Doyle	Hodson	Potts
	Bond	Dunn	Johnston, S	Reed
	Burnicle	Edgeworth	Mann	Vera
	Crosby	Fagan	Morrissey	Smith, G
	Curtis	Greener	Mullen	Wood, A.
	Dixon, M.	Gibson, P.W.L.	Nicholson	Wood, P.

Accordingly it was:-

- 4. RESOLVED** that the proposal contained in Item 10 that the Planning and Highways (East) Committee and the Planning and Highways (West) Committee be replaced by a single Planning and Highways Committee be approved and that the Assistant Director of Law and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution accordingly.

The original motion in respect of Items 10 to 14 inclusive, including the nominations to the single Planning and Highways Committee was then put to Council and agreed accordingly.

It was, therefore:-

- 5. RESOLVED** that: -

- (i) the appointments in respect of all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, as detailed below, be approved and adopted for the ensuing year;
- (ii) the appointments to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function, be approved and adopted and the Leader's appointments to Joint Committees established under joint arrangements be noted;
- (iii) the update to the Constitution as set out be agreed;

- (iv) the dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees be agreed; and
- (v) the Assistant Director of Law and Governance be authorised, in consultation with the respective Chairmen, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with (iv) above.

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

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

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

Councillor	P. Gibson Stewart H. Trueman	Councillor	P. Wood Nicholson
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Independent Members Mr. G.N. Cook and Mr. M. Knowles

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

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Chequer Farthing K. Johnston G. Miller Stewart Tye Williams	Councillor	Hartnack Mann P. Wood
		Councillor	Haswell Potts
	Chair	Councillor G. Miller	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor Stewart	

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 Members

Healthy City Portfolio Holder (Chair) – Councillor Chequer
 Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City – Councillor F. Miller
 Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder – Councillor Farthing
 Opposition Member – Councillor McDonough

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

(Council Officers)

Chief Executive

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Director of Adult Services

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

(Representatives of external organisations)

Chief Officer – Clinical Commissioning Group – D Chandler

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

Member of the Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr T. Lucas

Healthwatch representative – Dr J Dean

Chair – Sunderland Partnership – **Vacancy**

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

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

University of Sunderland representative – Dr. Y. Graham

Chair – Sunderland Healthy Workplace Alliance

Chair - Health and Care Executive

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

Safer Sunderland Partnership representative – Chief Superintendent

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

14 Members

Councillor

Butler
Mason-Gage
P. Smith
D. Snowdon
D.E. Snowdon
Thornton
H. Trueman
Watson

Councillor

Doyle
Mullen
Hartnack

Councillor

Bond
Curtis
Edgeworth

Chair
Vice-Chair

Councillor D.E. Snowdon
Councillor Watson

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Butler Chisnall J. Heron Speding D. Trueman Usher M. Walker	Councillor	Ayre McDonough Mann
	Chair	Councillor Butler	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor Chisnall	
		Councillor Bond	Potts

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members + 4 Co-Opted Members

Councillor	Burrell Guy Mason-Gage Samuels P. Smith Thornton Tye	Councillor	Dunn S. Johnston McKeith
		Councillor	Crosby P.W.L. Gibson

Co-opted Members:-

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

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Ms. A. Blakey

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

Primary School Parent Governor representative - **Vacancy**

Chair	Councillor Mason-Gage
Vice-Chair	Councillor McKeith

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Foster Laws Mordey Scanlan D. Snowdon H. Trueman Warne	Councillor	Ali Dixon Reed
		Councillor	Edgeworth Fagan
	Chair	Councillor D. Snowdon	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor H. Trueman	

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members

Councillor	P. Gibson K. Johnston G. Miller Stewart Williams	Councillor	Doyle P. Wood
		Councillor	Hodson

Co-Opted Members (non-voting):-

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

To be advised

Chair	Councillor P. Gibson
Vice-Chair	Councillor Stewart

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

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

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

10 Members

Councillor	Foster M. Herron G. Miller Thornton Scott Warne	Councillor	Doyle Mullen
		Councillor	Morrissey Nicholson
	Chair	Councillor Thornton	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor G. Miller	

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

15 Members

Councillor	Chisnall Fletcher P. Gibson J. Heron Mordey H. Trueman M. Walker Wilson	Councillor	Ali Hartnack S. Johnston Mann
		Councillor	P.W.L. Gibson G. Smith A. Wood
	Chair	Councillor Fletcher	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor M. Walker	

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

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

HOMELESSNESS APPEALS PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	Mason-Gage	Councillor	Ali
	G. Miller		Donaghy
	Samuels		
	Speding	Councillor	Nicholson
	Usher		G. Smith
	Williams		
	Chair	Councillor Williams	

EDUCATION COMPLAINTS PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	Farthing	Councillor	Dunn
	K. Johnston		McKeith
	P. Smith		
	Tye	Councillor	P.W.L. Gibson
	Williams		Nicholson
	Wilson		

EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	Burrell	Councillor	Hartnack
	Guy		McKeith
	M. Herron		
	Scanlan	Councillor	Nicholson
	Scott		G. Smith
	Williams		
	Chair	Councillor Williams	

APPEALS COMMITTEE

20 Members

Councillor	Blackburn Farthing Fletcher P. Gibson J. Heron F. Miller G. Miller Rowntree P. Smith Speding Stewart	Councillor	Dixon Donaghy Hartnack S. Johnston Mann
		Councillor	Curtis Crosby Haswell Potts

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

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

8 Members

Councillor	K. Johnston G. Miller Rowntree Stewart Williams	Councillor	Hartnack P. Wood
		Councillor	Haswell

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

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

7 Members

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (substitute Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills)	Councillors	Burnicle McKeith (Substitutes – Councillors Dunn and Hartnack)	
Councillors	Laws P. Smith Tye (Substitutes – Councillors Burrell, Guy and Mordey)	Councillor	Crosby (Substitute – Councillor Potts)

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

Chair Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

PORT BOARD

5 Members

Councillor	G. Miller Scanlan Stewart	Councillor	P. Wood
	Chair	Councillor G. Miller	G. Smith
	Vice-Chair	Councillor Stewart	

Co-Opted Members

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

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

Councillor
Blackburn
Burrell
J. Heron
K. Johnston
Mason-Gage
Price
Rowntree
Scott
D. Snowdon
Speding
Thornton
Vacancy

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor Blackburn
Councillor J. Heron

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

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

Councillor
Ayre
Burnicle
Crosby
Dunn
Edgeworth
P. Gibson
Greener
Haswell
Mann
McDonough
Mullen
Nicholson
O'Brien
Peacock
G. Smith
P. Smith
Tye
Watson

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor P. Gibson
Councillor Haswell

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

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

Councillor
Ali
Bewick
Curtis
Dixon
Fagan
P.W.L. Gibson
M. Herron
Hodson
Mordey
Morrissey
Potts
Reed
Scanlan
A. Wood
P. Wood

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor M. Herron
Councillor Dixon

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

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

Councillor

Bond
Butler
Chequer
Chisnall
Doyle
Foster
Hartnack
S. Johnston
McKeith
Samuels
A. Smith
Stewart
Usher
Vera
Wilson

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor Wilson
Councillor Foster

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

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

Councillor

Donaghy
Farthing
Fletcher
Guy
Lauchlan
Laws
F. Miller
G. Miller
D.E. Snowdon
D. Trueman
H. Trueman
M. Walker
P. Walker
Warne
Williams

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor Lauchlan
Councillor Laws

JOINT COMMITTEES, JOINT AUTHORITIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS

ADOPTION AND FOSTERING PANELS

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

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

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

ACADEMY TRUSTS

Castle View Enterprise Academy – 2 Vacancies

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

AGE UK

Deputy Cabinet Member, Healthy City

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

Councillors Mordey and Scanlan

ALLIANCE (FORMERLY COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN)

Councillors Speding and H. Trueman

ANEC LTD.

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – LEADERS’ AND ELECTED MAYORS’ GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – RESOURCES TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – NORTH EAST CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

BOWES RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

Councillor Warne

BRITISH RESORTS ASSOCIATION - POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillor Foster

CHANCE PROJECT

Councillor Scanlan

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

Coalfield and Washington –Coalfield Area Committee representative, Councillor J. Heron (Substitute – Councillor Blackburn) and Washington Area Committee Representative, Councillor Laws (Substitute - Councillor Lauchlan)

Sunderland North & South –North Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor Foster (Substitute - Councillor Wilson), East Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor M. Herron (Substitute – Councillor Dixon) and West Area Committee Representative, Councillor P. Gibson (Substitute – Councillor Haswell)

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, WASHINGTON - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor H. Trueman

CO-OPERATIVE COUNCILS INNOVATION NETWORK

Cabinet Secretary

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

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

ELIZABETH DONNISON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Councillors Mordey and Scanlan

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UK

Deputy Leader of the Council
and the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder
Councillors G. Miller and Thornton
Director of Environmental Services – [Not on Committee]

FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder
Substitute: Councillor P. Walker

**GENTOO GROUP LIMITED (this includes board membership of GENTOO
HOMES)
(Nominations are made subject to the application of Gentoo's appointments
process)**

Councillor P. Smith

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

GREAT EPPLETON WIND FARM PANEL

Councillor Thornton

GREEN TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST

Councillors Dunn, Greener, A. Wood

HETTON TOWN TRUST

Councillor Blackburn (term of office to 16 May 2024)
Councillor Scott (term of officer to 16 May 2023)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAIRS NETWORK

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE BETWEEN SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Councillors Ayre, Bond, Butler, J. Heron, McDonough, D.E. Snowdon and Watson

HOUGHTON FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE

Councillors Blackburn, J. Heron, K. Johnston and Mason-Gage

HYLTON CASTLE TRUST

Councillors Foster and Wilson

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) LLP

Leader of the Council (Substitute - Deputy Leader of the Council),
Chief Executive and the Executive Director of City Development

KEPIER ALMSHOUSES CHARITY HOUGHTON LE SPRING RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Mrs. S. Wardle

KEY CITIES BOARD

Deputy Leader of the Council (with Leader of the Council as a substitute) and the
Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Secretary

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – SIGOMA

Cabinet Secretary

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION COASTAL SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

Councillor K. Johnston and the Flood and Coastal Group Engineer, City
Development Directorate

MAYOR'S FUND FOR NECESSITOUS CHILDREN

The Right Worshipful the Mayor for the time being
Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder
Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills
Councillor Dixon

MILLFIELD/ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Councillor Hodson

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Councillors J. Heron, F. Miller and Mullen

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

Councillor Mordey Substitute Councillor Usher

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

Director Leader of the Council
Alternate Director Deputy Leader of the Council

NORTH EAST AUTOMOTIVE ALLIANCE

Chief Executive

NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

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

North East Leadership Board

Leader of the Council
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Mullen Substitute – Councillor Doyle

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Hartnack and D.E. Snowdon
Substitutes – Councillors Doyle and Watson

North East Joint Transport Committee

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

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

Deputy Leader of the Council
Substitute – Leader of the Council

North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Councillor Price and D. Snowdon
Substitutes – Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson

North East Joint Transport Audit Committee

Cabinet Secretary
Substitute – Councillor Williams

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

Leader of the Council
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

NORTH EAST DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

Councillor Chequer

NORTH EAST JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Substitute: Chair of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

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

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD INNOVATION DELIVERY ADVISORY BOARD

Chief Executive of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD BUSINESS GROWTH ADVISORY BOARD

Leader of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST MIGRATION NETWORK CORE STRATEGIC GROUP

Dynamic City Portfolio Holder (appointed by ANEC Ltd.)

NORTH EAST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Tyne and Wear vacancy to be nominated by ANEC Ltd.

NORTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

Councillors Farthing, G. Miller*, Rowntree and Williams

* Member of the Executive Committee

NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Councillor Stewart

NORTH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SENSORY SUPPORT

General Council – Councillors Chequer and F. Miller*

* Also a Member of the Executive Committee

NORTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM LIMITED

Dynamic City Portfolio Holder
and Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City

NORTHERN REGIONAL BRASS BAND TRUST

Councillor Warne

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

Councillors Butler, Chisnall and McDonough

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Deputy Leader of the Council and Cabinet Secretary
Substitutes – Councillor Fletcher and Councillor Laws

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

Councillor K. Johnston
Substitute – Councillor Scott

Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee – Programming and Investment Group

Councillor K. Johnston
Substitute – Councillor Scott

PARKER MEMORIAL HOME / PARKER TRUST CIO

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

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

The Trust demonstrates operational independence from the Council by having the number of trustees who are “associated persons” of the Council at less than 20% of the total membership. “Associated persons” include individuals who have been members of a local authority in the previous 4 years, which therefore includes the current trustee, Mr. I. Galbraith (up until 6 May 2023). Parker Trust CIO was established in April 2017 to provide a corporate structure to the charity. Now that the CIO has been operational for several years and is performing well in delivering the aims of the original Parker Memorial Home charity it is appropriate to explore the transfer of the existing assets of the unincorporated Parker Memorial Home Charity into the Parker Trust CIO. For the information of Members, the trust deed under which the Property and assets of the original Parker Memorial Home Charity are held by the Trustees do not permit the Trustees to transfer the assets of the Charity other than with the consent of the Charity Commission. The current assets of the Charity include the money held in the bank account for the Charity and the Charity’s interest in 25 Kayll Road, Sunderland. The consent of the Trustees of both the Parker Trust CIO and the Parker Memorial Home Charity will be needed before an application to the Charity Commission could be made.

ROKER REGATTA COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE

Councillors Foster and Stewart

SAMUEL DOBSON TRUST

Councillors Blackburn, J. Heron, K. Johnston, Mason-Gage, Scott and Speding

Chair – Councillor Blackburn

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

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Chief Executive

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Councillors Farthing, McKeith, Samuels, P. Smith and **vacancy**

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference

Councillors Farthing, McKeith, Samuels, P. Smith and **vacancy**

ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

Councillor Nicholson

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

Councillor McKeith

SUNDERLAND AFC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council, Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive, Executive Director of City Development and Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND BOYS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FUND

Councillors J. Heron, Scanlan and D. Trueman

SUNDERLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT (HOLDING COMPANY) LIMITED

Councillors Fletcher, Thornton and Williams together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT LIMITED

Councillors Fletcher, Thornton and Williams together with the Director of Adult Services and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S GOVERNING BODY

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

Primary Care Co-Commissioning Sub-Committee

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND CULTURE LIMITED

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder and Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE TRUST

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

SUNDERLAND AND NORTH DURHAM ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors Butler and Scanlan

SUNDERLAND FOOTBALL TRUST BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND FUTURES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND LIFESTYLE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

SUNDERLAND ORPHANAGE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Councillors Dixon, D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chief Executive

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Leader of the Council

Safer Sunderland Partnership

Leader of the Council

Cabinet Member for Healthy City

Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

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

Director of Adult Services

Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Head of Adult Social Care

Assistant Director of Regulatory Services

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)

Coalfield – Councillor Blackburn

East Sunderland – Councillors Dixon and Scanlan

North Sunderland – Councillor Wilson

Washington – Councillor Laws

West Sunderland – Councillor Tye

Dynamic City Board

Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP)

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN – SUNDERLAND

Executive Directors

Chief Executive of Together for Children

Director of Corporate and Commercial Services (TfC)

Director of Finance (TfC)

Non-Executive Directors

Mr D. Gallagher (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)

Ms D. Exley (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)

Ms C. Hearne (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)

Mr S. Mason (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)

Assistant Director of Corporate Affairs, Sunderland City Council

Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council

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

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH BOARD

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

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Representative to be appointed by the North East Combined Authority

TRIPLETT CHARITY

Councillors Fletcher, F. Miller and D.E. Snowdon

TYNE AND WEAR ANTI FASCIST ASSOCIATION

Councillor **Vacancy** - non-voting

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Councillors Doyle, Price, Tye and Warne

TYNE AND WEAR LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Councillor F. Miller

TYNE AND WEAR PENSION FUND

Councillor Price

Substitute – Councillor Laws

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Deputy Leader of the Council

VICTORIA HOUSE CHARITY

Councillor M. Herron, Stewart and Usher

WASHINGTON SPORTS TRUST

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder,
Councillors Fletcher, Laws, G. Miller and P. Walker

WEAR WATER SPORTS CLUBS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Wilson

WOODCOCK AND BOWES CHARITY

Councillor J. Heron and Thornton

**WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION
DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Councillor D.E. Snowdon

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK

Healthy City Portfolio Holder
Substitute – Deputy Healthy City Portfolio Holder

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

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

Governors of Schools/Colleges

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

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

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

REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

To note the under mentioned appointments made by the Leader

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

Cabinet Secretary

SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor K. Johnston
Substitute – Councillor Scott

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

Deputy Leader of the Council

TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE

Deputy Leader of the Council, Deputy Cabinet Member for Vibrant City
and Councillors Fletcher and J. Heron
Substitutes – Councillors P. Gibson, Mordey, D. Snowdon and M. Walker

ITEM 12 - UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

Council agreed the approach set out below to the making of appointments in the circumstances referred to, and authorised the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution accordingly.

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

(a) the rules regarding political proportionality or

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

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

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

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

(Signed) A. SMITH
Mayor

***Motion on Notice
Outstanding from the
Last Ordinary Meeting of
the Council***

MOTION ON NOTICE

Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned motion which was outstanding from the last ordinary meeting of the Council on 23 March 2022:-

1. Armed Forces Act 2021

This Council stands firmly behind our UK Armed Forces and fully supports the aims of the Armed Forces Covenant, welcomes the new Armed Forces Act, but sees the legislation as a missed opportunity to improve the lives of veterans here in Sunderland.

This Council therefore notes with disappointment:

- that the Act which makes Sunderland Council and local public bodies legally bound to have “due regard” to the Covenant when providing support to Forces communities but exempts central government from any such duty, creating a two-tier Covenant for veterans.
- that Labour led proposals backed by the Royal British Legion and ex-Service chiefs to enshrine the Covenant fully into law but Conservative MPs voted down these plans to improve Armed Forces accommodation, employment support and pensions and to end the scandal of visa fees for Commonwealth and Gurkha personnel.

This Council therefore resolves to continue the campaign with Forces’ charities to see the Government strengthen the Covenant and improve vital services to veterans.

Councillor P. Tye (Proposer)
Councillor G. Miller (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Tye	Councillor K. Johnston	Councillor L. Williams
Councillor G. Miller	Councillor P. Walker	Councillor J. Usher
Councillor M. Butler	Councillor J. Heron	Councillor C. Rowntree
Councillor S. Foster	Councillor P. Smith	Councillor K. Chequer
Councillor P. Stewart	Councillor F. Miller	Councillor L. Farthing

***Area Arrangements
Annual Report 2021/22***

AREA ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF HEALTH, HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present the combined Area Committee Annual Report which summarises the work of the five Area Committees during 2021/22.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 This is the eleventh year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together into one combined report and presented to Council.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the five Area Committees throughout 2021/22. It provides details of where the Members, through Area Committees and the supporting Neighbourhoods and Community Boards, have influenced local service delivery, and delivered a range of other activities and projects to meet the agreed neighbourhood priorities as set out within their Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, for the benefit of residents and communities.
- 2.3 The report demonstrates how the Area Arrangements process is integral to supporting local councillors in their role as community leaders and how Area Committees continue to meet challenges and take forward opportunities to meet the needs of the local people and to develop more resilient, stronger communities.

3. Operation of the Area Committees

- 3.1 The Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a neighbourhood level in the context of value for money and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:
- (a) Identifying the main priorities for the improvement of a neighbourhood, based on resident consultation which has informed the Neighbourhood Investment Plans and subsequent Area Committee Delivery Plans;
 - (b) Actively encouraging local residents to become involved in decision making on matters that affect them, such as through Let's Talk consultation;
 - (c) Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting neighbourhood priorities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2021/22 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities against key priorities to meet the needs of local communities and neighbourhoods. During 2022/23 Area Committees will continue to work hard to deliver the priorities within the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, as requested by the residents of Sunderland.
- 4.2 The Annual Report should be viewed as a collaborative achievement of work. All five Area Committees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the outcomes achieved this year, particularly our voluntary and community sector.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees and their supporting Neighbourhood and Community Board during 2021/22 as outlined in the Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Area Committee Annual Report for 2021/22.

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Annual Report of the Area Committees

2021–22

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Foreword



Councillor Linda Williams

As Sunderland City Council's Cabinet member for Vibrant City, I am incredibly proud to present the Annual Report of Area Committees for 2021-22. This report is produced specifically to highlight the combined achievements of the Area Committees and partners and to demonstrate the remarkable joint working which has taken place over the past year.

Through Let's Talk Sunderland resident engagement we developed each of the five Neighbourhood Investment Plans, and continue to regularly consult with local communities to ensure the plans are still relevant and meet the needs and expectations within local areas. A series of campaigns continue to take place, with wide ranging consultation on subjects such as 'Let's Talk Parks', 'Let's Talk Highways', and 'Let's Talk Digital'. The Neighbourhood Investment Plans, have now delivered 2 years of a 3 year programme and have been updated and amended on a regular basis to keep our residents informed of progress.

As we commenced 2021, many of our services and projects had been reviewed and adapted to support communities through the ongoing impact the Coronavirus (Covid-19) continued to have, with the emphasis being on providing support to

communities and ensure residents were safe and protected.

I would like to give my thanks and gratitude to the local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations and all partners in each of the areas, who have continued to deliver projects and supported the work of the Area Committees throughout the past year. Area Committees are proud to support these groups who are providing valuable services for residents of all ages, including support for children and young people to protect their physical and mental wellbeing.

Sunderland City Council continues to support the Voluntary and Community Sector across Sunderland, through the established five Area VCS networks, which are linked directly with each of the Area Committees.

In the last 12 months, in addition to Area Funding, the sector has been awarded additional budgets to provide enhanced support to residents. One example of such funding was the Winter Covid Funding Programme which awarded £95,644 to 32 Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) organisations across the City. Those organisations have delivered activities from December 2021 to March 2022, to our most vulnerable residents and families, and secured £42,727 by way of additional funding and volunteer time. The programme:

- Supported over 12,233 residents, families and young people
- Made 3,100 befriending, wellbeing calls and welfare checks
- Acted as Community Hubs for residents who needed advice and support
- Provided Christmas treats, presents activity packs
- Delivered covid-safe in person events and activities to bring

communities together to keep active, participate in wellbeing support, take part in intergenerational activities, and so much more - Over 9,847 people took part in the various activities delivered

- Supported 1,718 people to access additional support through referrals to other Services including Foodbanks, Welfare Support & the Social Prescribing Team
- Delivered 1,731 Xmas meals, hot meals, food parcels, and activity packs

As the impact and restrictions of Coronavirus reduces, and people are now keen to take part in activities and face to face support, we are all thinking ahead and planning for the final year of the Neighbourhood Investment Plan with more enthusiasm and positivity. The Area Committees continue to speak with residents to ensure our delivery plans meet their needs at a neighbourhood level, to re-build Sunderland's resilient communities for the future.

This year has seen the implementation of the Voluntary Sector Alliance (VSA) which has been developed with key partners across the City. Sunderland City Council, alongside Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Gentoo are committed to supporting the Alliance which will be pivotal in ensuring the voluntary sector is supported and resourced in the city. The VSA provides an opportunity for the key partners to engage with the sector through one recognised route, and for other local commissioners and national funding organisations to communicate through one streamlined and formally recognised route. The VSA continues to develop and grow and is in the process of exploring various models of governance for its future operations.

Area Arrangements and growing community wealth

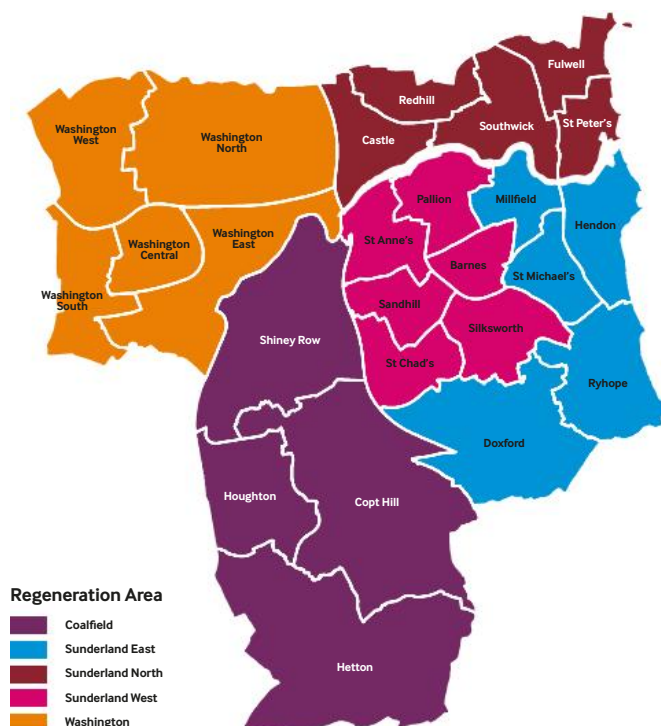
Sunderland Council is committed to growing Community Wealth and bringing forward significant investment into the City. Sunderland Councillors are all Community Wealth Champions, working hand-in-hand with residents and communities to reduce health inequalities, increase resilience and maximise the use of assets to improve communities.

The reality of Community Wealth Building at work is practiced through Area Arrangements and the work of the Area Committees with their supporting Neighbourhood and Communities Boards. The Area Committees are comprised of all Elected Members from the Area's wards who work closely with council officers, service delivery partners and members from the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN).

The role of the Area Committee is to:

- Identify the main priorities that reflect the biggest need in the area;
- Develop efficient and effective solutions to local area priorities as well as supporting city-wide issues; and
- Encourage local residents to become involved in decision making on matters which affect them.

They do this in many ways one of which is providing funding to take forward projects that deliver their identified priorities. Each of the Area Committees hold delegated budgets



in the form of the Neighbourhood Fund (NF), Neighbourhood Capital Investment Programme (NCIP) and Community Chest. These budgets are allocated to support projects and initiatives that can demonstrate their work will support delivery of the areas identified priorities. The focus of this locally delegated funding is as follows

- Developing community capacity in localities, often involving volunteering to make things happen
- Funding 'one off' projects where work would not otherwise be taken forward
- Acting as a catalyst to lever funding from other sources

- Implementing specific local actions to deliver priorities

The past year has been challenging for everyone involved in Area Committees. Priorities have changed, and Area Committee focus has changed and adapted to meet the requirements and needs of each local community.

The commitment and direction from all Elected Members, Officers and Partners is demonstrated in the outcomes and achievements highlighted in the individual area chapters. A flavour of local projects that are making a real difference in local communities can be found throughout this Annual Report.



Councillor James Blackburn, Coalfield Area Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year, and on the challenges which the continued effect of the Covid 19 pandemic brought.

The plans set out by Coalfield Area Committee in the Neighbourhood Delivery Plan at the start of the year were impacted by the ongoing restrictions, and the priority across our neighbourhoods has been to pull together to support each other to stay safe and protect communities, whilst delivering essential services. Despite the challenges faced, Coalfield Area Committee has, with the dedicated support of local Voluntary and Community Sector groups and partner organisations, continued to deliver a range of projects and services to local communities.

I want to offer thanks to my fellow Councillors, officers, partners, and

volunteers who have supported the implementation of area priorities for the benefit of our Coalfield residents.

The continuation and expansion of the Coalfield Community Hub has provided a tremendous amount of support to local residents with an incredible 7,041 adults from across the area being supported to improve their wellbeing or receive information, advice and guidance.

Projects and partners have found innovative and safe ways to continue to support children and young people to protect and improve their mental and physical wellbeing. Area funded projects alone supported 1,280 young residents by providing socially distanced, outdoor or on-line activities, or delivering resources and support to the family home.

In addition to all of this, and despite the challenges and restrictions, actions from the Coalfield work plan have been delivered. Officers and partner organisations have found alternative ways to deliver these priorities and services for the benefit of the community.

As an Area Committee, we have also worked with colleagues from the East and West Area Committees and a wide range of services and partners to develop 'the Stephenson Trail project' which will see a number of exciting celebrations and educational activities to commemorate 200 years of the important Hetton Colliery Railway.

I am proud to present this Annual Report for the Coalfield Area which outlines some of the key achievements, right across the area.



Coalfield Area Committee

Councillor James Blackburn, Coalfield Area Chair

Coalfield Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Improve housing and neighbourhoods
- Improve the physical and natural environment, and local greenspaces
- Increase access and improve support to digital resources
- Support local shopping centres and businesses
- Improve access to education and employment opportunities
- Reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing
- Invest in local voluntary and community sector organisations/assets
- Support young people and provide positive activities and opportunities
- Preserve and celebrate heritage

Key highlights

From our 2021–22 allocated budgets, we approved over **£600,000** of area budget to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£40,495 of Community Chest funding was awarded to local groups delivering a total of 33 Community projects. These include funding towards improvements to community venues such as new flooring, band hire for Durham Gala, purchase of a PA system and Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The average grant was **£1277.84**

8 local organisations were awarded funding, totalling **£37,431**, to deliver projects to support young people and provide positive activities and opportunities

A programme of physical activity for 11-19 year olds was awarded **£24,534**. There are 5 local organisations delivering the Coalfield Healthy and Active Teens (CHAT) programme over a 12 month period

2 local cricket clubs were granted a total of **£13,369** to improve their community based facilities

9 projects, totalling **£41,088**, were approved with the aim of reducing social isolation and improving health and wellbeing

Funding of **£18,210** was provided to purchase a utility vehicle to assist with park maintenance and improvement

£20,000 was awarded to extend the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) programme in each ward. Signs are deployed on a rotational basis in locations where speeding has been identified as an issue

£200,000 has been allocated to the Link Together project which will engage the community to revitalise local greenspaces to create a vibrant and wildlife rich network

with work taking place on 11 local sites

An additional anti social behaviour (ASB) officer, dedicated to the Coalfield area, will be employed for a 2 year period. This has been enabled by a **£79,840** grant from Area Committee

£100,000 was allocated to a 'Clean it, Green it' environmental and education programme. The programme will be delivered by a VCS organisation over 2 years across all wards in the Coalfield area

The first Coalfield Pride event will be held in July 2022, thanks to Neighbourhood Funding of **£9,957**

In addition to the **£100,000** allocated in 2021/22 for environmental improvements in Rectory Park, a further **£35,000** has been approved to install lighting to the footpaths within the park

Our year in numbers

27 

Projects, totalling £537,715 awarded Neighbourhood Fund

6,502 

Local residents who are older, lonely or vulnerable accessed supported transport services including weekly shopping trip

38 

Additional volunteers supported Community Chest funded projects

637 

People participated in services and support to improve digital skills

39 

People moved in to further training or employment, following 1-2-1 digital support

252 

Youth sessions for 11-19 year olds have been delivered across all wards

103 

Older or isolated residents supported to live more independent lives

1,280 

Children and young people attended activities, youth clubs, advice and support to improve wellbeing and develop life skills

361 

Residents of all ages participated in glass making workshops as part of the Community Loco Project celebrating 200 years of Hetton Colliery Railway

33 

Local groups were awarded Community Chest totalling £40,495 to support neighbourhood projects

7,240 

Adults accessed activities and services to improve mental and physical wellbeing

209 

Adults supported in relation to accessing and managing Universal Credit benefits

Our year in images





Councillor Elizabeth Gibson, East Area Chair

As Chair of the East Area Committee, I am proud to present this Annual Report in my final year as a Councillor, which highlights the key achievements delivered in partnership with groups and organisations from across the East area, over the past year.

The Area Committee agreed their workplan following extensive research and consultation amongst all communities and neighbourhoods across the Area.

I want to offer thanks to my fellow Councillors, key workers, partners, local groups and volunteers who came together

to give help in whatever way they were able to ensure that residents of the Area were given access to support and care in the community. The East VCS Network restarted face to face meetings, with host venues providing access to their community buildings to ensure we could meet up and adhere to covid restrictions. The East Area Community Hub and Community Champions continued to work tirelessly throughout the year, especially during the Winter months, providing invaluable support to households who experienced food, fuel and clothes

poverty. Without the Voluntary Sector's involvement more people would have suffered.

As well as providing additional support to our residents throughout the pandemic, the Councillors of the East Area Committee, together with our partners, have continued to deliver the actions outlined in our Neighbourhood Investment Plan with some great projects and improvements being seen across the area. This report contains just a snapshot of the key outcomes and achievements.



East Area Committee

Councillor Elizabeth Gibson, East Area Chair

East Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Tackle empty properties
- Derelict land
- Private landlords
- Affordable homes
- Love Where You Live
- Enforcement
- Bloom activities
- Carbon and plastic pollution
- Highways, pavements and street lighting
- Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Digital technology and 5G
- Use of existing and vacant properties
- Job clubs and educational centres
- Community cohesion
- Social prescribing
- Enhance local green space
- Support voluntary and community sector
- Volunteer platform
- Local events
- Youth clubs and spaces
- Reduce fear of crime
- Support local organisations
- Fuel poverty
- Credit solutions
- More than a Foodbank
- Heritage assets and activities
- Preserve heritage

Key highlights

From our 2021–22 allocated budgets, we approved over **£487,352** of area budget to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£50,000 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 51 community projects including youth activities, repairs and improvements. The average grant was £1,055

£29,570 was awarded to eight VCS Groups to deliver the Fancy a Day Out Programme. The grant has enabled Groups to deliver sessions, which were fun and educational to children and young people during the 13 weeks of the school holidays, whilst providing access to a nutritional meal

£50,000 was awarded towards a joint project with the Coalfield and West Area Committees to deliver an educational programme, environmental enhancements and a series of events along the internationally renowned Stephenson Trail, to celebrate its 200th anniversary and preserve our heritage

£75,000 was awarded to deliver the Walk and Talk Programme. The grant was split equally across the five wards, enabling local Councillors to work with residents to find solutions towards historical neighbourhood issues

£50,000 was awarded to transform and develop St Michael's Community Centre into a thriving community hub, providing an array of activities and sessions to local residents to improve their health and wellbeing

£25,000 was awarded to five VCS Groups to deliver the Maximising Community Assets programme, to enable Groups to open up their buildings on a Friday and Saturday night, providing a safe place for young people to visit, instead of hanging around the streets

£2,000 was awarded to the Private Sector Housing Team to host a series of roadshows on the City Council's Private Landlord Accreditation Scheme, aiming to increase the number of Accredited Landlords in the East to improve housing standards

£10,000 was awarded to support the expansion of the Babies and Children ReUse Bank, which recycles unwanted cloths, toys and equipment for families, who just need that little bit extra support to help them through a tough time

£115,145 was awarded to Environmental Enforcement Team to employ an additional three members of staff who will proactively tackle environmental crime, such as, fly tipping, dog fouling, etc. across the East area

Our year in numbers

641  **£184k**  **508** 

Volunteers involved in area activities

Of in-kind support provided by volunteers

Litter picks carried out

11k  **173**  **198** 

m² of potholes in roads resurfaced

Families received support from the Babies and Children ReUse Bank

Holiday hunger sessions delivered to families in poverty during the school holidays

418  **1,252**  **601** 

Young people took up the offer to attend centre-based activities on a Friday and Saturday night, to engage in positive activities in our neighbourhoods

Children and young people received a meal and accessed activities that were educational and fun throughout the school holidays

People supported to GO! Get Online to reduce the digital divide.

1,854  **63**  **1,702** 

Socially isolated and vulnerable adults received support

VCS Groups received an Area grant.

Children and young people engaged in health and wellbeing activities

Our year in images





Councillor Denny Wilson, North Area Chair

As Chair of the North Area Committee I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2021–2022 North Sunderland Annual Report, highlighting some of the activities and achievements delivered in what has been another very challenging year for everyone.

The Area Committee agreed their workplan following extensive research and consultation amongst our communities

and neighbourhoods across the area.

I want to offer mine and the Area Committees thanks for the amount of support and dedication shown by local community and voluntary groups who have worked tirelessly alongside ourselves and partners to ensure that the services and support have been available to help and care for the residents of North Sunderland.

Despite the challenges and restrictions we have faced the North Area Committee and partners have continued to deliver the actions outlined in our Neighbourhood Investment Plan with some great projects and improvements being seen across the area. I am proud to present just some of the key achievements delivered.



North Area Committee

Councillor Denny Wilson, North Area Chair

North Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Tackle empty properties
- Derelict land
- Affordable homes
- Love Where You Live
- Transport Routes and Parking
- Highways, pavements and street lighting
- Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Social Prescribing
- Support voluntary and community sector
- Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe
- Volunteer platform
- Support communities to deliver local events
- Improve CCTV and Enforcement
- Promote Heritage Assets and Deliver Heritage Activities
- Preserve and Celebrate Local Heritage

Key highlights

From our 2020–2021 and 2021–22 allocated budgets, we approved and aligned over **£830,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding aligned and awarded are:

£52,350 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 41 community projects including vintage bus rally, creation of an accessible garden area, remote controlled boats, community venue refurbishment support and 2 Suits of Armour. The average grant was £1,278

£16,975 was approved for the installation of a Wheelchair Accessible Swing at Hylton Castle Park

£2,000 was approved for the delivery of a Heritage Event at Seaburn by the Classic Vehicle Society

£40,000 was approved for the delivery of school holiday activity for young people across Sunderland North

£25,000 was approved for extensive bulb and wildflower planting at St. Peters

Church, Monkwearmouth

£100,000 was aligned for the development of an application that will see a wide range of services and activities delivered from Downhill Community Hub

£100,000 was aligned for the development of an application which will see the commencement of the regeneration of the Chapel in the grounds of Hylton Castle

£100,000 was aligned to add to the previous **£175,000** for a project which will lead to significant regeneration of Thompson Park and the addition of new and improved play areas.

£100,000 was approved for a project which will support the provision of events space at Hylton Castle

£25,000 was awarded to match fund the installation of a Places To Ride Skills Area in Thompson Park

£250,000 was awarded to five Raising Aspirations Phase 3 Projects covering the wards of Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, Southwick and St. Peters which will deliver a range of services and activities meeting the needs of the local communities

£12,000 was awarded to Redby Community Association to support roof repairs and refurbishment

£9,844 was awarded to a range of groups across Sunderland North for the installation of public access defibrillators

Our year in numbers

2,256 

Young people benefiting from school holiday activities

8 

Community Defibrillators to be installed

1 

Wheelchair Accessible Swing Installed

3 

Wildflower and Bulb planting projects supported at St. Peters Church and Southwick Green

305 

People Accessing Social Isolation Sessions - Southwick Raising Aspirations

477 

Young People attending Youth Provision - St. Peters Raising Aspirations

435 

Families supported - Fulwell Raising Aspirations

71 

Social Isolation Support Activities Delivered - Castle Raising Aspirations

12 

Monthly Community Litter Picks supported - Redhill Raising Aspirations

1 

Southwick Illumination Switch On Event delivered

2 

Suits of Armour installed at Hylton Castle

1 

Cycling Skills Area installed at Thompson Park

Our year in images





Councillor Len Lauchlan, Washington Area Chair

As Chair of the Washington Area Committee, I would like to highlight some of the key areas of work delivered over the last year. The Area Committee agreed their workplan following extensive research and consultation amongst all communities and neighbourhoods across the area.

I want to offer thanks to all the key workers, my fellow Councillors, partners and volunteers who have supported our

Washington residents. The priority became ensuring that services and support to help our local communities and that residents who were vulnerable or isolating had the help and care they needed. This was delivered through the Washington Area Hub with everyone pulling together to support each other to stay safe and protect communities, whilst still delivering essential services.

Despite the challenges and restrictions, as well as providing additional support to our residents throughout the pandemic, the Washington Area Committee, together with its partners, has continued to deliver the actions outlined in our Neighbourhood Investment Plan with some great projects and improvements being seen across the area. Some of the key highlights are contained in the following pages.



Washington Area Committee

Councillor Len Lauchlan, Washington Area Chair

Washington Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Invest in parks, play, cycle and walking routes, open spaces and Love Where You Live activities
- Improve housing, tackle empty properties and ensure enforcement is used to manage neighbourhoods effectively tackling flytipping, litter and dog fouling
- Road safety, highways, pavements and street lighting
- Increase 5G access & support digital learning to improve employment opportunities and basic skills
- Health and Wellbeing - including social isolation and emotional wellbeing
- Support and invest in the Voluntary & Community Sector and volunteering
- Support the VCSE to deliver local services such as social care and welfare
- Support for young people
- Events, culture and local heritage
- Create safe neighbourhoods

Key highlights

From our 2021–22 allocated budgets, we approved over £827,000 to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£43,119 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 41 community projects including equipment for volunteers, equipment and improvements to community venues, therapy sessions and targeted workshops. The average grant was £1,051.68

£179,000 approved for improvements to community buildings, safety measures and traffic management

£193,000 invested in Washington parks, green spaces and play facilities. In

partnership with the Council **£180,000** is being spent on Usworth Park and **£100,000** to improve footpaths and routes in Princess Anne Park

£50,000 has been approved to develop Healthy Eating programmes across Washington

£150,000 approved to support local heritage and culture

£164,000 approved to support Washington's young people. This includes

the Creative You Project, Youth Matters - Making Money Work, and further support for the Washington Can Do initiative and the Outreach Project

Another **£16,000** approved to continue to support local residents in crisis, providing welfare support through information advice and guidance

£45,000 approved to encourage the local community to celebrate the Queens Jubilee

Our year in numbers

15 

Projects awarded £826,970 Neighbourhood funding during 2021/2022

59 

Clean & Green Environmental Programmes and community clean ups, 16 active volunteers delivering 615 volunteering hours

1,469 

Environmental Enforcement Actions taken. This includes 1,395 written warnings, 61 Section 46 notices served, and 12 Fixed penalty notices served

56 

New volunteers recruited, trained and given ongoing support and 46 voluntary and community sector groups supported

81 

Local organisations supported to apply for funding and strengthen their governance arrangements

41 

Groups awarded £43,119 within the local community via Community Chest, with an average grant of £1,051.68 to support neighbourhood projects.

1,163 

Young people engaged in 25 'social action' and positive activities projects

17 

Individual Ward Improvement Projects

3,190 

Young people engaged through the Washington Outreach Project and the Safe Care Project

127 

Residents in crisis receiving much needed information, advice and guidance

432 

Local residents benefiting from 11 'Healthy Lifestyles' Projects

112k 

Residents reached through the Area Facebook page

Our year in images





Councillor Peter Gibson West Area Chair

As Chair of the West Area Committee I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2021–2022 West Sunderland Annual Report, highlighting some of the activities and achievements delivered in what has been another very challenging year for everyone.

The Area Committee agreed their workplan following extensive research and consultation amongst our communities and neighbourhoods across the area.

I want to offer thanks to my fellow Councillors, key workers, partners, local community and voluntary groups who

have continued to come together to pool resources and ensure that residents of the Area were given access to support and care in the community. The West VCS Network began to meet face to face again, with host venues providing access to their community buildings to ensure we could meet up and adhere to covid restrictions.

The West Area Community Hubs continued to work tirelessly throughout the year, especially during the Winter months, providing invaluable support to households who experienced food, fuel and clothes poverty. Without the Area

Hub's involvement more people would have suffered.

As an Area Committee, we have also worked with colleagues from the Coalfield and East Area Committees and a wide range of services and partners to develop 'the Stephenson Trail project' which will see a number of exciting celebrations and educational activities to commemorate 200 years of the important Hetton Colliery Railway.

I am proud to present this Annual Report which outlines just some of the key achievements delivered.



West Area Committee

Councillor Peter Gibson, West Area Chair

West Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Invest in the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Work with private landlords across the West
- Improve the feel and look of neighbourhoods
- Enhance green spaces
- Love Where You Live and In Bloom
- Invest in highways, pavements and street lighting

Key highlights

From our 2021–21 allocated budgets, we approved over £1,022,214 to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£60,000 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 44 community projects including community venue repairs and improvements, sports equipment for youth activities and projects to address social isolation. The average grant was £1,367

Highways improvements, including, road surfacing, line marking, VAS signs and speedy reductions schemes received **£288,884**

6 sites across the area have each had 5 pieces of free to use, outdoor gym equipment, installed

New bins were installed across the neighbourhoods

Play equipment was upgraded in parks across the West, new equipment, seating, painting and new improved play equipment

£229,977 was invested in an improved enforcement programme, recruiting an additional enforcement officer and 2 neighbourhood wardens as well as 6 street watch cameras

9 Projects secured Neighbourhood fund to deliver a programme of activities to Keep Sunderland West Tidy

£42,500 was awarded to support West REACT Employability support

Young Peoples Emotional & Mental Health support project received over **£44,000**

A programme of youth activities was awarded **£213,480** to deliver 2 youth sessions per ward per week. Additional funding of **£32,460** was provided to deliver sessions to target youth ASB

Our year in numbers

26 

Projects awarded £1,022,214
Neighbourhood funding during
2021–2022

158 

People received employment
support and guidance

1,140 

Children accessing 'activity with food'
sessions during summer holidays

200 

Residents volunteered in the
local community

1,728 

Volunteer hours spent supporting
the Environmental projects West
Clean and Green and Keep Sunderland
West Tidy

22 

Ward based improvement projects
which focused on reducing anti-
social behaviour, reducing crime and
improving the physical environment

60 

VCS Groups Supported

300 

Children and young people attended
activities, youth clubs, advice and
support to improve wellbeing and
develop life skills

9 

Digital hubs created enabling
residents to access digital support in
their local community

30 

Pieces of outdoor gym
equipment installed

44 

Community Chest grants with an
average grant of £1,367 awarded to
groups across the West

60 

Bins across the neighbourhoods
replaced and refreshed

Our year in images



The year ahead

In the year ahead each of the Area Committees will focus on ensuring that the third, and final, year of the Neighbourhood Investment Plans and associated Delivery Plans are moved forward. Each Area Committee will make sure that priorities are realigned to meet the needs of residents and communities. Identified actions within the 3 year plans will be considered, and through the Neighbourhood and Community Boards, be developed and delivered.

We recognise the need to be flexible and prepare for ongoing challenges, aligning area budgets to meet these challenges where relevant. Communication across all elements of area working is vital and we will continue to make a commitment to the Voluntary and Community

Sector partners who have supported Area Committees throughout a very difficult period.

The year ahead will see further implementation and strengthening of the Voluntary Sector Alliance (VSA) which has been developed with key partners across the City.

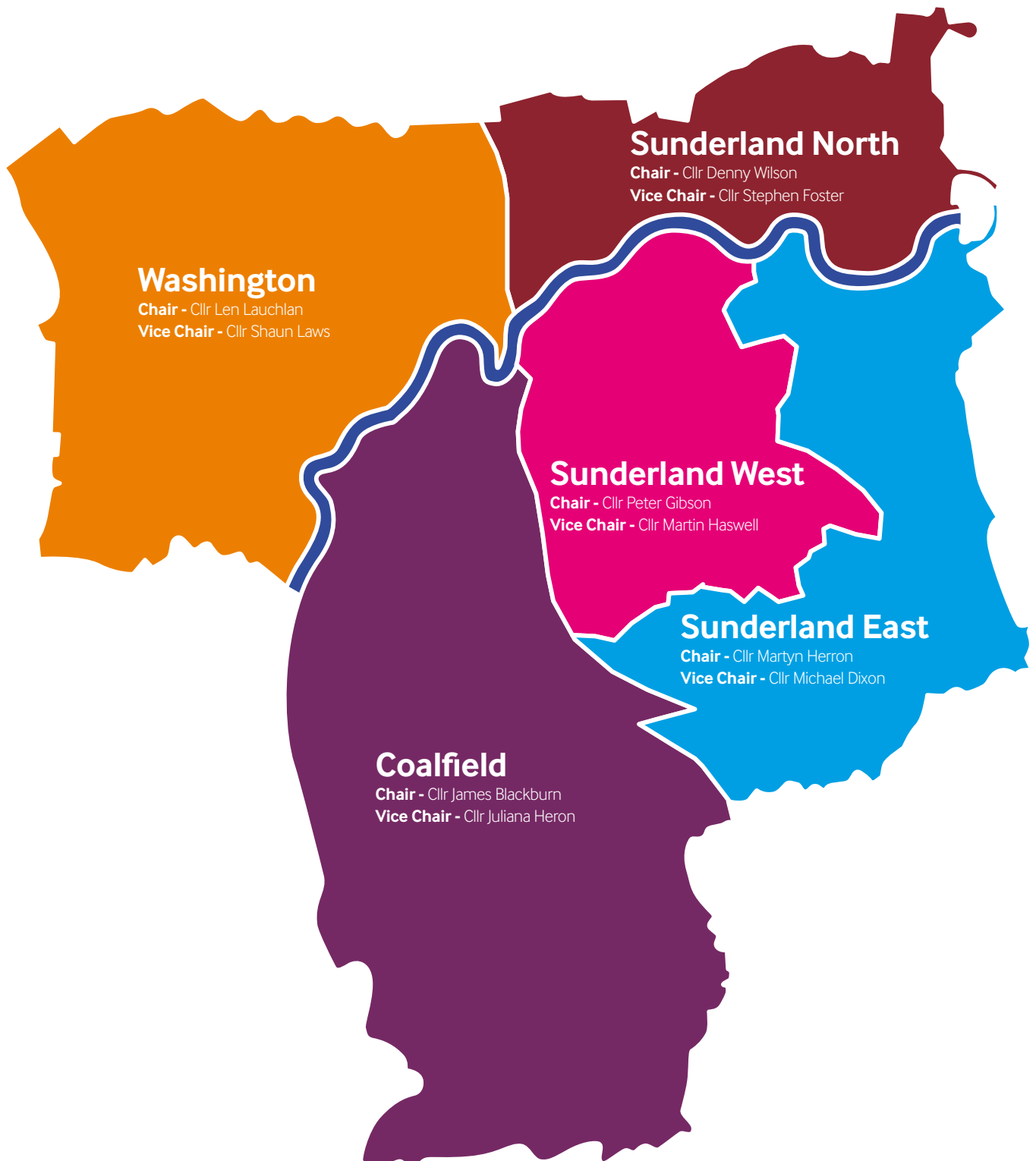
COVID-19, and other recent challenges, has demonstrated the huge value and importance of VCS organisations to residents of the City, and how working in partnership with the key stakeholders in the City has made a significant difference to the delivery of services. These partnerships will be built upon and strengthened as a recognised way of working within communities. The VCS have a vital role to play within all our neighbourhoods.

The facilities and services they offer, their local knowledge of the communities of which they are such an integral part and their understanding of the needs of residents within those communities are all invaluable to supporting the work of Area Committee to meet the objectives set out in each area's plans.

The Neighbourhood Investment Plans will be reviewed and refreshed throughout the year to inform plans for the future and development of priorities and projects beyond the year ahead. This will be done via VCS Networks, resident consultation, Area Neighbourhood and Community Boards and Area Committees.



Area Committees 2022-23





Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2021/2022

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report which summaries the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2021/2022.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny throughout 2021/22 and the contribution it has made to the good governance of the Council and the delivery of the city's priorities. It also looks at the how the scrutiny function will continue to develop and the challenges it faces in the year ahead.

3. Operation of the Scrutiny Function

- 3.1 The Council's scrutiny function comprises one formal, overarching Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and three themed scrutiny committees; namely the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear, accessible and accountable. It also has an important role in driving improvement in services delivered to the people of Sunderland.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The four Scrutiny Committees have delivered demanding, varied and interesting work programmes in 2021/22 with 2022/23 promising to be another challenging year.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Council is asked to receive the report on the operation of the scrutiny function for 2021/22.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/22

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Scrutiny Annual Report

2021–22

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Foreword



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Scrutiny Annual Report. The report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny during 2021-22 and sets out the contribution it has made to the good governance of the Council and the challenges we face moving into the year ahead.

The year has again been one dominated by the Covid 19 pandemic, and this has been reflected in the work programmes of our Committees; both its immediate impact but also the longer-term implications for the people of the City.

We have therefore looked at the action being taken by the Council and its partners to maintain vital services, as well as the range of measures designed to help our residents. This includes measures to maintain children's and social care services, educate our young people and ensure that our care homes are safe and that we protect our most vulnerable residents.

We have also heard about the wide range of support being provided to local businesses, many of which are administered by the Council, including vital support available to the voluntary service through the Local Support Scheme (LSS).

Throughout the pandemic we have received regular updates on Covid 19 infection rates in the City, the action being taken by our colleagues in health to combat its spread and more recently the roll out of the vaccination programme.

However, it is clear that the aftermath of the pandemic will leave us with a legacy for the future; not least the long-term health of our residents, the effect on the local economy and the impact on child poverty, educational attainment and equalities. All major issues that will need to be addressed in the years ahead.

Nevertheless, we have had some positives during the year. We have heard repeatedly of how the Covid pandemic has helped to forge greater joint working between partner organisations.

We have also heard numerous examples of the hard work and commitment shown by staff across all sectors, the resilience and spirit shown by our young people and their families and the considerable progress being made on a range of regeneration projects in the City; including the development of Sunderland Riverside and the former Vaux site, the International Advanced Manufacturing Park and the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.

In the years ahead, the Council will need to operate within an ever-tighter regime of financial constraint, while demand for our services continues to grow. With the Council and our partners required to deliver ever greater financial savings, the need for robust, evidence-based scrutiny becomes ever more pressing.

To help meet these demands we will look to adapt and improve the scrutiny

function through the review that has taken place during the year.

Sunderland continues to be involved in a number of joint scrutiny arrangements for health provision across the area. Members are also actively involved in the joint arrangements that cover the North East and North Cumbria, looking at the Integrated Care Systems and Integrated Care Boards that will replace Clinical Commissioning Groups later in the year.

These joint arrangements will remain of key importance over the coming year as both are concerned with service reconfiguration and development and how services are delivered across Sunderland and the North East.

Scrutiny in Sunderland has also made a significant contribution to regional scrutiny arrangements. Throughout the year, we have represented the Council on the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee which looks at matters of significant importance to residents across the region, focusing particularly on economic development and transport issues.

Finally, and most importantly, I would like to place on record my thanks to all those staff within in the Council and in our partner organisations who have worked tirelessly in support of our local communities. In particular, I would like to congratulate Together for Children for their recent Ofsted inspection where they were awarded an outstanding rating, testament to the hard work and dedication of all concerned.

No doubt, the next twelve months will bring further challenges. However, I do believe that with the cooperation of fellow Members, partners and

the support of our officers we will rise to meet these challenges in the year ahead.

Councillor Doris MacKnight

Chair of the Scrutiny
Coordinating Committee



Scrutiny Coordinating Committee



Chair: Cllr Doris MacKnight
Vice-Chair: Cllr Dianne Snowdon

Committee Members: Councillors Michael Butler, James Doyle, Michael Hartnack, Juliana Heron, Niall Hodson, Neil MacKnight, Pam Mann, Antony Mullen, Stephen O'Brien, Pat Smith, David Snowdon and Melanie Thornton.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee has continued to operate through the challenging situation the pandemic has presented to normal life. This summary provides a brief overview of the work of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee during the past 12 months. Certainly, things have moved on since the last annual report and we have now been able to resume face-to-face meetings which, I am sure, has helped to spark more healthy debate between Members. We have also held our first meetings in our new home, City Hall, that will serve the Council and the City for many years to come.

As with previous years a key focus of the Committee's work programme is around the financial and budgetary position and proposals for the Council. Members continue to scrutinise a variety of budgetary information

including the capital programme, budget planning framework, revenue budget and proposed Council Tax for 2022/2023. There remains a good level of discussion and debate around the various financial reports provided to the Committee and comments continue to be provided back to Cabinet from the Committee on a regular basis.

A key remit for the Committee continues to be the monitoring of the Council's performance, achievements and progress against key priorities and performance indicators. The pandemic has impacted a number of aspects of performance but as we have moved out of restrictions the Committee has focused on the recovery in relation to the three key themes of the City Plan.

One such aspect was around the rise in mental health issues as a result of the pandemic and the suicide rates in the City, the Committee invited public health officers to attend and provide further information around these issues. Members raised a number of points including the importance of training and highlighted the 'A Life Worth Living' as an excellent resource in mental health training, and if it would be worthwhile providing this training to our CCTV operatives. The Committee also provides critical feedback on the way information is presented, looking at ways to improve, clarify and simplify the performance report.

Alongside the quarterly performance reports the Committee also receives a compliments, complaints and feedback report, providing analysis into how Council services are performing from the customers perspective.

Members have throughout the year been interested in how feedback, both positive and negative, is used to improve services and standards in service delivery.

A key area for discussion throughout the year revolved around Environmental Services complaints, especially missed bin collections, and while the number of complaints in comparison to the volume of activity in the service area represents only approximately 0.03%, Members were still interested in receiving ward by ward data and to analyse if there were any trends or patterns to the complaints. The Economic Prosperity Committee also received an update during the year on Environmental Services and Members from this Committee were invited to attend.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee also acts as the designated Scrutiny Committee for crime and disorder matters and was updated on the work of the Safer Sunderland Partnership (SSP) during 2020-21 through the Partnership's annual report. The report provided an overview of a number of key issues across Sunderland including on neighbourhood enforcement, domestic abuse, road traffic accidents, motorcycle disorder and City centre youth violence.

Members discussed a wide range of issues related to the annual report including how the police and Council share data on road traffic accidents, the excellent work of the SARA Project and the importance of detached youth work in tackling youth disorder. Members also raised concerns over the 101 non-emergency number and the poor service it provided, this would

be reported back to Northumbria Police along with a number of other queries and responses circulated to Members. There was also the potential for further work into road traffic issues and this would be considered in work programming for the next municipal year.

Members received for consideration details of the proposed updating of the City Plan and indicative timeline including the assurance process. The Committee had previously held a workshop to look at the City Plan and this had helped to refine the final content and indicative timeline. Members acknowledged the move to be a carbon neutral City by 2030 but suggested that activities be scheduled into the timeline to highlight, and evidence progress to this goal.

This was noted by officers as a useful way for residents to understand the difference they could make leading up to 2030. The City Plan remains a key Council document and any updates and amendments of interest to this Committee.

An update on the European Union (EU) exit was also received by the Committee during the year. This was an issue that had been discussed in the previous municipal year and a follow up progress report was agreed at the Members work programming session. Members were informed of import border control processes and issues around haulage and the demand for more drivers.

Members raised issues around the contingency plans for food supplies with particular relevance to schools and care homes. Members were also

assured that the City was sharing information and experiences with Central Government, on the impact of the EU exit on Sunderland, as part of the Key Cities network.

During this year the Council has moved from its familiar Civic Centre site across the City into the new purpose-built City Hall. Prior to this move Members requested information be supplied to the Committee on the meeting spaces that would be available in City Hall.

A presentation was provided looking at meeting room resources, collaborative meeting spaces, new technologies and the booking system. Members raised a number of queries around capacity, demand for desks and policies for visitors in the building. Following discussions visits were to be arranged for Members to look around City Hall and see the facilities that had been discussed at the meeting.

The Committee were also, during the year, updated on the Smart Cities delivery programme and the opportunities afforded by the recent BAI Communications joint venture in the City as well as opportunities around culture, sports, City experience and social value. The roll of 5G in innovative technology was highlighted as well as concerns around the proliferation of 5G masts and Members were informed of the intention to reduce the number of masts by working with operators and providing a digital platform ensuring all providers could use the same masts.

The work around assistive technologies in the healthcare field were also highlighted as a benefit and

Members were informed that a detailed report had been submitted to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee on this issue. The Committee also raised the potential opportunities to be had from the greater utilisation of street lighting as part of the Smart City agenda.

Members were informed that a strategy was being progressed to develop and harness such opportunities, including street lighting columns, and this would come back to this committee or the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

Members have also been involved in the review of scrutiny and the final report and recommendations have been received from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. There will be further discussions around the development of scrutiny based on these recommendations and Members will be involved in agreeing and overseeing the implementation of changes in the next municipal year.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my scrutiny colleagues for their cooperation, diligence and fairness throughout the year. I would also like to put on record the Committee's gratitude to council officers and partners for their continued support and contribution to our work programme.

Councillor Doris MacKnight

Chair of the Scrutiny
Coordinating Committee

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr Pat Smith

Vice Chair: Cllr Joshua McKeith

Committee Members: Councillors Margaret Crosby, Tracy Dodds, Richard Dunn, Paul Gibson, Sam Johnston, Katherine Mason-Gage, Karen Noble, Alex Samuels, Lynda Scanlan and Philip Tye.

Co-opted Members: Ann Blakey (Roman Catholic Diocese) and Jackie Graham (Church of England Diocese)

Once again, the year has been dominated by the Covid pandemic and a good deal of our work has been directed at the long-term implications for the children and young people of the City.

In order to monitor the effect of the pandemic, the Committee has received regular reports across a broad spectrum of children's services. Of particular concern has been the consequences on child mental health. We heard from Sunderland CCG that children and young people's mental health providers have continued to deliver services through a mix of online and face to face interventions.

Additional funding has been secured for extra staff resources and a service redesign project is underway to develop an improved service delivery model. However, there remains uncertainty over the potential long term impact of the pandemic on child mental health and the future demand for services. This is clearly an issue that will need to be closely monitored in the years ahead.

A further concern has been the effect of the pandemic on our schools and the use being made of Government funding to help children and young people catch up on missed learning. We heard from a local head teacher about the support being provided, including that made available through the National Tutoring Programme.

We also heard about the measures being taken to improve primary and secondary school transitions, particularly for children with SEND. This has included the establishment of a transition working party of headteachers to help facilitate discussions and share best practice. While the impact of the pandemic will be with us for many years, it is felt that one of the positives has been to encourage a greater level of joint working between schools and it is hoped that this can be built upon in the years ahead.

The Committee paid tribute to the hard work of teachers and the school's sector generally for keeping schools open and continuing to provide an education for our children and young people during the intense challenges of the Covid pandemic.

Of continuing concern for the Committee has been the increase in elective home education. While parents have the right to home educate, we are concerned at the potentially detrimental effect on some children. At present, local authorities have only limited powers in this area and we feel that more powers should be made available. We also feel that more detailed, up to date information needs to be kept on elective home education and children missing from education.

The Committee places great importance of listening to the views of young people. At the start of the year, the Committee heard from a range of young people's representative bodies to discuss their priorities for the future. As a result of this session, a Members Working Group was established to allow for continued but more informal discussions. These meetings should play an important part in helping to shape the Committee's work programme in the future and addressing any issues raised.

The Committee also received a report on the outcome of a survey into the health related behaviour of young people which contained a particular focus on the effect of the Covid pandemic on their lives. The survey sought the views of young people on a wide range of topics and highlighted their main concerns, including having enough money in the family, having enough food to eat, being lonely and struggling with schoolwork.

The Committee was pleased to hear that the information derived from this survey will be shared with key stakeholders and will help inform the

planning and delivery of future services. The information will also be useful to the Committee in planning its work programme for the years ahead.

The Committee heard more about two new engagement programmes that took place during the year. During the summer holidays, the Holiday Activity and Food Programme offered the opportunity for children from disadvantaged families to access nutritious food and a range of organised out of school activities.

The Wear Here 4 You Mobile Prevention Bus project brought together staff from Together for Children and other partners to give advice and support to young people and their families. Feedback from both programmes has been very positive and the Committee thanked all involved for their efforts. It was felt that such activities are a highly effective way engaging with young people and their families across the City.

In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee was keen to consider the effect of Covid pandemic on incidences of anti-social behaviour. To this end, the Committee received an update report on the work of the Youth Offending Service (YOS). We heard that during the pandemic the YOS has continued to deliver services and remained in contact with all young people. This has often been through face-to-face visits, though a range of virtual methods of working directly with young people have been developed.

In response to concerns over the impact of Covid on levels of domestic violence, the Committee received a

report on the delivery of the domestic abuse service, together with planned improvements for the service. The Committee was provided with several individual case studies which graphically demonstrated the effect of domestic violence on children and families. The report highlighted the importance of this service for the City and again it was felt important that the long term effect of the pandemic is closely monitored.

Last year, the Council established a Regional Adoption Agency with Durham County Council and Cumbria County Council based on a host authority model comprising the areas of Sunderland, County Durham and Cumbria and working in partnership with five Voluntary Adoption Agencies. The Committee received an update report on their work and the encouraging progress being made to date.

However, it would be wrong not to recognise some of the positives we have seen during the year. We have heard repeatedly of how the Covid pandemic has helped to forge greater joint working between partner organisations in the City. We have also heard numerous examples of the hard work and commitment shown by staff across all sectors. But perhaps most importantly we should also recognise the achievements of our young people who have lived through a year of considerable challenge and adversity.

At the start of the year, the Committee received the feedback on the Ofsted Inspection of Children Services. We were delighted to hear that the service had received an outstanding rating;

made all the more remarkable by being achieved during the Covid pandemic. The Committee would like to place on record its thanks and appreciation to all the staff involved. We look forward to the level of improvement being maintained and will continue to monitor the progress through our overview of performance monitoring information.

During the year, the Committee also received the findings of the Joint Ofsted report into SEND services in the City. Several areas for improvement were highlighted in the report. The Committee heard that an Action Plan for improvement had been developed and it was agreed that we should receive regular updates. The initial reports show good progress being made and we look forward to this continuing in the year ahead.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the Members of the Committee for their contributions and to thank all the officers and witnesses who gave up their time to attend and provide insights into the services they provide and the challenges they face.

Councillor Pat Smith
Chair of the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr David Snowdon

Vice Chair: Cllr Melanie Thornton

Committee Members: Councillors Usman Ali, Michael Dixon, Paul Edgeworth, Heather Fagan, Helen Greener, Stephen Foster, Sean Lawes, John Price, Tony Taylor and James Warne.

During the year, the Committee's work programme has focused on a range of issues including the effect of the Covid pandemic on the local economy and the action being taken to help alleviate the situation. We have also continued to monitor progress on a range of regeneration initiatives going on in the City, many of which have continued to make good progress despite the effects of the pandemic.

In terms of the impact of Covid on the local economy, we received an update on the support provided to local businesses, many of which are administered by the Council, including the Small Business Grant Fund, the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund and the local authority Discretionary Fund. The Committee would like to place on record its thanks to all those staff within the

Council who have worked tirelessly to support of the business and voluntary sectors in the City.

We also heard from the Sunderland Improvement District (BID) on their work to support local business. It was hoped that following the Covid pandemic, footfall and retail spending in the City centre should begin the process of recovery and that the proposed development of Sunderland Riverside should provide an impetus for the growth of the independent retail sector.

Jonathan Walker from the North East Chamber of Commerce outlined for us the considerable long term economic challenges facing the City arising from the pandemic, as well as the UK's exit from the European Union and the nationwide downturn in the high street retail sector. However, he noted that moving forward, the Sunderland economy retained strong foundations and that many opportunities existed, particularly in the engineering, manufacturing and software sectors.

The promotion of new business start-ups will play a significant part in securing the City's long-term prosperity. We heard about the role of the City's three business centres – the Evolve Business Centre, Sunderland Software Centre and the Washington Business Centre – in encouraging growth in expanding areas of the economy, such as IT and software and in helping to diversify the local economy. We also heard about the measures being taken to improve their operation and efficiency.

In relation to the regeneration of the City, the Committee once again

received an update on the progress being made by Siglion. It is pleasing that the regeneration of the Riverside is progressing well and should deliver high quality office accommodation, together with residential, retail and leisure use.

The delivery of the Future High Street Fund Programme and the Levelling Up Fund will play a key part of the ongoing regeneration of the City centre. We heard that the Council would take a targeted approach, using the funding where it makes most difference, in order to act as a catalyst for change. We also received an update on the upgrade to Sunderland Rail Station which should help to deliver wider connectivity for the City to national and international infrastructure and ultimately lead to an increase in passenger numbers.

An ongoing piece of work has been a Working Group set up to look at the challenges and opportunities for the regeneration of the Sunnyside area. This is an ongoing piece of work which should report back early in the next municipal year.

In terms of the development of housing in the City, we heard about the progress being made on the Council's housing strategy, including the measures to increase housing growth and maximise choice of housing, make the best use of existing housing stock and support vulnerable people to access housing. We also had an in-depth session with gentoo about the challenges they face as the main provider of social housing in the City and discussed a wide range of operational issues including progress on the window replacement scheme.

The Committee received an update on environmental services and environmental enforcement. This included the effect of the pandemic on refuse collection, preparations for response to winter weather, fly tipping, maintenance of trees and plans for future improvements. The Committee's view was also sought on the proposed revision of the Replacement Bin policy. The Committee supported proposals to end the replacement charge in particular circumstances.

Everyone Active provided a presentation on the impact of the Covid pandemic on the delivery of leisure services in the City and future initiatives to improve access to sport and physical activity. We heard that the aim was to enable children and young people to have the best start in life and form good habits; support families and communities that are benefiting from being active and deliver a range of events and activities. Moving forward, the Committee looked forward to the growing take up of leisure services in the City particularly in those areas of the City where take up was relatively low.

The Committee received an update on the current position about the Review of Cumulative Impact Assessment; a tool for licensing authorities to limit the growth of licensed premises, both on and off trade, in problem areas. We heard that this issue would be readdressed following the impact of the Covid pandemic. Our views were also sought on the Council's Draft Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005 and we referred to the limited powers available to local authorities to control problem

gambling which was increasingly moving on-line.

The Committees was also consulted on the Draft Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP) which represents a long-term approach to developing local cycling and walking networks. The aim is to enable the City Council to develop a City-wide plan for cycling and walking and a programme of infrastructure improvements.

Toward the end of the year, the Committee received feedback on the E Scooter pilot operated by Neuron Mobility, in partnership with the Council, which has been operating in the City for the past year. The trial is about providing the City with an environmentally friendly and flexible transport option. The Committee noted the progress being made and looked forward to hearing about any future proposals for the expansion of the scheme.

In March 2019, Sunderland City Council declared a climate emergency. In response, a City-wide 2030 Shadow Board was established, bringing together partners from across the City, with the ambition of the City becoming carbon neutral by 2040 and the Council carbon neutral by 2030. The Committee received a report on the progress being made on the Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan that reflected the importance of fully involving partners from throughout the City if the goals are to be achieved.

As an example of the progress being made, we also received a report on proposals for a City Heat Network for the City. The scheme involves a distribution system of insulated pipes

taking heat from a mine source at the former Wearmouth Colliery and delivering heat to local buildings. The scheme should reduce the City's carbon footprint, promote energy security and deliver employment and economic growth.

All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the Committee. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee and everyone else involved for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor David Snowden
Chair of the Economic Prosperity
Scrutiny Committee

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr Neil MacKnight
Vice-Chair: Cllr Michael Butler

Committee Members: Councillors Chris Burnicle, Michael Essl, Martin Haswell, Juliana Heron, Shirley Leadbitter, Barbara McClennan, Dominic McDonough, Julia Potts, Mel Speding and Michael Walker.

I am pleased to present this year's annual report for the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as we continue to operate against a backdrop of the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic and the herculean efforts of health and voluntary sector organisations, as well as the local authority, in dealing with it. The committee has continued to monitor this situation very closely throughout the year as well as looking at several other important health-related issues.

The Covid-19 pandemic has once again dominated the committee's work programme. The Director of Public Health has continued to keep Members updated on Sunderland's handling of the pandemic in terms of our position, changes to legislation, social restrictions and covid variants, as well as the key public health advice

and messages. Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) has also provided regular updates on performance, winter pressures and the vaccine programme for the City. These updates have provided valuable information to the committee and afforded opportunities for Members and Officers to share knowledge, highlight concerns and provide assurances to the public over vaccine rollouts, initiatives employed to drive up vaccination rates and create a shared understanding on the evidence related to vaccination.

The committee has also continued to monitor the winter planning measures and protocols. The All Together Better Alliance has continued to support the out of hospital care and promote partnership working across health and social care services particularly during these times of significant pressures on all aspects of service delivery.

The pandemic has also had a major impact on the routine running of hospitals across the country and to the services they provide. As a committee we were interested to understand what pressures had been put on services and how backlogs were to be addressed. The committee received a report from the Divisional Director of Surgery for South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust on the hospital situation and were informed that, at the height of the pandemic, elective care had been suspended with key staff transferred to critical care. Members were also informed of the work being done to address a number of issues resulting from the impacts of the pandemic and the significant effort that had been made in collaboration with partners to

reduce the waiting times for patients. As the Trust has started to resume its normal services Members continue, through CCG and Trust updates, to monitor the performance and pressures on such areas as referrals to treatment, diagnostic testing, and cancer services.

The Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board annual report is a regular item received by the committee. Members were pleased to welcome the independent chair of the board to the committee who discussed a number of the strategic priorities that underpinned the Board's local actions to safeguard adults in Sunderland. Members made a number of observations around the report, seeking assurances and further information around issues including incidents of abuse, vaccinations in care homes and safeguarding training.

The health landscape is also set to change significantly later this year when we see the abolition of Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) to be replaced by Integrated Care Boards who will be directly accountable for NHS spending and performance, subject to changes in legislation. Sunderland will be part of the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care System (ICS). Members provided comments back to Cabinet on the proposals and highlighted a number of points. These included the importance of clear and defined roles and responsibilities between the Integrated Care Partnership (ICP), Integrated Care Board and Health and Wellbeing Boards to avoid becoming another layer of bureaucracy within the health system.

The committee also raised the importance of ensuring that local overview and scrutiny committees still had the same cooperation and contribution from the ICS and ICP that currently exists with CCG's so there remains that important accountability and transparency in decision making at the local level.

Members were also concerned that with the North East and North Cumbria ICS being the biggest in the country there was the potential for the consolidation of treatment services and looked for reassurances that services currently provided in Sunderland would not be moved further away, disadvantaging Sunderland residents. This highlighted the importance of establishing place-based arrangements to identify and address the needs of Sunderland's communities. Finally, Members were also interested in the make-up of the Integrated Care Board and what considerations would be given to local representations in terms of elected Members.

As a committee we have also continued to receive updates on the development of a new eye hospital for Sunderland. The Sunderland Eye Infirmary is a renowned centre for excellence in ophthalmics and eye surgery both regionally and nationally, with the current facility being built during the Second World War and before the creation of the NHS. Representatives from the NHS Trust provided Members with a detailed breakdown of the engagement work that had been undertaken including public engagement events (including an additional event requested by the committee), targeted focus groups,

online surveys and widespread media activity to encourage involvement.

Members were pleased to note the in-depth engagement that had taken place and more importantly that comments from service users and groups, including the Royal National Institute of Blind People (RNIB), had been considered and included in the new development proposals. Members raised concerns around the reduction in overnight beds and sought further assurances over this reduction in the new development, the NHS Foundation Trust provided further data to support the move. The Trust also provided assurances that treatments would not be cancelled in the new hospital due to a lack of bed space. The committee looks forward to further updates and discussions on the development of the new eye hospital that will provide a modern patient friendly facility.

The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee were also provided with information relating to the future of Monument Surgeries in Pennywell and the concerns about its ongoing viability. A public consultation took place from October 2021 through November 2021 to gather the views of patients on a number of issues and options including closure. A decision to close the practice was taken by Sunderland CCG in February 2022. Members raised their concerns over transport and travel issues for patients who would need to travel further to access GP services following the closure of Monument Surgery in Pennywell and would look to work with the CCG and GP Alliance to lobby transport groups. Members of the committee also wanted to see the

mobilisation plans, following the decision to close the practice, and provide input as well as offering support in ensuring that all patients move to another practice and that no one was left behind. The Committee remains concerned around the general issue of the recruitment and retention of GP's and its effects on practice provision across Sunderland.

Members also received the draft Sunderland Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation and Support Services Strategy for comment. Members provided some useful comments including around ensuring there was an engagement strategy with LGBTQ+ organisations and also how engagement with BAME groups would be undertaken to provide an inclusive and approachable service. The Committee highlighted the importance that as a Council there was a clear public health message to continue addressing the issues through a joined up working approach and that this strategy supported this approach.

The importance of a healthy workplace and the promotion of the health and wellbeing of staff has never been more important as we continue to deal with the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic. As a result, the Committee were pleased to receive a report on the work of the Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance and Members recognised the value of the initiatives that had been undertaken.

The Committee also received a report around accessibility in Sunderland and the approaches being taken to ensure that the City and surrounding areas are accessible by those who have mobility

issues be that through disability, old age or temporary mobility issues. The Committee recognised that planning sustainable communities with high quality infrastructure has long-term positive impacts on the wider determinants of health, and further exploration of this issue was proposed in conjunction with the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

Looking back over the year provides an opportunity to not only reflect on the work of the committee but also on the sheer breadth of activity that is taking place across Sunderland to improve and develop services. Members have also received information and reports on a

diagnostic centre in South Tyneside, proposed improvements to Monkwearmouth Hospital, North East Ambulance Service performance, the rise in the use of assistive technology and sexual health provision in Sunderland.

The Committee continues to witness the innovation of health services and the dedication of health providers across the area. We do not always agree with the decisions that are taken, but we do value the importance of understanding the rationale behind those decisions and seeking assurances for the people in our communities.

Finally, I would like, on behalf of the committee, to thank everyone who has contributed to the work of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee over another very challenging year. The committee is committed to supporting, wherever possible, the work of health and social care providers as we look forward to further improvements and innovation across Sunderland's Healthy City landscape.

Councillor Neil MacKnight
Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



The year ahead

Overview and scrutiny is an integral part of the Council's governance and decision making structure contributing to the Council's budgetary and policy making function as well as holding the executive to account for its actions. This report provides an opportunity to reflect on the experiences of the last year and recognise the challenges we face in the year ahead.

Clearly, the next few years will continue to be challenging for the Council; operating as it does in an environment of diminishing resources and increasing demand for services. This represents a major challenge for us all. For scrutiny it is important that we help the Council to make the best use of the resources available and ensure that frontline services are delivered to the highest possible standards.

We have heard throughout this year's report about the effect of the Covid 19 pandemic on the City. Moving forward we will need to address its longer-term implications and challenges. These include the impact on adult and child mental health, the effect on educational attainment and its consequences for health and economic inequalities. There will also be the long-term effect of the pandemic on the economy of the City; including its effect on economic growth, employment prospects, household incomes and the decline of the high street retail sector. We feel that these challenges can only be faced if the City develops a clear plan for building back after the pandemic and one that takes full account of the particular issues facing our young people.

Other key issues facing scrutiny in the year ahead will be the effect on the local economy of leaving the EU, the future reform of the NHS and its implications for health and social care in the City and the effect of Covid on the way our services are delivered, with greater use of on line delivery offering the prospect of greater flexibility for the future.

Scrutiny will also continue to play an active role in the changing delivery of health services across Sunderland and the region. It is certainly an area that will continue to be determined by financial, social and environmental factors that will continue to drive change in the sector. We will continue to monitor and challenge health partners through our own Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with South Tyneside and also regionally through the North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

Through these joint arrangements we are able to represent the concerns and needs of the Sunderland population and ensure that Sunderland residents views are represented and considered in looking at service reconfigurations.

During the year we have, with the help of the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny, conducted a review of the Scrutiny process in Sunderland. The proposals and action plan deriving from this review should better equip scrutiny for the challenges it faces in the years ahead. This will include the development of more robust scrutiny work programmes that are directed at the key issues facing the City and its residents. We will also look to monitor the progress being made in

implementing the Council's new City Plan for 2019-2030 and the measures being taken to make Sunderland a more dynamic, healthy and vibrant City. A key to this will be our ability to work closely and collaboratively with our partners and make the most of the resources available in the City.

Once again, I would like place on record our thanks to everyone who contributed to the work of scrutiny over the last twelve months and look forward to having another productive year ahead.

Scrutiny on a page

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, the three thematic scrutiny committees, North East Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee (NECA) and the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) tackle a large range of issues over a municipal year. In order to fully appreciate the variety and breadth of the subjects covered. Below is an extensive, though not exhaustive, summary of the work of scrutiny in Sunderland.

- Accessibility Across the City
- Assistive Technology
- Better Health at Work
- Budget Reports
- Change Council - Consultation
- Child Health Update
- Children at Risk
- Children Services Customer Feedback
- City Plan Refresh
- Compliments, Complaints and Feedback
- Corporate Parenting Review
- Covid-19 Updates
- Covid Business Support Grants
- Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan
- Domestic Violence Update
- Diagnostic Centre
- Economic Challenges
- Engagement and Participation with Young People
- Environmental Enforcement
- Environmental Services Update
- Future High Street Fund Programme
- Future of Monument Surgeries
- Gambling Act 2005
- Holiday Fund – Operation
- Housing Strategy Update
- ICS-CCG Transition
- Impact of Covid-19 on Child Mental Health
- Impact of EU Exit
- Internal Communications
- Licensing Policy Review
- Leisure Centres
- Low Carbon Framework
- NHS Dentists in Sunderland
- North East Ambulance Service Update
- Ofsted Feedback
- Performance Management
- Safe Accommodation Strategy (Draft)
- Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report
- SEND Monitoring
- Sexual Health Provision in Sunderland
- Schools Update
- Smart City Progress
- Sunderland BID
- Sunderland Eye Infirmary
- Sunderland Rail Station Update
- Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service
- Waiting Lists, Times and Access
- Winter Planning





Action on Petitions

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS

Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the under-mentioned petition which was presented to Council:-

(i) Petition - Barnes Service Station, Durham Road

At the meeting of the Council on 23rd March 2022, Councillor Antony Mullen presented a petition with 220 signatures. The petition set out an objection to planning application ref. 22/00399/FUL, which relates to the demolition of the existing petrol station and the construction of a drive thru restaurant and associated works at Barnes Service Station, Durham Road.

The statement on the petition sheet reads as follows:

'We the undersigned oppose the proposal to convert the service station at the Barnes into a drive through restaurant.

The site is completely unsuitable for the proposed development. The proposed site layout provided in relation to the application reveals that from the first service window of the drive through, the site could hold a queue of 12 cars at most before Durham Road would be clogged with queuing cars. It is unrealistic to assume that the site would not exceed this level of popularity especially as residents have witnessed the large queues at the Farringdon McDonalds site and the KFC Pennywell site that regularly see queues that bring the highway to a standstill. The proposed drive through would also see peak use at certain times of the day with lunchtime and early evening usage most likely. This could result in the blocking off of the main roads and bus routes in the area. In contrast the usage of the existing petrol filling station sees its demand spread out more evenly throughout the day.

The traffic is already dangerous in this area as highlighted most recently by the crash in late February at the junction of Silksworth Lane and the A690. Residents and road users already have to navigate a stretch of road where many routes converge as part of one of the major routes into the city. The proposed development would add to the chaos and present a substantially increased risk of accidents and serious injury in an area where children from St Marys Primary, Richard Avenue Primary and Bede College are regularly crossing and which regularly sees the elderly and families with young children attempting to get to Barnes Park. The lack of crossing points in this area could see a real risk that a child is run over when attempting to reach the proposed drive through due to the increased traffic.

The proximity of the development to local places of education: St Marys RC Primary School, Richard Avenue Primary school and Bede College, with pupils from Thornhill and St Aidan's also using the area means that the development makes a mockery of the councils policies on takeaways and fast food as set out in the Sunderland Healthy City Plan 2020-2030 and the Core Strategy Development Plan. The area is already well served with a number of takeaways and any further food outlets in the area would adversely impact the health of residents and students.

Litter would adversely impact the area as can be seen from similar developments of this type (see Farrington McDonalds, Pennywell KFC) where the impact of litter is felt a significant distance from the actual site. This and the loss of trees from the site will lead to a clear environmental and social loss from the proposed development. At a time when the Council has declared a climate emergency and Area Committees of the Council are endeavouring to improve the area for residents the loss of trees and adverse impacts of the development would set back these council priorities.

The supposed economic benefits claimed by the applicant are far outweighed by the economic losses that would be brought about by the development. The increased traffic problems in the area would adversely impact the existing businesses in the area such as the Toby Carvery as customers may be put off by the traffic issues. The traffic problems that would occur on one of the main routes into the city also has the potential to make Sunderland a worse place to do business if gridlock leads to difficulty for workers from outside the city getting to their place of work via one of the main routes into the city from the south.

Our signatures are to be found on the following pages. We live in a number of wards across the city but the traffic problems and dangers presented by the proposed development would impact upon us all'.

The petition is being treated as a formal representation in respect of planning application ref. 22/00399/FUL. The concerns raised within the petition that are 'material' planning considerations will be taken into account when assessing the acceptability, of otherwise, of the proposal ahead of its determination by the Planning and Highways Committee.

2. Petition – Request to reimburse residents of Vicarage Close for costs associated with damage done to properties by Persimmon Homes development

At the meeting of the Council on 23rd March 2022, Councillor Antony Mullen presented a petition with 47 signatures to members requesting that the Council reimburse residents of Vicarage Close for costs associated with alleged damage to their properties as a result of the adjacent Persimmon Homes housing development under construction.

The statement on the petition sheet reads as follows:

'Sunderland City Council should reimburse residents of Vicarage Close for costs associated with the damage done to their properties by the Persimmon development. We the undersigned support the above statement'.

After consideration by Council Officers, the outcome of the petition is as follows:-

To decline this petition as it is not considered appropriate for the Council, in this instance, to award individual resident's compensation for alleged damage caused as a direct result of the Persimmon Homes development. However, to ensure that any disruption caused, as a result of the development is kept to a minimum, the Council will continue to monitor the development to ensure all regulations/requirements/conditions imposed on the developers are being adhered to.

The Ward Councillors and Lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

Reports

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22 JUNE 2022

Update on Special Urgency Decisions

Report of the Leader

The Council's Constitution requires that a quarterly report be submitted to Council on executive decisions which have been taken as a matter of special urgency. The relevant provisions are now contained in Regulations 11 and 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These are the special urgency provisions under which key decisions may be taken by the executive, although not contained in the 28 day Notice of Key decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or private), where compliance with Regulation 10 (the general exception) was also impracticable.

There have been no such instances since the last report.

Recommendation

That the Council notes the content of this report.

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22 JUNE 2022

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform Council of any changes required to the allocation of Committee seats between political groups as a result of the Copt Hill election. Any required changes will be reported by way of a supplementary report. Approval is also sought to a number of proposed changes to various committees together with some changes required to outside bodies that are unrelated to the outcome of the election.
- 1.2 The full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be published on the Council's website in the Yearbook at <https://committees.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm55/PublicDocuments.aspx> following the meeting.

2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees

- 2.1 A review of the political balance of the Council to ensure places on Committees are allocated in accordance with the relevant statutory requirements will be undertaken, following the Copt Hill Ward election and will be included in a supplementary report.
- 2.2 Since the Annual Council meeting, Hetton Town Council have confirmed their nominations of representatives to serve on the Standards Committee as Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis.

3.0 Additions and Changes to Outside Bodies

Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group Representation

- 3.1 The Council has been invited to nominate an elected member representative and a substitute to the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group.
- 3.2 The Group has requested that the nominated person and substitute be the same representative and substitute as the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coastal Committee as it feeds into that body. Council is therefore requested to appoint Councillor K. Johnston, with Councillor Scott as the substitute member, on the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group.

Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority

- 3.3 Since the Annual Council meeting, the Leader of the Council has reviewed the appointments to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority and requested that Councillor Usher be appointed to replace Councillor Price.
- 3.4 Council is therefore requested to approve the appointment of Councillor Usher in place of Councillor Price on the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority.

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

- 3.5 Since the Annual Council meeting, the Leader of the Council has reviewed and requested that the nominations to the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee be amended from the Deputy Leader and himself as the substitute to Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, as this remit falls within that portfolio.
- 3.6 Council is therefore requested to approve the nomination of Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, on the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee.

NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee

- 3.7 At Annual Council authorisation was given to the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to make any necessary changes to appointments should any external organisation inform the Council that any Council representative(s) must be from a particular political group in order to comply with that organisation's constitution or other governing document, or, should any notification be received that a nominated member is ineligible for appointment under the organisation's constitution or governing document, in accordance with notification(s) received from the relevant group leader(s) or their representatives and notify Council members accordingly.
- 3.8 Subsequently, notification was received from the Monitoring Officer at NECA that the political balance calculations had been reviewed and this highlighted the need to revise committee membership of the NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee and therefore Sunderland was requested to nominate:-

- a Labour Member and a Conservative Member and substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- a Liberal Democrat Member and substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute.

3.9 In accordance with the nominations of the Labour, Conservative and Liberal Democrats groups, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance notified NECA of the following revisions to the nominations and Council is requested to note them:-

- Councillor D.E. Snowdon and Councillor P. Donaghy with Councillor S.Watson and Councillor J. Doyle as substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- Councillor S. O'Brien with Councillor P. Edgeworth as substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute

Recommendations

The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) appoint Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis to serve as the Hetton Town Council representatives on the Standards Committee;
- (ii) to appoint Councillor K. Johnston, with Councillor Scott as the substitute member, on the Tyne and Wear Strategic Flood Group;
- (iii) to appoint Councillor Usher in place of Councillor Price on the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority;
- (iv) to approve the nomination of Councillor K. Johnston, the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder with Councillor Scott, the Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City as the substitute, on the NECA North East Joint Transport Committee and North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee; and
- (v) to note the following revisions to the nominations on the NECA North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee:-

- Councillor D.E. Snowdon and Councillor P. Donaghy with Councillor S.Watson and Councillor J. Doyle as substitutes to the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee, in place of the current 2 Labour representatives Councillors Price and D. Snowdon with Councillors D.E. Snowdon and Watson as Substitutes; and
- Councillor S. O'Brien with Councillor P. Edgeworth as substitute to the North East Joint Transport Audit Committee, in place of the current Labour representative, the Cabinet Secretary – Councillor Stewart with Councillor Williams as Substitute

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CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER – SECTION 151 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Report of the Chief Executive and the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To propose interim arrangements for the allocation of Chief Finance Officer responsibilities.

2. APPOINTMENT OF CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER

- 2.1 It is necessary to designate an officer as Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Local Government Act 1972) for the purposes of Article 13 of the Constitution with effect from 22 July 2022, following the resignation of the Executive Director of Corporate Services. It is proposed that the Council's Assistant Director of Finance should be designated Chief Finance Officer, to fulfil this role pending permanent appointment, as he has the required qualifications and experience to carry out the role.
- 2.2 In the event of a Chief Officer post being vacant, the Council's delegation scheme permits the relevant Assistant Directors within that Department to exercise delegated powers so far as permitted by law. However, this provision would not operate to automatically designate the Assistant Director of Finance as Chief Finance Officer for the purposes of section 151 Local Government Act 1972, therefore Council is requested to make a formal interim designation.

3. REASONS FOR DECISION

- 3.1 It is necessary for the Council to designate an interim Chief Finance Officer pending a permanent appointment, and to re-allocate responsibilities for the reasons set out in the report.

4. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 No alternative options are submitted for consideration as it is a statutory requirement for the Council to designate a Chief Finance Officer.

5. RECOMMENDATION

- 5.1 That Council be recommended to designate the Assistant Director of Finance as Chief Finance Officer in accordance with section 151 Local Government Act 1972 as set out in the report, on an interim basis, pending a permanent appointment being made.

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 Sunderland City Council Constitution.

Motions on Notice

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

1. Notice of Motion – City of Sanctuary

This Council recognises:

- the need for our city to promote the welfare and inclusion of all people fleeing violence, persecution or who are isolated and seeking safety
- the positive contribution of refugees and those seeking asylum can make in our local communities across the whole city.

This Council therefore resolves to:

- Join the network of Cities and Towns which promote the inclusion and welfare of people fleeing violence, persecution and become a recognised “City of Sanctuary”
- Promote the inclusion and welfare of all who find themselves, homeless, destitute or isolated.
- Continue to be a welcoming place of safety for all by encouraging integration, community cohesion and challenging discrimination of all kinds.
- Continue to promote diversity through recognition and celebration of our different cultures across Sunderland.
- To encourage other Anchor institutions and Key Stakeholders to become part of the City of Sanctuary movement.

Councillor C. Rowntree (Proposer)

Councillor S. Laws (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor C. Rowntree	Councillor H. Trueman	Councillor J. Heron
Councillor S. Laws	Councillor K. Johnston	Councillor F. Miller
Councillor G. Miller	Councillor M. Butler	Councillor K. Chequer
Councillor A. Samuels	Councillor L. Williams	Councillor J. Warne
Councillor S. Foster	Councillor K. Mason - Gage	Councillor P. Stewart

2. Notice of Motion – The Platinum Jubilee of HM Queen Elizabeth II

This Council notes the unparalleled contribution to public life of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

On behalf of all members of the Council and residents across the city, Council sends its thanks to her for decades of service to the nation.

In so doing, it resolves to:

- Note Her Majesty The Queen’s unparalleled contribution to national life over a period of 70 years and her status as one of the most significant public figures in contemporary British history.
- Instruct the Executive Director of City Development to identify an appropriate street or highway within the city to be named after her.
- Ask the Chief Executive to write to Her Majesty The Queen to send all councillors’ thanks to her and our congratulations for becoming the first monarch in British history to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.

Councillor J. Doyle (Proposer)
Councillor A. Mullen (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor D. McDonough	Councillor M. Dixon	Councillor G. Peacock
Councillor S. Ayre	Councillor J. Doyle	Councillor M. Hartnack
Councillor A. Mullen	Councillor S. Johnston	Councillor L. Reed
Councillor P. Wood	Councillor P. Donaghy	

3. Notice of Motion – Pest control services and the cost of living emergency

Council notes that call-out fees for pest control services in domestic properties were scrapped in October 2021 for a period of 12 months.

Council believes that:

- (i) axing the charge for this service has been well received by residents facing problems with pests, particularly rodents, in their homes
- (ii) the cost of living emergency has deepened since the fees were scrapped in response to unforeseen financial challenges as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic
- (iii) Autumn 2022 is not the right time to re-instate these call out charges and that pest control services should remain, wherever possible, free to access whilst people are struggling with the cost of living

Council therefore asks the Cabinet to bring forward proposals to extend free pest control services beyond 30th September 2022

Councillor M. Haswell (Proposer)
Councillor A. Curtis (Secunder)

Signed by:-

Councillor M. Haswell	Councillor A. Wood	Councillor C. Morrissey
Councillor A. Curtis	Councillor G. Smith	Councillor H. Fagan
Councillor N. Hodson	Councillor C. Nicholson	Councillor P.W.L. Gibson
Councillor J. Potts		