

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 1) on Tuesday 9th April, 2019 at 4.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Blackburn, Curran, M. Dixon, Foster, Galbraith, E. Gibson, Jackson, D. MacKnight (Chairman), Marshall, O'Brien, Taylor, Turner (Vice Chairman).

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No items.

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1st April, 2019.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held at SUNDERLAND COLLEGE, CITY CENTRE CAMPUS, PARK LANE SUNDERLAND on TUESDAY 12TH MARCH, 2019 at 4.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Turner in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Foster, Galbraith, E. Gibson, Jackson, D. MacKnight, Marshall and O'Brien

Members of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee in attendance:-

Councillors Francis, Hunt, F. Miller, Scullion and K. Wood

Also in attendance:-

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Iain Nixon, Executive Director for Commercial Activity, Sunderland College

Mr Mark Taylor, Principal Heritage Protection Officer, Planning and Property, Sunderland City Council

Ms Ellen Thinnesen, Chief Executive and Principal of Sunderland College

Mrs Christine Tilley, Governance Services Team Leader, Sunderland City Council

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Curran, M. Dixon and Taylor

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest made.

Variation in the Order of Business

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the order of business be changed so that the item on Apprenticeships Update was considered at this point on the agenda as Members of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee had been invited to attend the meeting for the presentation on this topic from Officers at the College.

Apprenticeships Update – Meeting with Sunderland College

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated), setting the background for a presentation from representatives from Sunderland College in relation to the operation of apprenticeships in the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Ellen Thinnesen, Chief Executive and Principal of Sunderland College and Mr Iain Nixon, Executive Director for Commercial Activity, Sunderland College provided the Committee with a presentation on the college, its performance and ambitions, together with details of the apprenticeships provided at the organisation.

Ms Thinnesen highlighted that the college had won the Association of Colleges Beacon Award for Engagement with Employers in November 2017 and was a finalist for this year's Careers and Guidance Beacon Award from the Association.

Mr Nixon highlighted the importance for the college of understanding business challenges, the workforce and skills needs and how to align these industry needs with the college's areas of specialism in order to meet the requirements of industry. Mr Nixon advised that the college's areas of specialism were in the key sectors of digital, advanced manufacturing and finance and business services,

Mr Nixon commented that English and Maths were critical for students. He advised that there had been a decline in apprenticeship activity since the introduction of the Apprenticeship Reforms in 2017 with a negative impact on the smaller firms in particular. He advised however that the college was in the top 30 nationally and 3rd regionally. Almost 200 employers in the city had apprenticeships. There were 700 on average apprentices on programmes at any time and within the City of Sunderland, the college was the largest provider of apprenticeships.

Mr Nixon advised of a number of apprenticeship partners which included the following Gentoo, Liebherr, Persimmon Homes, City Hospitals Sunderland and Rokshaw Laboratories.

Ms Thinnesen briefed Members on the merger of the college with Hartlepool College, the plans to merge with Northumberland College and the Strategic Plan 2019-2023.

Councillor Scullion commented that he was pleased that the role of SMEs had been acknowledged and that the differences for small employers had been alluded to.

Councillor Scullion added that it had been his experience that 16-18 year olds were not work ready and therefore this was an expense for the employer. He felt that it was important to engage with schools to make young people work ready.

Ms Thinnesen advised that Sunderland College had a unique model of engagement with schools, having strong partnerships with 12-13 partner schools where the Head Teachers met with the college senior team and students were given opportunities to come in and try things. College staff also spend time in school giving careers advice and guidance and providing taster sessions as well as holding events.

Ms Thinnesen added that not all career routes required either/both English and Maths, however large volumes of students came to the college having not achieved these subjects at school and were a requirement of their education.

Councillor Francis enquired how the college kept track of the 21,000 students in terms of its pastoral role and how many went on to leave the North East.

Ms Thinnesen responded by saying that with 4 campuses it was clear that they had to know how to manage this and know who was accountable for various aspects of the business. There were teams underneath to support and they were structured in a way needed for a multi campus college. In terms of how many students left, she would forward the data. However she was able to say that a high proportion left Sunderland but stayed in the region. Some left for university in Durham, Northumbria or Newcastle or out of the region and it was the case that those who went out of Sunderland, did not often come back.

Councillor O'Brien asked what the impact would be on the college of Brexit, the fact that Nissan would not now be making the Infinity model car at its plant in Sunderland, whether apprenticeships would dwindle and whether the college had contingency plans.

Mr Nixon advised that the apprenticeships relating to the above equated to a small proportion of the college's overall income, albeit very important, however this would not be critical. The college was not reliant on any one sector. The slow-down was based upon uncertainty and not Brexit per se. He went on to say that there would be an impact but the college had tried to have a balanced portfolio. They wanted to support the larger employers but they also wanted to engage with SMEs, although this would not be undertaken at all costs and there were some areas where more work was needed to ensure attitudes were right.

In response to Members, Ms Thinnesen advised that the college delivered special needs and education up to the age of 24 at the Bede Campus where specialist services were provided. The college worked with various organisations to help the young people find placements. This provision was very important to the college and they continued to drive the SEND specialism.

In response to Councillor MacKnight, Mr Nixon advised that the college had a strong relationship with Nissan and acted as a feeder for their apprenticeships. The college had links with the apprenticeship courses Nissan provided but did not work on them with the apprentices. The college was looking at how it could support Nissan with workforce development outside of the automotive apprenticeship. Nissan did however support the college in a number of areas, for example by providing cars for the motor vehicle courses.

In response to Councillor Francis, Mr Nixon informed that the college still worked with sub-contractors to reach industry they would otherwise not be able to reach, however there was a robust quality monitoring process in place.

Ms Thinnesen added in relation to the above that the college did not sub-contract out of the area.

Mr Nixon explained that there were lots of nuances and complexities in relation to apprenticeship funding, however generally larger employers paid 90% and the Government paid 10% of the cost of the apprenticeship. Where an employer had spent all of its apprenticeship levy, the apprenticeship was organised as though it did not pay a levy and the employer only funded 10% whilst the Government funded 90%.

Councillor K. Wood commented that Maths and English were often a barrier for young people and enquired whether an outreach venue would be able to support this education and provide a stand-alone qualification.

Mr Nixon advised that there were 2 ways of dealing with the issue, what they did as a college and the outreach work where they designed a programme around individuals. Equally the college worked with a number of partners who had a strong focus on English and Maths who could reach individuals they could not and build confidence and support them to take the next steps.

Councillor Wood advised that she would forward some information to Mr Nixon which provided an incentive for employers to employ apprentices.

Mr Nixon commented that he was aware of some initiatives but not necessarily all and would always look at the information to see if it was relevant.

Councillor Jackson commented that it was encouraging to see the college were delivering Maths and English as young people often found this to be a barrier to their progression.

Ms Thinnesen commented that it was a challenge as the young people had done the subjects before, however it was rewarding when they achieved them.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Thinnesen and Mr Nixon for their presentation and for hosting the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee, it was:-

1. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and presentation and the information brought out during the discussion be received and noted.

At this juncture the Members of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee left the meeting.

Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 12th March 2019

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 12th March, 2019 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

2. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 12th March, 2019 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Sunderland Heritage Action Zone Partnership Grant Scheme

The Executive Director of Economy and Place submitted a report (copy circulated), to update Members on a forthcoming Cabinet report, to request approval for the delivery of the Heritage Action Zone Partnership Grant Scheme and to delegate

authority to make all grant offers to third parties to help further the City Council and Historic England funded scheme.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Mark Taylor, Principal Heritage Protection Officer, Planning and Property, Sunderland City Council provided the Committee with a presentation on Sunderland's Historic High Streets providing details of the location and context of the buildings included and plans for building repair, conservation and re-use under the Heritage Action Zone Partnership Grant Scheme.

Mr Taylor highlighted that a report was being submitted to the Cabinet for approval at its meeting on 27th March and referred Members to the Delivery Plan 2017-22.

Councillor Jackson commented that she was delighted to see Mackie's Corner and the Elephant Tea rooms included in the scheme particularly due to their proximity to the Vaux site development.

In response to Councillor Blackburn, Mr Taylor confirmed that property owners would need to fund 25% of the costs for all projects, that they had worked with those owners and that they were aware of what was needed.

In response to Councillor Marshall, Mr Taylor confirmed that the Council was looking to acquire properties in Norfolk Street and Sunnyside.

Full consideration having been given to the report, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and presentation and the information brought out during the discussion be received and noted and the proposals be supported by the Scrutiny Committee.

Annual Work Programme 2018-19

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated), setting out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2018-19 Municipal year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

4. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2018-2019 be noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report providing Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 26th February, 2019 (copies circulated).

(For copy report and notice – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer reminded Members to contact him if they required further information on any of the items included in the notice.

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

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

(Signed) D. TURNER,
Chairman.

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK - PROGRESS REPORT

Report of the Assistant Director of Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider a report on the progress being made in relation to the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

2. Background

- 2.1 Last year, the Committee agreed to include in its work programme periodic updates on the progress being made on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).
- 2.2 This item has been brought to the Committee in view of the significant impact the IAMP will have on the local and regional economy.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 The International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) is a joint venture between Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils and represents a major economic development project for the region.
- 3.2 The site will be located immediately north of the existing Nissan car manufacturing plant, to the west of the A19 and the south of the A184. It is anticipated that the development will create over 5,200 new jobs; the majority of which will be in the manufacturing sector.
- 3.3 The IAMP is a core component of the City Deal and one of the main investment priorities set by the North East Local Enterprise Partnership in the Strategic Economic Plan. The IAMP should help to create a high-quality business environment for the automotive supply chain, advanced manufacturing and knowledge-based industries creating high quality jobs in an attractive and sustainable environment.
- 3.4 The IAMP should attract major suppliers linked to the automotive industry and the advanced manufacturing sector and encourage investment and expansion in existing firms.
- 3.5 Mark Jackson (Assistant Director of Infrastructure Planning and Transportation) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the current position.

4 Conclusion

- 4.1 The report will provide members with an overview of the progress being made with the International Advanced Manufacturing Park.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the progress being made.

6. Glossary

None

7 Background Papers

Cabinet Report – July 2016

SUNDERLAND STRATEGIC TRANSPORT CORRIDOR - PROGRESS REPORT**Report of the Assistant Director of Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a progress report on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.

2. Background and Current Position

- 2.1 The Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) is a continuous dual carriageway link between the A19 and the Port of Sunderland.

- 2.2 The SSTC will be completed in a number of phases:-

- Phase 1 - Improvements to St Mary's Way (work complete)
- Phase 2 - New Wear Crossing (work complete)
- Phase 3 - Dual-carriageway linking the south end of the proposed new Wear bridge with St Michael's Way in the city centre
- Phases 4 and 5 – Improvements on Wessington Way and route to Port (future plans)

- 2.3 The anticipated benefits brought to the city by the scheme include:

- Improved connectivity to the city from Nissan, the Low Carbon Enterprise Zone and International Advanced Manufacturing Park
- Improved connectivity to the city centre, the Port of Sunderland and areas for regeneration
- Opening up high quality access to sites of former usage for regeneration
- Improvement of trip times and journey time reliability for all road users
- Enabling distribution of traffic between the Wear Crossings
- Reduction of congestion
- Improvements in public transport, cycle and pedestrian routes
- Improvement of the urban environment and road safety

- 2.4 Mark Jackson (Assistant Director of Infrastructure Planning and Transportation) will provide a presentation on the progress being made with the SSTC.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the progress being made with the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY 9 APRIL 2019 COMMITTEE

ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT OF THE PEOPLE, COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2018/19 that is to be presented to Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 As previous municipal year's the annual report will be a single combined report of all four scrutiny committees. The annual report will outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide a snapshot of its work during the last 12 months.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The draft Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report is attached at appendix 1 for member's consideration. The report provides a summary of some of the main work undertaken by the Committee during 2018/19. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee has delivered another ambitious work programme in 2018/19, which is reflected in the annual report. The Committee has worked with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver the work programme and has tackled a number of key issues throughout the year.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members approve the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19.

6. Glossary

n/a

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Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

Chair: Cllr Doris MacKnight

Vice Chair: Cllr Doris Turner

Committee Members: Councillors: James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Stephen Foster, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Julia Jackson, Christine Marshall, Stephen O'Brien and Tony Taylor.

During the year, a key priority for the Committee has been to monitor the progress being made to improve the economic prosperity of the city and deliver the many regeneration initiatives either planned or underway.

Throughout the year, the Committee was consulted on the current position with regard to the Council's Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2023. A key strategic document, the Plan will provide the overarching framework for shaping the development and growth in the city in the years ahead. The Committee welcomed the exciting developments contained in the Plan and stressed the importance of ensuring that there sufficient infrastructure in place to accommodate the new housing planned for the city, including roads links, public transport, schools, health and leisure facilities.

On the issue of housing, the Committee also received a progress report on the Council's Housing Strategy 2017-2022. The proposed growth in housing numbers and the need for a better housing offer were considered vital to the long term prosperity of the city. Members were also keen that every avenue was explored for bringing empty properties in to use and tackling the problem of homelessness.

In terms of the regeneration of the city, the Committee once again heard from the Chief Executive of Siglion on the delivery of their plans for the Vaux site, Seaburn and Chapelgarth. It is pleasing that regeneration of the Vaux site is now progressing and Members undertook a highly informative visit to the site in order to view the soon to be completed Beem development which will provide high quality office accommodation together with residential, retail and leisure use.

The Committee also heard about the developments planned for the Bishopwearmouth Conservation area and the Sunderland Heritage Action Zone area; all of which should help to preserve and restore the Sunderland's historic core and improve the appearance of the city centre.

The Committee also received an update on the work of the private sector led Business Improvement District (BID). We were pleased to hear that in November 2018 local businesses had voted to renew the BID project for a further five years. We heard about the initiatives planned to encourage footfall and vibrancy in the city centre including a programme of events and improvements to the local environment.

The significance of events was also highlighted in a series of reports the Committee received on the economic impact of three major events held in the city during 2018; the Tall Ships Race, the Sunderland Airshow and the Sunderland Illuminations and Festival of Light. The Committee heard that an assessment commissioned had found that the combined economic impact of these three events was in the region of £24 million and that each had been well attended and had high visitor satisfaction rates.

In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee felt that it was important to hear more about the views of the business sector on the economic opportunities and challenges facing the city. Jonathan Walker Assistant Director of the North East Chamber of Commerce noted that the local economy was by and large performing well and was particularly strong in the advanced manufacturing, engineering and digital sectors. However he felt that the chief areas of risk lay in the uncertainty and risk surrounding the UK's exit from the European Union and the nationwide down turn in the high street retail sector. As with many other areas of the country, more needed to be done to improve the city's skills base and levels of productivity to prevent these being a significant constraint on future economic growth.

In order to hear more about the work being done to improve the level of skills in the city, the Committee visited Sunderland College to hear more about their contribution to the economy and skills base of the city and, in particular, their role as the main provider of apprenticeships in the city. Members were impressed by the commitment and ambition of the College and its role in raising the achievements of its students. Clearly the College is committed to working with the business sector and helping to provide our young people with the skills to meet the job opportunities that will be needed in the future. We were interested to hear about the work going on in schools to provide career advice for young people and raise the profile of apprenticeships.

Another major project being undertaken in the city is the development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP). Comprising 260,000 sq. metres of business space on a 100 hectare site, the IAMP will have a massive impact on the city and region creating around 5,200 jobs and bringing in around £300m of private investment over the next ten years. Again, the Committee heard about the very encouraging progress being made.

Following on from last year's work programme, the Committee received an update on city's three business centres – the Evolve Business Centre, Sunderland Software Centre and the Washington Business Centre. These act to encourage growth in expanding areas of the economy, such as IT and software and help to diversify the local economy as a whole. The Committee heard about the measures being taken to improve the operation and efficiency of the centres. We look forward to seeing continuing improvements in the occupancy figures for Sunderland Software Centre.

The Committee also has within its remit the provision environmental services within the city. In April 2017 a new Environmental Policy was introduced following recommendations made from this Committee. The Committee heard

about the progress that had been made since the adoption of the new policy and the additional resources that had been made available for its enforcement. The Committee expressed its support for the further development of enforcement initiatives into the future. The Committee has also looked in detail at the treatment of household waste in the city and to this end visited our waste transfer centre at Jack Crawford House and the South Tyne and Wear Waste Management Facility located in Billingham. We also looked at the system for the collection and treatment of recyclable waste by visiting the Material Recovery Facility Plan in Hartlepool. All of these visits graphically highlighted the complicated nature of the treatment of waste and the importance of developing an effective communications strategy to make our residents aware of how best to recycle.

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 Doris MacKnight
Chair of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2018-19

**REPORT OF THE REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE,
COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2018-19 municipal year.

2. Background

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

3. Current position

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

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2018-19.

5 Recommendation

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

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REASON FOR INCLUSION	12 JUNE 18	17 JULY 18	11 SEPT 18	9 OCTOBER 18 CANCELLED	6 NOV 18	4 DEC 18	15 JAN 19	12 FEB 19	12 MARCH 19	9 APRIL 19
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses	Core Strategy (Louise Moody) Bishopwearmouth Conservation (Judith Miller)		Bishopwearmouth Conservation Area (Judith Miller)		Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (Richard Reading)				Sunderland Heritage Action Zone Partnership Grant Scheme (Mark Taylor)	
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee Northern Spire Bridge (Mark Jackson)	Environmental Services - Update (Mark Speed) Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby BID)	Licensing Act 2003 – Cumulative Impact Assessment (Richard Reading) Waste Management– Visit (Jim Diamond/Colin Curtis)		Local Plan Update (Louise Sloan) Business Centres (Catherine Auld) Waste Management (Jim Diamond /Colin Curtis)	Siglion – Update (John Seager Chief Executive) Major Events Outcomes (Victoria French)	Chamber of Commerce – Update (Jonathan Walker) Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby BID)	Environmental Enforcement (Nicky Rowland) Major Events Outcomes – Illuminations (Victoria French) Housing Strategy - Update (Louise Sloan)	Apprenticeships (Ellen Thinnesen/ Iain Nixon)	Annual Report (Jim Diamond) International Advanced Manufacturing Park (Mark Jackson) Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – Update (Mark Jackson) Vaux Site Visit – Feedback (JD)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE,
COMMUNICATIONS AND PARTNERSHIPS**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

3. CURRENT POSITION

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

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions (including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter	Address to obtain further information
190114/325	To procure a contractor to undertake works at Jacky Whites Market.	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 19 June to 31 July 2019	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
181024/312	To approve the Final Business Case in relation to the development of a Regional Adoption Agency and agree next steps leading up to the establishment of the Regional Adoption Agency	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 24 April until 19 June 2019	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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190304/344	To consider investment partner proposals for the funding of office developments on the Vaux site	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 24 April until 19 June 2019	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
190326/345	To consider statutory proposals and objections/comments received thereon in relation to the reorganisation of Sunderland's Pupil Referral Unit provision.	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 until 31 May 2019	N	Not applicable	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 September to 30 November 2019.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure. Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below. Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Who will decide;

Cabinet; Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Michael Mordey – Deputy Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart – Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Geoffrey Walker – Health and Social Care; Councillor John Kelly – Communities and Culture; Councillor Amy Wilson – Environment and Transport.

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

Elaine Waugh,
Head of Law and Governance

26 March 2019