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Title and author(s) of written report:

Household Waste Collection Service – Side Waste Policy – Report of the
Chief Executive

Full description of decision:

To approve a No Side Waste Policy for its Household Waste Collection
Service.

Reasons for decision:

Having a No Side Waste Policy would improve environmental impact, health
and safety and operational areas within the household waste collection
service including the improvement of recycling rates and therefore a no side
waste policy is seen as a positive approach for the future of the service

Alternative options considered and rejected:

The option of continuing with a policy of collecting side waste as part of the
fortnightly household waste collection service was considered and rejected as
the service would continue to face adverse environmental, health and safety
and operational issues. It would also make the possibility of increasing the
current recycling rates more difficult.

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

Yes

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Capital Programme Outturn 2021/2022 (including Treasury Management) –
Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Full description of decision:

To:

- note the inclusion of additional schemes or variations to existing schemes for 2021/2022 detailed at Appendix A, as a variation to the Capital Programme;
- note the overall Capital outturn position for 2021/2022; and
- note the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators outturn position for 2021/2022.

Reasons for decision:

As included in the Council's constitution, Cabinet is required to exercise control over capital spend and resources and receives quarterly reports to support this. This report notes the inclusion of additional capital schemes approved by Cabinet since the last capital review and confirms the overall Capital outturn for 2021/2022. The report also notes the outturn position in respect of the Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

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Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Revenue Budget Outturn 2021/2022 – Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

Full description of decision:

To:

- Approve the budget transfers, contingency and reserve transfers proposed within section 3 of the report; and
- Note the overall outturn position of the Council.

Reasons for decision:

As included in the Council's constitution, Cabinet is required to exercise control over the Council's revenue budget and resources and receives quarterly reports to support this. This report sets out the revenue outturn position compared to the budget for 2021/2022.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

No alternative options are proposed.

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Is this a key decision:

Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:

No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

None

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Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny
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Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposed commissioning intentions for Public Health Services in General Practice from 1st January 2023 to 31st March 2027 – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, to undertake all necessary steps to :-

- (i) extend the Council's existing contracts with General Practices in Sunderland for a period of 3 months between 01st January 2023 and 31st March 2023; and
- (ii) establish joint commissioning arrangements with Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) / its successor NHS commissioning body to enable Public Health Services in General Practices to be commissioned via the local Quality Premium Scheme for a period of up to 4 years from 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2027 on terms to be approved by the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal to implement these commissioning intentions aims to ensure that the wide range of public health interventions that can be provided in both effective and accessible ways by General Practices in Sunderland are maintained into the coming years. It will also help to ensure that they are fully and effectively integrated within the local health and care system to deliver improved public health outcomes deliver local Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities, the objectives of Sunderland's City Plan and local Public Health outcomes.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are 2 potential alternative options as follows:

- (i) Do not extend the existing contracts and establish joint commissioning arrangements with SCCG / its successor NHS commissioning body to commission Public Health Services in General Practice in Sunderland via the local Quality Premium Scheme. The proposal has been designed to help maintain and improve service delivery and to improve integrated delivery of services to local residents, as a result it is not recommended to implement alternative commissioning intentions.
- (ii) Recommission contracting arrangements with General Practices on a standalone basis outside of a joint commissioning approach with SCCG. This is not recommended as the proposed new joint commissioning arrangements would offer ways to improve the delivery of these services and help improve public health outcomes.

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Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations: None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Proposed commissioning intentions for Public Health Services in Community Pharmacy from 1st December 2022 – 31st March 2028 – Report of the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities

Full description of decision:

To authorise the Executive Director of Health, Housing and Communities, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, to undertake all necessary steps to:

- (a) extend the Council's existing contracts with Community Pharmacies in Sunderland for a period of 12 months between 01st December 2022 and 30th November 2023 including revising the scope of the services from 01st December 2022 to remove supervised consumption and harm reduction schemes;
- (b) procure and award new contracts for Public Health Services in Community Pharmacy for the period 1st December 2023 to 31st March 2028 to include:
 - Smoking Cessation Services
 - Provision of Nicotine Replacement Therapy and Varenicline
 - Provision of Emergency Hormonal Contraception, C Card and Chlamydia/ Gonorrhoea screening
 - Provision of Healthy Start Vitamins; and
- (c) vary the existing substance misuse contract with Change Live Grow (CGL) to include the provision of supervised consumption and harm reduction services.

Reasons for decision:

The proposal to implement these commissioning intentions aims to ensure that the wide range of health improvement interventions that can be provided by Community Pharmacies in Sunderland are improved and maintained into the coming years. It also seeks to achieve further integration within the local health and care system to help improve public health outcomes, deliver local Health and Wellbeing Board Priorities, the objectives of Sunderland's City Plan and local Public Health outcomes.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

There are 2 potential alternative options as follows:

- (i) Do not implement the commissioning intentions for Public Health Services in Community Pharmacies in Sunderland. The proposals have been designed to help maintain and improve service delivery and to improve integrated delivery of services to local residents, as a result it is not recommended to implement alternative commissioning intentions.
- (ii) Recommission the existing contracting arrangements on their same terms with Community Pharmacies. This is not recommended as viable improvements in the delivery of these services are available that can improve public health outcomes if implemented – for example integration with other key areas of health and care delivery.

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Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:	None

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Title and author(s) of written report:

Pupil Referral Unit – School Organisation Proposals and Procurement of
Capital Works – Report of the Director of Children's Services

Full description of decision:

To:

1. Authorise the commencement of the necessary initial consultation process and subsequent statutory process required to:
 - Enlarge and increase the capacity of Sunderland's Pupil Referral Unit;
 - Establish satellite sites for Sunderland's Pupil Referral Unit in Hetton, Washington and South Sunderland;
 - Establish a resourced Social, Emotional and Mental Health Unit at Sunderland's Pupil Referral Unit; and
2. Subject to the outcomes of the required School Organisation processes and subject to consultation with the Lead Member for Children's Services, authorise the Director of Children's Services to procure capital works and award contracts to facilitate the refurbishment of the former Hetton le Hole Nursery building and external areas for use as the Coalfields Pupil Referral Unit satellite site.

Reasons for decision:

The proposals contained within this paper have been identified as necessary to ensure that Sunderland City Council continues to effectively meet its statutory duty to ensure that there are enough local school places to meet demand.

The proposal to provide satellite provision sites for Sunderland's PRU ensures that provision can be accessed within localities. This will reduce the need for young pupils, particularly those aged between 5 and 11 years of age, to travel to the city centre in order to access appropriate provision for their needs. Assessment centre models within the satellites will increase the

potential for a pupil's successful re-integration back to their substantive mainstream setting or, alternatively, lead to a more appropriate special school or provision placement.

The proposal to establish a SEMH provision in the Coalfields will ensure that provision is located and distributed across the city, with the current SEMH provision all based in the city centre. It will also provide much needed additional capacity in Sunderland resulting in fewer out of area or independent school placements.

Cabinet approval is required for procurements in excess of £0.5m. The proposed scheme at the former Hetton le Hole Nursery site to facilitate the above proposals exceeds this value.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

- Retain current PRU site locations only – This would not enable pupils to access specialist provision within their home localities leading to extended travel time, high transport costs and greater potential for failed re-integration back into substantive school places following pupils' period in a resourced provision.
- Retain current levels of SEMH provision – As the city's mainstream SEMH provision is currently at capacity this will result in pupils being placed in out of area or independent places, resulting in increased travel time, a need to commission out of area residential places or placement at independent settings which would lead to pressure on the local High Needs Block.
- Not to refurbish the former Hetton le Hole Nursery – This would result in the premises identified to deliver a PRU and SEMH provision not being equipped to meet the needs of the pupils on roll from either a condition or suitability perspective.

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Is this a key decision: Yes

Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information: No

Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:

Councillor Williams declared an interest as the Chair of Governors of Oxclose Community Academy and was advised that she was not required to withdraw from the meeting.

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Variation of current contracts for Family, Adult and Community Learning provision for 2022/2023 – Report of the Director of Children's Services

Full description of decision:

To agree a variation to current commissioned community programmes. The variation would be a 1-year extension to cover academic year 1st August 2022 to July 2023.

Reasons for decision:

In line with the Adult Education Budget grant from the Education and Skills Funding Agency, a procurement process was carried out in August 2021 to ensure provision is in place to address the education, skills and training needs throughout Sunderland's communities.

The procurement specification describes the broad outcomes that must be achieved in support of key strategic documents setting out the Council's vision for Sunderland, including the City Plan and the Health & Wellbeing Strategy, as well as the priorities of the 5 Regeneration Area Committees.

This approach engenders partnerships with local community organisations, frequently within the VCS, who have a good track record of supporting hard to reach people by delivering appropriate provision within their scope and using their existing tutor base. It builds on the individual strengths of our delivery partners to achieve social and economic improvements for Sunderland and its citizens. This local partnership approach delivers added social value within the City by helping to build and sustain the capacity of the VCS.

The commissioning and delivery process also aligns with the requirements of Ofsted and the Education Inspection Framework, as well as the ESFA and the Further Education Commissioner in terms of ensuring the quality of education, teaching, learning and assessment so that learners are supported to achieve the best outcomes of which they are capable.

Following the procurement exercise in August 2021, contracts were awarded to cover the period from 1st September 2021 to 31st July 2022.

After due consideration it has been determined that the best way forward to ensure the continuance of the high level of educational and pastoral support to our most vulnerable and needy citizens and communities offered by the Service would be to extend existing contracts to cover the next academic year. This would be subject to some due diligence financial checks, review of current performance and conditional on providers producing appropriate delivery plans, in line with the requirements of the Learning and Skills Service Strategic Commissioning Plan.

FUNDING DETAILS

The total contract value for the current academic year (1st August 2021 to 31st July 2022) is £1.3m and the ESFA has stated that the same amount will be awarded in 2022-23.

The purpose of the funding is to improve the local skills base, to meet employers' needs, to deliver a wide range of courses within the local community, to target and reach people who may otherwise not engage in learning, to encourage progression and make a positive impact on the social and economic position of Sunderland.

The Council's delivery model of commissioning and managing external providers to deliver the training has enabled quality standards to be maintained whilst achieving financial efficiencies, by procuring services which represent best value for money. Delivery is subject to Ofsted Inspection and at the last inspection in April 2019, the Service was awarded Grade 2 – Good for all aspects of the provision and our current providers played a major role in achieving this improvement. Their engagement with learners and the support they provide beyond the requirements of the provision is exceptional; this is clearly evidenced in their response to the constraints of social distancing which has involved developing new innovative delivery models to ensure that learners are not disadvantaged in any way in the achievement of their learning and personal goals. An extension of this contract would provide stability and continuity of quality assured provision and progression routeways for learners as part of the COVID19 recovery plan as classroom provision resumes in full.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

1. The Council could choose to carry out a full procurement exercise for 2022/23. This is not recommended as current resources and pressures of Training Providers to complete a rigorous procurement exercises are excessively stretched and may limit the number of applicants in a procurement exercise, this in turn, has the potential to impact negatively on current delivery as well as future delivery.
2. The Council could choose to recruit and employ tutors to deliver training courses. While this would have some advantages relating to the contract management process, it could prove difficult to offer the wide range of courses which are required. In addition, should this

course of action be adopted as a future model, it would need a full year to be planned and implemented effectively.

3. The Council could withdraw from any future involvement in Adult and Community Learning delivery. This is not recommended as it would result in the loss of a significant amount of funding coming into Sunderland designed to improve the social and economic position of the City through the delivery of education and skills training programmes

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Disposal of Property at West Sunnyside, Sunderland – Report of the
Executive Director of City Development

Full description of decision:

To agree to the disposal of the Property, shown edged red on the plan at
Appendix 1, to the Purchaser and at the price both detailed in the report, or
on terms otherwise to be agreed by the Executive Director of City
Development in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate
Services, Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

Reasons for decision:

As set out in the Cabinet report.

Alternative options considered and rejected:

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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None