

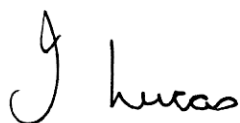
CIVIC CENTRE,  
SUNDERLAND  
11 June 2018

**TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL**

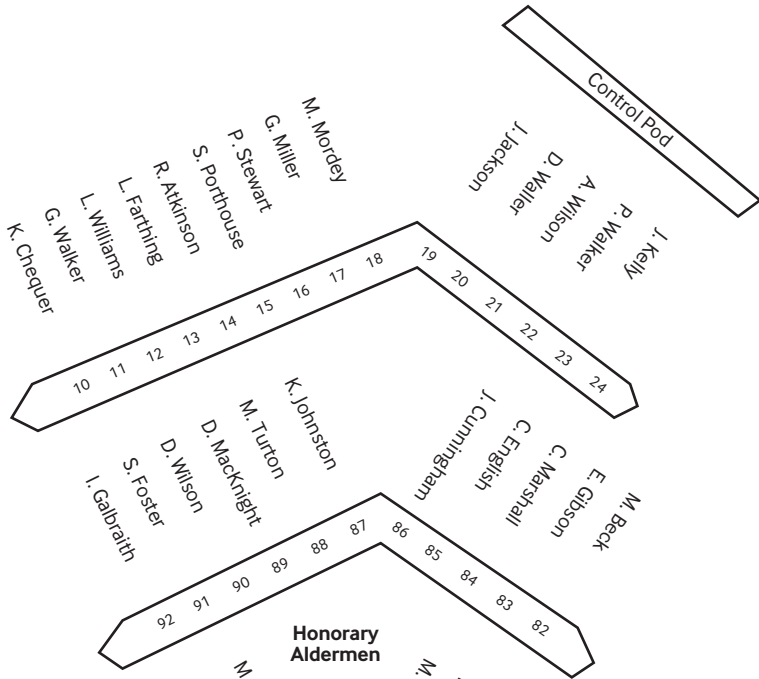
**YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING** of Sunderland City Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Sunderland, on **WEDNESDAY 20 JUNE 2018 at 6.00 p.m.** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

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**IRÈNE LUCAS CBE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.**



Head of Law  
and Governance  
E. Waugh

Mayor  
L. Scanlan

Chief Executive  
I. Lucas

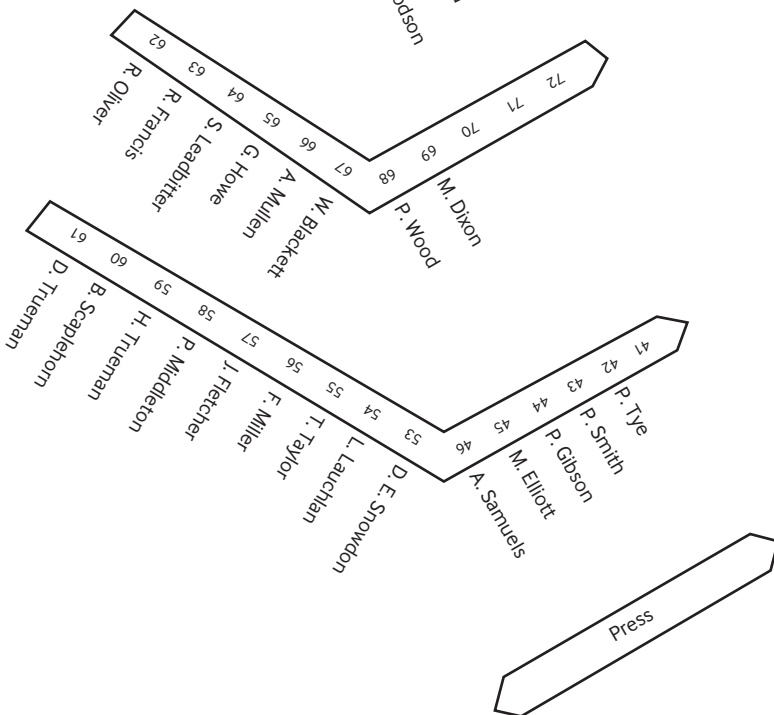
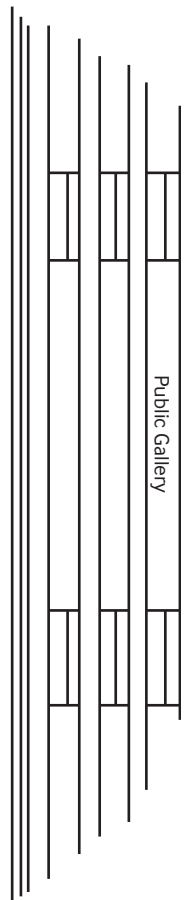
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A. Lawson  
M. Speding





# ***Minutes***



## Sunderland City Council

At the Annual meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the CIVIC CENTRE on WEDNESDAY, 16 MAY, 2018 at 6.00 p.m.

**Present:** The Mayor (Councillor D. MacKnight) in the Chair  
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor L. Scanlan)

Councillors	Appleby	Francis	Middleton	Stewart
	Atkinson	Galbraith	Miller, F	Taylor
	Ball	Gibson, E	Miller, G.	Truman, D
	Beck	Gibson, P.	Mordey	Truman, H
	Bell	Haswell	Mullen	Turner
	Blackett	Heron	O'Brien	Turton
	Chequer	Hodson	Oliver	Tye
	Cunningham	Howe	O'Neil	Walker, G.
	Curran	Hunt	Porthouse	Walker, P
	Davison	Jackson	Rowntree	Waller
	Dixon, D.	Johnston	Samuels	Watson
	Dixon, M	Kelly	Scaplehorn	Williams
	Elliott	Lauchlan	Scullion	Wilson, A.
	English	Lawson	Smith, G	Wilson, D.
	Essl	Leadbitter	Smith, P	Wood, A.
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Snowdon, D.	Wood, K.
	Fletcher	Marshall	Snowdon, D.E.	Wood, P.
	Foster	McClennan	Speding	

Also Present:-

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

The notice convening the meeting was read.

### Announcements

- **Former Mayor and Councillor, Robert Kirby**

It was with great sadness that the Mayor reminded Council of the death of former Mayor and Councillor, Robert Kirby. Councillor D. Dixon having spoken on behalf of the family, the Mayor invited Council to join her in standing for a minute's silence as a mark of respect for their former colleague.

## **Election of Mayor**

The Council proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year (to the next Annual Meeting of the Council) when nominations were invited. Councillor Mordey, seconded by Councillor McClennan, nominated Councillor Lynda Scanlan to be appointed as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Mordey and McClennan spoke in support of the new Mayor.

With no further nominations being received, it was:-

1. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Lynda Scanlan 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 Chief Executive reported that the Mayor had notified her of the appointments of the Reverend Kathryn Stephens of St John's Methodist Church, Ashbrooke Road, Sunderland, to be Chaplain until her retirement in July and of Pastor Ken Gott of the Bethshan Church, Park Road, Sunderland for the remainder of her term of Office. The Mayor's Chaplain then offered prayers following which Pastor Gott briefly addressed the meeting.

## **Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor**

Councillor D. Wilson, duly seconded by Councillor Foster and supported by Councillor H. Trueman and Councillor Oliver, thanked the retiring Mayor, Councillor D. MacKnight, for the manner in which she had discharged her duties as Mayor.

Councillor MacKnight responded appropriately and was presented with a commemorative photograph album of her 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) when nominations were invited. Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Lauchlan, nominated Councillor David Snowdon to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Williams and Lauchlan spoke in support of the new Deputy Mayor.

With no further nominations being received, it was:-

2. **RESOLVED** that Councillor David Snowdon 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.

### **Presentation of Badges and Gifts**

The Mayor presented badges to the retiring Mayor, Councillor D. Macknight and to the Consort to the retiring Mayor, Mr K. MacKnight.

Gifts were then presented to Mr M. Horswill, the Consort to the Mayor and Mr K. MacKnight, the Consort to the retiring Mayor.

### **Minutes**

3. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018 (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 Blackburn and Waters and on behalf of Alderman Arnott.

### **Announcements**

**The Mayor made the following announcements:**

- **Civic Service**

A Civic Service would be held in St John's Church, Ashbrooke on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2018.

- **Civic "At Home" and Mayor and Consort's Golf day**

There would be a Civic "At Home" combined with the Mayor and Consort's Golf day on 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2018.

- **Carol Service**

The Mayor's Carol Service would be held at Sunderland Minster on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2018.

- **Mayor's Charities**

The charities the Mayor would be supporting during her term of office would be the NSPCC, Hope Spring and the Sunderland and County Durham Royal Society for the Blind.

## 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 Mordey and duly seconded by Councillor Stewart that Councillor G. Miller be elected as Leader of the Council.

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

The Mayor announced that Council would vote on the nomination of Councillor Hodson as Leader of the Council.

Upon being put to the vote the motion that Councillor Hodson be elected as Leader of the Council was defeated with 6 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby Haswell	Hodson O'Brien	Smith, G	Wood, A
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63 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Foster	McClennan	Stewart
	Ball	Francis	Middleton	Taylor
	Bell	Galbraith	Miller, F.	Trueman, D
	Beck	Gibson, E.	Miller, G.	Trueman, H
	Blackett	Gibson, P.	Mordey	Turner
	Chequer	Heron	Mullen	Tye
	Cunningham	Howe	Oliver	Walker, G.
	Curran	Hunt	O'Neil	Walker, P.
	Davison	Jackson	Porthouse	Waller
	Dixon, D.	Johnston	Rowntree	Watson
	Dixon, M	Kelly	Samuels	Williams
	Elliott	Lawson	Scaplehorn	Wilson, A.
	English	Leadbitter	Scullion	Wilson, D
	Essl	MacKnight, D	Smith, P	Wood, K
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Snowdon, D.	Wood, P
	Fletcher	Marshall	Speding	

And 1 abstention

Councillor Lauchlan

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 55 voting in favour:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Foster	McClennan	Stewart
	Ball	Galbraith	Middleton	Taylor
	Beck	Gibson, E.	Miller, F.	Trueman, H
	Bell	Gibson, P.	Miller, G.	Turner
	Chequer	Heron	Mordey	Tye
	Cunningham	Hunt	O'Neil	Walker, G.
	Curran	Jackson	Porthouse	Walker, P.
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	Essl	MacKnight, D	Smith, P	Wilson, D
	Farthing	MacKnight, N	Snowdon, D.	Wood, K
	Fletcher	Marshall	Speding	

And 13 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Appleby	Haswell	Mullen	Wood, P
	Blackett	Hodson	O'Brien	
	Dixon, M	Howe	Oliver	
	Francis	Leadbitter	Wood, A	

(Following the declaration of the vote, Councillor Haswell on behalf of Councillor G. Smith, informed the Mayor that Councillor Smith's voting panel was not working and that he had intended to vote against the motion.)

Accordingly it was:-

- 4. RESOLVED** that Councillor G. Miller be appointed as Leader of the Council.

### **Appointments to Cabinet and Portfolio responsibilities**

- 5. RESOLVED** that:-

- i) the decision of the Leader on the following appointments to the Cabinet and Portfolio responsibilities be noted and that consequential amendments would be made to the Constitution, and
- 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 Mordey

Cabinet Secretary

Councillor Stewart

## **PORTFOLIO**

## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER**

Children, Learning and Skills

Councillor Farthing

Health and Social Care

Councillor G. Walker

Communities and Culture

Councillor Kelly

Environment and Transport

Councillor A. Wilson

Housing and Regeneration

Councillor Porthouse

## **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, Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder, Health and Social Care 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 strategy 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 economic, social and physical regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective, leading on regional and sub-regional governance.

To provide democratic leadership on all major strategic and commercially sensitive issues and setting Revenue and Capital budgets.

To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders and ensure effective communication channels are in place, including a digital presence.

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

## **Deputy Leader**

To provide political leadership and to support the Leader as appropriate working collectively with the Cabinet.

To lead on strategic economic, transport, planning and international strategy and policy development.

To lead on strategy and policy development and co-ordination across the council for equalities, promoting social inclusion, safer and cohesive communities and working with the armed forces.

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

- To ensure that the Council's approach to economic, social and physical regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective, leading on regional and sub-regional governance.
- To provide democratic leadership on all major strategic and commercially sensitive issues and setting Revenue and Capital budgets.
- To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders and ensure effective communication channels are in place, including a digital presence.

## **Cabinet Secretary**

Primary overview of Council priorities: Ensuring that the resources of the council are effectively deployed and ensuring the council is an effective commissioner and collaborator to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To deputise for the Leader as appropriate.

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 are met.

Strategic oversight of the commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where Sunderland is the lead authority and those that directly benefit the city.

Policy Oversight to include: Council and city resources direction and development including productivity, transformation and value for money oversight and the effective management of budget, people and systems.

## **Children, Learning and Skills**

Primary overview of Children, Learning and Skills priorities: Ensuring Sunderland's children and young people achieve the best outcomes and supporting all-age learning and skills agenda.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Children, Learning and Skills priorities of the City are integrated, enabling and effective.

To provide democratic leadership in ensuring that the Council's strategic and statutory roles in relation to children, learning and skills.

Key contribution to partnerships relating to children & young people, learning and skills.

Policy Oversight to include: Council and City Children and Young People, Learning and Skills direction and development.

## **Health and Social Care**

Primary overview of Adults priorities: Ensuring Sunderland's adult population achieves the best outcomes and improve the life chances of adults and providing all-population approach to public health (children and adults).

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Adults and Public Health priorities of the City are integrated, enabling and effective.

To provide democratic leadership in ensuring that the Council's strategic and statutory roles in relation to adults and public health are met.

Key contribution to partnerships relating to adults and public health.

Policy Oversight to include: Council and City Adult and Public Health policy direction and development.

## **Communities and Culture**

Primary overview of Community priorities: Ensuring Sunderland's local communities achieve the best outcomes and have access to the widest opportunities that support their economic, social and physical wellbeing.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the communities of the City are integrated, enabling and effective.

To provide democratic leadership in ensuring that the Council's strategic and statutory roles in relation to communities are met. This includes access to health and other partner services relating to communities.

Responsibility for oversight of Area Committees.

Key contribution to partnerships relating to communities and local neighbourhoods.

Policy Oversight to include: Council and City community and cultural policy direction and development (including tourism, leisure and heritage).

## **Environment and Transport**

Primary overview of Environment and Transport priorities: Ensuring the City is made as attractive, sustainable and accessible for all.

To ensure that the Council's approach to environment and transport is integrated, enabling and effective (Council services that impact on place and the wider partnership activities).

To provide democratic leadership in ensuring that the Council's strategic and statutory roles in relation to environment and transport are met. This includes services that improve the physical environment and its connectivity for sustainable living, working and visiting the city and other partner services relating to place.

Key contribution to partnerships relating to environment and transport, sustainability, energy and access.

Policy Oversight to include: Environment, Strategic transport and infrastructure, Public Protection and Place Regulation.

## **Housing and Regeneration**

Primary overview of Housing and Regeneration priorities: Ensuring that Sunderland achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth. To ensure an increasing focus on driving economic growth and income.

To ensure that the Council's approach to housing and regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective (Council services that impact on housing regeneration and the wider partnership activities).

To provide leadership in ensuring that the Council's strategic and statutory roles in relation to the planning and delivery of housing and regeneration are met.

Key contribution to partnerships relating to housing and regeneration.

Policy Oversight to include: Regeneration and Housing and Jobs.



**Note:** The Leader has a leadership role in respect of the whole range of Council activities, notwithstanding that functional responsibility may rest with another portfolio holder.

## **DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS**

Children, Learning and Skills	Councillor Williams
Health and Social Care	Councillor Chequer
Communities and Culture	Councillor P. Walker
Environment and Transport	Councillor Waller
Housing and Regeneration	Councillor Atkinson

- 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 in relation to Part 3 Responsibility for functions**
- Item 13      To fix dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees etc**
- Item 14      To authorise the Head of Law and Governance, in consultation with the respective Chairmen, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connect with 13 above.**

The Supplementary Report having been circulated to all Members, it was moved by the Leader, and seconded by Council Mordey that items 10 to 14 inclusive be agreed.

Councillor Hodson duly seconded by Councillor O'Brien moved the following amendments to items 10 and 11

- Item 10      To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vive-Chairmen thereof
  - i) Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – Remove Councillor D. MacKnight as Chairman and replace with Councillor O'Brien.
- Item 11      To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function

i) Gentoo Group Limited – Remove Councillor Tye and replace with Councillor Haswell.

ii) North Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority – Remove Councillor Atkinson and replace with Councillor Appleby.

iii) Parker Trust – Remove Councillors Ball and D. Wilson and replace with Councillors G. Smith and A. Wood.

iv) Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority – Remove Councillor Bell and replace with Councillor G. Smith.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was defeated with 6 Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Appleby Haswell	Hodson O'Brien	Smith, G	Wood, A
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And 65 Members voting against:-

Councillors	Atkinson	Francis	Middleton	Taylor
	Ball	Galbraith	Miller, F.	Trueman, D
	Beck	Gibson, E.	Miller, G.	Trueman, H
	Bell	Gibson, P.	Mordey	Turner
	Blackett	Heron	Mullen	Tye
	Chequer	Howe	Oliver	Walker, G.
	Cunningham	Hunt	O'Neil	Walker, P.
	Curran	Jackson	Porthouse	Waller
	Davison	Johnston	Rowntree	Watson
	Dixon, D.	Kelly	Samuels	Williams
	Dixon, M	Lauchlan	Scaplehorn	Wilson, A.
	Elliott	Lawson	Scullion	Wilson, D
	English	Leadbitter	Smith, P	Wood, K
	Essl	MackKnight, D	Snowdon, D.	Wood, P
	Farthing	MackKnight, N	Snowdon, D.E.	
	Fletcher	Marshall	Speding	
	Foster	McClennan	Stewart	

The Mayor having put the original motion to Council, that approval be given to items 10 to 14 inclusive, it was agreed accordingly, and:-

**6. 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 in relation to the Responsibility for Functions be approved and that the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution to reflect the proposals and to make any other consequential amendments as appropriate;
- (iv) the dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees be agreed;
- (v) the Head 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; and
- (vi) the Head of Law and Governance be authorised to amend the Constitution in order to reflect the proposals set out in relation to the update to the Constitution: Part 3 Responsibility for Functions and to make any other consequential amendments as appropriate.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRMEN AND VICE-CHAIRMEN THEREOF**

### **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor	O'Neil Scullion Stewart G. Walker	Councillor	P. Wood
Independent Members	Mr. G.N. Cook and Mr. M. Knowles		
	Chairman (Co-opted Member)	Mr. G.N. Cook	

### **HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**12 Members**

Councillor	English Farthing Kelly G. Miller Mordey Porthouse Scullion Stewart G. Walker A. Wilson	Councillor	P. Wood
		Councillor	Hodson
	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor G. Miller Councillor Mordey	

## **SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD**

### **15 Members**

Leader of the Council (Chair) – Councillor G. Miller  
Deputy Leader of the Council (Vice Chair) – Councillor Mordey  
Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder – Councillor G. Walker  
Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care – Councillor Chequer  
Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder – Councillor Farthing  
Opposition Member – Councillor Leadbitter

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

Director of Children's Services and Chief Executive – Together for Children – Jill Colbert  
Executive Director of People Services – F. Brown  
Director of Public Health – G. Gibson  
Chief Officer – Clinical Commissioning Group – D. Gallagher  
Chair of Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr. I. Pattison  
Member of the Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr T. Lucas  
Healthwatch representative – A. Patchett  
Chair – Sunderland Partnership – K. Bremner  
Chief Executive of the NHS CB Local Area Team – B. Clark

### **Health and Social Care Integration Board**

(Sub-Committee established under Article 12 of the Council's Constitution)

Local Authority:	Portfolio Holder for Health and Social Care, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Director of Strategy Partnerships and Transformation, Executive Director of People Services, Director of Public Health
Sunderland CCG:	Chair of CCG, Chief Officer, Audit Chair, Director of Commissioning, Planning and Reform, Head of Finance and Head of Reform and Joint Commissioning

## SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

### 14 Members

Councillor	Beck D. Dixon English Foster Heron Hunt D. MacKnight P. Smith D.E. Snowdon Speding D. Trueman Turner	Councillor	Francis
		Councillor	Hodson
	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor D.E. Snowdon Councillor Hunt	

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### 12 Members

Councillor	Beck Cunningham Davison D. Dixon Elliott Heron Johnston N. MacKnight McClennan Middleton	Councillor	Leadbitter
		Councillor	O'Brien
	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor D. Dixon Councillor Beck	

## **CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **12 Members + 4 Co-Opted Members**

Councillor	Bell Hunt F. Miller O'Neil Rowntree Samuels Scullion P. Smith Tye K. Wood	Councillor	Francis    O'Brien
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#### **Co-opted Members:-**

1 Church of England diocese representative – Ms. J. Graham

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Ms. A. Blakey

Secondary and Special School Parent Governor representative – Vacancy

Primary School Parent Governor representative - Vacancy

Chairman	Councillor P. Smith
Vice-Chairman	Councillor Francis

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **12 Members**

Councillor	Blackburn Curran Foster Galbraith E. Gibson Jackson D. MacKnight Marshall Taylor Turner	Councillor	M. Dixon
		Councillor	O'Brien
Chairman		Councillor D. MacKnight	
Vice-Chairman		Councillor Turner	

## **STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### **8 Members**

Councillor	Curran	Councillor	P. Wood
	P. Gibson		
	Marshall		
	G. Miller	Councillor	O'Brien
	Mordey		
	Williams		

### **Co-Opted Members (non-voting):-**

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

Councillors Mrs K. Alcock and R. Heron (to be advised)

Chairman	Councillor P. Gibson
Vice-Chairman	Councillor Mordey

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

Mr D. Hall – Appointed at Council in September 2017 for a period of two years.

## **PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

### **25 Members**

Councillor	Bell Chequer English Essl Galbraith Jackson Johnston Lauchlan Middleton F. Miller Mordey Porthouse Scaplehorn Scullion P. Smith Speding Turner P. Walker Watson D. Wilson	Councillor	M. Dixon Francis Mullen
		Councillor	Haswell Hodson
	Chairman Vice-Chairman		Councillor Scullion Councillor Jackson

## **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (NORTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**(Comprising Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St. Peter's and Southwick Wards)**

### **10 Members**

Councillor	Bell Chequer Foster Jackson Porthouse Scaplehorn Scullion D. Wilson	Councillor	Francis
		Councillor	Hodson
	Chairman Vice-Chairman		Councillor Jackson Councillor Bell



## **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (SOUTH SUNDERLAND) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**(Comprising Barnes, Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Pallion, Ryhope, Sandhill, Silksworth, St. Anne's, St. Chad's and St. Michael's)**

### **17 Members**

Councillor	Bell	Councillor	M. Dixon
	D. Dixon		Mullen
	English		
	Essl		
	Galbraith		
	Jackson		
	Mordey	Councillor	Hodson
	Porthouse		
	Scaplehorn		
	Scullion		
	P. Smith		
	Waller		
	Watson		
	A. Wilson		
	Chairman	Councillor Essl	
	Vice-Chairman	Councillor Galbraith	

## **DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (HETTON, HOUGHTON AND WASHINGTON) SUB-COMMITTEE**

**(Comprising Hetton, Copt Hill, Houghton, Shiney Row and Washington Central, North, South, East and West Wards)**

### **14 Members**

Councillor	Essl	Councillor	Blackett
	Jackson		M. Dixon
	Lauchlan		
	F. Miller		
	Porthouse		
	Scaplehorn	Councillor	Hodson
	Scullion		
	Speding		
	Turner		
	Turton		
	P. Walker		
	Chairman	Councillor Scaplehorn	
	Vice-Chairman	Councillor Scullion	

## **LICENSING COMMITTEE**

### **15 Members**

Councillor	Ball Bell Blackburn Fletcher Galbraith P. Gibson Heron Johnston Lawson D. MacKnight Scaplehorn Turner	Councillor	Howe Leadbitter
	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor Fletcher Councillor Blackburn	

## **LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES**

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

## **REGULATORY COMMITTEE**

### **15 Members**

Councillor	Ball Bell Blackburn Fletcher Galbraith P. Gibson Heron Johnston Lawson D. MacKnight Scaplehorn Turner	Councillor	Howe Leadbitter
	Chairman Vice-Chairman	Councillor Blackburn Councillor Fletcher	

## HOMELESSNESS APPEALS PANEL

### 10 Members

Councillor	Beck Cunningham Davison E. Gibson Jackson G. Miller Waters Williams	Councillor	Blackett
		Councillor	O'Brien
	Chairman		Councillor Williams

## ADULT SERVICES COMPLAINTS PANEL

### 10 Members

Councillor	Bell Essl Foster F. Miller D.E. Snowdon Taylor G. Walker P. Walker	Councillor	Leadbitter
		Councillor	O'Brien

N.B. Panel to consist of 1 Council Member, 1 independent Chairman and 1 independent member.

## EDUCATION COMPLAINTS PANEL

### 10 Members

Councillor	Farthing Johnston Kelly P. Smith Tye Waters Williams D. Wilson	Councillor	Blackett
		Councillor	O'Brien

## **EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL**

### **10 Members**

Councillor	Bell Cunningham Foster Galbraith E. Gibson McClennan Middleton Williams	Councillor	Mullen
		Councillor	A. Wood
	Chairman		Councillor Williams

## **APPEALS COMMITTEE**

### **20 Members**

Councillor	Ball Blackburn Curran Fletcher P. Gibson Heron Kelly F. Miller G. Miller Mordey P. Smith D.E. Snowdon Speding Stewart H. Trueman Watson A. Wilson	Councillor	M. Dixon Howe
		Councillor	Haswell

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

## **JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE**

### **8 Members**

Councillor	Kelly G. Miller Mordey Scullion Stewart A. Wilson	Councillor	P. Wood
		Councillor	Haswell

\* N.B. Chairmanship alternates annually with Trade Union Side.

## **CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD**

### **9 Members**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder – Councillor Farthing  
Chairman of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee – Councillor P. Smith

### **2 members of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee:–**

Councillor Francis  
Councillor O'Brien

### **Representatives of each of the People Boards:–**

Coalfield Area People Board – Councillor Johnston  
East Sunderland Area People Board – Councillor Marshall  
North Sunderland Area People Board – Councillor Davison  
Washington Area People Board – Councillor Middleton  
West Sunderland Area People Board – Councillor Watson

N.B. All other Elected Members to be invited as participant observers.

## **PORT BOARD**

### **5 Members**

Councillor	G. Miller Mordey McClennan O'Neil	Councillor	P. Wood
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### **plus 2 Co-opted Members**

Mr. F. Nicholson  
Mr. K. Wilson

Chairman  
Vice-Chairman

Councillor G. Miller  
Councillor Mordey

## **COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor Blackburn  
Cunningham  
Heron  
Johnston  
Lawson  
N. MacKnight  
Rowntree  
Scullion  
Speding  
Turner  
Turton  
G. Walker

Chairman	Councillor Lawson
Vice-Chairman (People)	Councillor Johnston
Alternate Vice Chairman (Place)	Councillor Heron

## **WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor Appleby  
Atkinson  
Blackett  
D. Dixon  
Galbraith  
P. Gibson  
Haswell  
Mullen  
O'Brien  
Porthouse  
G. Smith  
P. Smith  
Tye  
Waller  
Waters  
Watson  
A. Wilson  
K. Wood

Chairman	Councillor P. Gibson
Vice Chairman (Place)	Councillor Galbraith
Alternate Vice-Chairman (People)	Councillor Watson

## **EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor Ball  
M. Dixon  
English  
Essl  
E. Gibson  
Hodson  
Hunt  
Marshall  
McClennan  
Mordey  
Oliver  
O'Neil  
Scanlan  
A. Wood  
P. Wood

Chairman	Councillor Ball
Vice-Chairman (Place)	Councillor E. Gibson
Alternate Vice Chairman (People)	Councillor Marshall

## **NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor Beck  
Bell  
Chequer  
Curran  
Davison  
Elliott  
Foster  
Francis  
Howe  
Jackson  
Leadbitter  
D. MacKnight  
Samuels  
Stewart  
D. Wilson

Chairman	Councillor D. Wilson
Vice-Chairman (Place)	Councillor Foster
Alternate Vice Chairman (People)	Councillor Davison

## **WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE**

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

Councillor Farthing  
Fletcher  
Kelly  
Lauchlan  
Middleton  
F. Miller  
G. Miller  
Scaplehorn  
D. Snowdon  
D.E. Snowdon  
Taylor  
D. Trueman  
H. Trueman  
P. Walker  
Williams

Chairman	Councillor Lauchlan
Vice-Chairman (Place)	Councillor F. Miller
Alternate Vice Chairman (People)	Councillor Middleton

## **ITEM 11 - JOINT COMMITTEES, JOINT AUTHORITIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS**

### **ACADEMY TRUSTS (BSF)**

**Castle View Enterprise Academy** – Councillors Curran and Elliott

### **ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BOARD**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder

### **ADMISSIONS FORUM**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

### **ADOPTION PANELS**

Red Panel - Councillor McClennan

Green Panel – Councillor D. Trueman



## **ADULT PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

### **5 Members**

Leader of the Council  
Deputy Leader of the Council  
Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder  
Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder  
Councillor Leadbitter

## **AGE UK**

Deputy Cabinet Member, Health and Social Care

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

Councillors McClennan and O'Neil

## **ALLIANCE (FORMERLY COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN)**

Councillors Speding and H. Trueman

## **ARTS COUNCIL ENGLAND LOCAL AUTHORITY FORUM**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder and Deputy Cabinet Member for Communities and Culture

## **ART STUDIO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder

## **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**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder

## **BACK ON THE MAP**

Councillor Mordey

## **BEAMISH MUSEUM LIMITED**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder and Councillor Foster

## **BOWES RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED**

Councillor Scaplehorn

## **BRITISH RESORTS ASSOCIATION - POLICY COMMITTEE**

Councillor Jackson

## **CHANCE PROJECT**

Councillor McClennan

## **CHILDREN'S CENTRES LOCAL ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP BOARDS**

**Coalfield** – Chairman of the Coalfield Area Committee People Board, Councillor Johnston (Substitute – Councillor Lawson)

**North** – Chairman of the North Sunderland Area Committee People Board, Councillor Davison (Substitute - Councillor D. Wilson)

**South & East** – Chairman of the East Sunderland Area Committee People Board, Councillor Marshall (Substitute - Councillor Ball)

**Washington** – Chairman of the Washington Area Committee People Board, Councillor Middleton (Substitute - Councillor Lauchlan)

**West** – Chairman of the West Area Committee People Board, Councillor Watson (Substitute – Councillor P. Gibson)

## **CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, WASHINGTON - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillor H. Trueman

## **CITY HOSPITALS SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder

## **CO-OPERATIVE COUNCILS INNOVATION NETWORK**

Cabinet Secretary

## **DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP**

Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

## **ELIZABETH DONNISON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Councillors McClennan and O'Neil

## **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UK**

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder  
and the Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport  
Councillors Atkinson and Tye and the  
Chief Operating Officer - Place – [Not on Committee]

## **FOSTERING PANELS**

Orange Panel – Councillor Rowntree  
Purple Panel - Councillor O’Neil

## **FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder  
Substitute: Councillor McClennan

## **GENTOO GROUP LIMITED**

**(Nominations are made subject to the application of Gentoo’s appointments process) N.B. only 2 Members required**

Councillor English and Tye

## **GENTOO OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Councillors Middleton and H. Trueman

## **GREAT EPPLETON WIND FARM PANEL**

Councillor Cunningham

## **GREEN TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST**

Councillors Essl, Galbraith and A. Wilson

## **HETTON TOWN TRUST**

Councillors Blackburn and Rowntree

## **HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAIRS NETWORK**

Leader of the Council

## **HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE BETWEEN SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND LOCAL AUTHORITIES**

Councillors Beck, Davison, D. Dixon, Heron, Leadbitter, McClennan and D.E. Snowdon

## **HOUGHTON FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE**

Councillors Heron, Johnston, Lawson and Turner

## **INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) LLP**

Leader of the Council (Substitute - Deputy Leader of the Council),  
Chief Executive and the Executive Director of Economy and Place

## **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 PLAN MEMBERS' STEERING GROUP**

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Housing and  
Regeneration, Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration and Chair of  
the Planning & Highways Committee (Councillor Scullion)

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

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

## **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – SIGOMA**

Cabinet Secretary

## **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 Leadbitter

## **MARINE ACTIVITY CENTRE BOARD**

Executive Director of People Services and Port Director

## **MILLFIELD/ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME**

Councillor Scanlan

## **NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS**

Councillors M. Dixon, Speding and H. Trueman

## **NHS PROVIDER FORUM**

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder

## **NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED**

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

## **NO LIMITS THEATRE COMPANY**

**Director** – Councillor Williams

## **NORTH EAST AUTOMOTIVE ALLIANCE**

Chief Executive

## **NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

## **NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY**

### **North East Leadership Board**

Leader of the Council  
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

### **Governance Committee**

Cabinet Secretary  
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Chair and Vice Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee  
Substitutes – Councillors D. Dixon and P. Smith

## **NORTH EAST DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE**

Councillor McClennan

## **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

## **NORTH EAST MIGRATION NETWORK CORE STRATEGIC GROUP**

Deputy Leader of the Council (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 Kelly, G. Miller, Mordey and A. Wilson\*

\* Member of the Executive Committee

## **NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

Councillor Atkinson

## **NORTH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SENSORY SUPPORT**

General Council – Councillors F. Miller\* and Samuels

\* Also a Member of the Executive Committee

## **NORTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM LIMITED**

Housing and Regeneration Portfolio Holder  
and Deputy Cabinet Member for Housing and Regeneration

## **NORTHERN REGIONAL BRASS BAND TRUST**

Councillor Kelly

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

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder

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

Councillors Heron, Leadbitter and D.E. Snowdon

## **NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL**

Leader of the Council

Substitute – Cabinet Secretary

Deputy Leader of the Council

Substitute – Cabinet Secretary

## **NORTHUMBRIA REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE (Four Year Term commencing 1 June 2017 to 31 May 2021)**

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder

Substitute – Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport

## **PALLION ACTION GROUP**

Councillor A. Wilson

## **PARKER TRUST**

Councillor Waters (for a three year term until 18 May 2019)

Councillors Foster, P. Walker, A. Wilson (for a three year term until 16 May 2020)

Councillors Ball and D. Wilson (for a three year term until 16 May 2021)

## **ROKER REGATTA COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE**

Councillors Jackson and Stewart

## **SAMUEL DOBSON TRUST**

Councillors Blackburn, Cunningham, Heron, Speding, Rowntree and Turner

Chairman – Councillor Blackburn

## **SIGLION LLP AND ITS SUBSIDIARIES SIGLION INVESTMENTS LLP, SIGLION DEVELOPMENTS LLP, SIGLION NOMINEE LTD**

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Chief Executive and Executive Director of Economy and Place

## **SOUTH TYNESIDE NHS FOUNDATION TRUST**

Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

## **STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Councillors Farthing, Hunt, Mullen, Marshall and Williams

## **Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference**

Councillors Farthing, Hunt, Mullen, Marshall and Williams

## **ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT**

Councillor A. Wilson

## **ST. PETER'S CHURCH BAKEHOUSE CAFÉ**

Councillor Jackson

## **SUNDERLAND AFC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Leader of the Council, Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder, Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive, Executive Director of Economy and Place and Executive Director of People Services

## **SUNDERLAND AUTISM PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder and Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder

## **SUNDERLAND BOYS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FUND**

Councillors Galbraith, D. MacKnight and McClennan

## **SUNDERLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT**

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

## **SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT (HOLDING COMPANY) LIMITED**

Councillors Fletcher, Lawson and A. Wilson together with the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

## **SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT LIMITED**

Councillors Fletcher, Lawson and A. Wilson together with the Chief Operating Officer and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

## **SUNDERLAND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S GOVERNING BODY**

Executive Director of People Services

## **Primary Care Co-Commissioning Sub-Committee**

Executive Director of People Services

## **SUNDERLAND COMMON PURPOSE**

Councillor Samuels

## **SUNDERLAND COMMUNITY MATTERS**

Councillor K. Wood

## **SUNDERLAND CULTURE LIMITED**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder and Executive Director of People Services

## **SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE TRUST**

Councillor Hunt (to 28 March 2019) and the Head of Financial Management (to 28 March 2020)

## **SUNDERLAND AND NORTH DURHAM ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

Councillors N. MacKnight and O'Neil



## **SUNDERLAND FOOTBALL TRUST BOARD**

Councillor Speding

## **SUNDERLAND FUTURES PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

## **SUNDERLAND HOMES LIMITED**

Deputy Leader of the Council, Portfolio Holder for Housing and Regeneration,  
Executive Director of Economy and Place and Executive Director of Corporate  
Services

## **SUNDERLAND LIFESTYLE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

Portfolio Holder for Communities and Culture and the Executive Director of People  
Services

## **SUNDERLAND ORPHANAGE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION**

Councillors Beck, Hunt, M. Dixon and D. Snowdon

## **SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Chief Executive

## **SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP NON EXECUTIVE BOARD**

Cabinet Secretary

## **Sunderland Partnership Innovation and Improvement Group**

Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation

## **Safer Sunderland Partnership**

Leader of the Council  
Deputy Leader of the Council  
Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation  
Director of Children's Services  
Head of Housing Support and Community Living

## **Economic Leadership Board**

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

## **Education Leadership Board**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder  
Director of Education  
Director of Strategy, Partnerships and Transformation

## **SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD**

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder

## **SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN BOARD (SSCB)**

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

## **SUNDERLAND SPORTS COUNCIL**

Councillors English and Speding

## **TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN – SUNDERLAND**

### **Executive Directors**

Chief Executive of Together for Children  
Director of Performance and Quality  
Strategic Finance Manager

### **Non-Executive Directors**

Mr D. Blake (term of office from 22 March 2017 to 31 March 2020)  
Mr M. Dillon (term of office from 23 November 2016 to 31 March 2019)  
Professor P. Fidler (term of office from 23 November 2016 to 31 March 2020)  
Ms F. Standfield (term of office from 23 November 2016 to 30 September 2019)  
Head of Programmes, Sunderland City Council  
Head of External Funding, Revenues and Commercial Finance, Sunderland City Council

## **TRIPLETT CHARITY**

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

## **TYNE AND WEAR ANTI FASCIST ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Essl - non-voting

## **TYNE & WEAR AUTISTIC SOCIETY**

Executive Director of People Services

## **TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Councillors Bell, Curran, Taylor and Oliver

## **TYNE AND WEAR LOCAL ACCESS FORUM**

Councillor F. Miller

## **TYNE AND WEAR PENSION FUND**

Councillor Heron

Substitute – Councillor G. Walker

## **UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND: BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills

## **VAUX MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

Deputy Leader of the Council

## **WASHINGTON SPORTS TRUST**

Communities and Culture Portfolio Holder,  
Councillors Fletcher, Scaplehorn, D.E. Snowdon and P. Walker

## **WEAR WATER SPORTS CLUBS ASSOCIATION**

Councillor Curran

## **WOODCOCK AND BOWES CHARITY**

Councillor Ball and A. Wilson

## **WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE**

Councillor D.E. Snowdon

## **WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK**

Health and Social Care Portfolio Holder  
Substitute – Deputy Cabinet Member for Health and Social Care

**COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (IN RECEIPT OF GRANT AID EXCEEDING £500 P.A.), LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES**

<b>(i)</b>	<b>Community Associations</b>	<b>Councillor(s)</b>
	Columbia C.A.	D.E. Snowdon
	Deptford and Millfield C.A.	Scanlan
	Doxford Park C.A.	Marshall
	Easington Lane Community Access Point	Rowntree
	Fulwell C.A.	Beck
	Grangetown C.A.	M. Dixon
	Grindon C.A.	Galbraith
	Houghton Racecourse C.A.	Cunningham
	Pennywell Community Centre	Watson
	Penshaw C.A.	G. Walker
	Ryhope C.A.	Ball
	Southwick C.A.	Chequer
	Springwell Community Venture	Scaplehorn
	St. Matthew's C.A., Newbottle	Turton

**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. R. Atkinson	<b>Richard Avenue Primary School</b>
Cllr. E. Ball	<b>Ryhope Junior School,</b>
Cllr. M. Beck	<b>Seaburn Dene Primary School</b>
Cllr. R.A. Bell	<b>Hylton Red House Nursery, Northern Saints Primary</b>
Cllr. J. Blackburn	<b>Hetton Primary</b>
Cllr K Chequer	<b>Southwick Primary School</b>
Cllr. B. Curran	<b>Dame Dorothy Primary</b>
Cllr. D.O. Dixon	Farrington Academy
Cllr. M.P. Essl	<b>Plains Farm Academy</b>
Cllr. L. Farthing	<b>Rickleton Primary</b>
Cllr. R. Francis body	<b>Fulwell Junior</b> , Monkwearmouth Academy local governing

Cllr. E. Gibson	Mill Hill Nursery, <b>Mill Hill Primary</b>
Cllr. P. Gibson	<b>Silksworth Academy</b>
Cllr J. Heron	Houghton Community Nursery
Cllr J. Jackson	<b>St Benet's Primary</b>
Cllr. L. Lauchlan	<b>Biddick Primary</b>
Cllr. A. Lawson	<b>Our Lady Queen of Peace Primary</b>
Cllr. D. MacKnight	Red House Academy, <b>Hylton Castle Primary</b>
Cllr. C. Marshall	Benedict Biscop Academy
Cllr. F. Miller	<b>George Washington Primary</b>
Cllr. G. Miller	Oak Learning Trust (Director)
Cllr. M. Mordey	<b>Hudson Road Primary,</b>
Cllr. S. Porthouse	<b>Farringdon Academy</b>
Cllr. D. Snowdon	Columbia Grange, Barmston Village Primary
Cllr. D.E. Snowdon	<b>John F Kennedy Primary</b> , Biddick Academy
Cllr. M. Speding	Shiney Row Primary
Cllr. P. Stewart	Willow Fields Primary
Cllr. H. Trueman	<b>Columbia Grange</b>
Cllr D Turner	<b>Hetton Lyons Nursery</b>
Cllr. P.M. Tye	<b>Silksworth Academy</b>
Cllr. P. Walker	<b>Albany Village Primary,</b>
Cllr. K.M. Waters	<b>St. Anne's RC Primary</b>
Cllr. L. Williams <b>Wessington</b>	<b>Lambton Primary</b> , Oxclose Community Academy, <b>Primary</b>
Cllr. A. Wilson	<b>Highfield Primary</b>
Cllr. P. Wood	St. Aidan's Academy

## **REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT ARRANGEMENTS**

To note the under mentioned appointments made by the Leader

### **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND REGENERATION ADVISORY BOARD TO THE NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY**

Leader of the Council  
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

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

Cabinet Secretary

### **SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder and  
Deputy Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport  
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

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

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder  
Substitute - Councillor Bell

### **TRANSPORT FOR NORTH EAST COMMITTEE (TNEC)**

Deputy Leader of the Council and Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder  
Substitute - Leader of the Council

### **TRANSPORT NORTH EAST (TYNE AND WEAR) SUB-COMMITTEE (TWSC)**

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder  
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

### **TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE**

Environment and Transport Portfolio Holder, Deputy Cabinet Member for  
Environment and Transport and Councillors Blackburn and Fletcher  
Substitutes – Councillors Beck, N. MacKnight, D. Snowdon and Waters

## UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION: PART 3 RESPONSIBILITY FOR FUNCTIONS

1. It is proposed that the remit of the Planning and Highways Committee and the three development control sub-committees, together with the delegations to the Director of Economy and Place, be updated. The proposed amendments are to reflect the up to date definitions of “statutory consultee” and “major development” within planning legislation together with the introduction of new applications for permission in principle (and subsequent technical details consent) for housing-led non-major development from 1<sup>st</sup> June 2018. In addition, it is also proposed that the Planning and Highways Committee will now be entitled to directly call-in for its own determination pending applications from an individual Development Control Sub-Committee on the grounds that the relevant application is considered to be of citywide significance and/or of a strategic nature, in addition to the Sub-Committees continuing to resolve to refer such applications to the Planning and Highways Committee.
2. Accordingly it is proposed that Section 2 A of Part 3 of the Constitution “Responsibility for Functions”, be amended to read as follows:

**“A. Functions relating to Town and Country Planning, Development Control and Highways**

***Planning and Highways Committee***

*The functions of the Planning and Highways Committee shall be:*

1. *To consider and recommend the action to be taken where statutory representations or objections are received in respect of any Order initiated by the Executive Director of Economy and Place under the Highways Act 1980, the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 or the New Roads and Street works Act 1991 and where in each case the Council is required under the relevant legislation to consider such representations and/or objections.*
2. *To determine applications called-in by the Committee from a Development Control Sub-Committee or referred to it by the Development Control Sub-Committees (in each case on the grounds that the relevant application is considered to be of citywide significance and/or of a strategic nature).*
3. *To comment upon draft Local Plan documents and Supplementary Planning Documents (SPDs).*
4. *To consider reports on proposed changes to national planning policy.*
5. *To consider reports on the proposed Local Plan documents of neighbouring authorities where the Council is a consultee.*
6. *To receive monitoring reports on the performance of the development and building control sections.*

7. *To authorise the making of revocation orders and modification orders in respect of the grant of planning permission under Section 97 and discontinuance orders under Section 102 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.*

### **Development Control Sub-Committees**

*North Sunderland comprising Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St. Peter's and Southwick Wards.*

*South Sunderland comprising Barnes, Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Pallion, Ryhope, Sandhill, Silksworth, St. Anne's, St. Chad's and St. Michael's.*

*Hetton, Houghton and Washington comprising Hetton, Copthill, Houghton, Shiney Row and Washington Central, North, South, East and West Wards.*

*Subject to:*

- (i) those matters delegated to the Executive Director of Economy and Place, and*
- (ii) those applications which are called-in for determination by the Planning and Highways Committee from the Development Control Sub-Committees or referred by a Sub-Committee to the Planning and Highways Committee in each case on the grounds that the relevant application is considered to be of citywide significance and/or of a strategic nature,*

*each of the three Sub-Committees shall within its area determine the following applications under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and any related secondary legislation:*

- 1. Applications for Major Development;*
- 2. Applications where there is an objection from a statutory consultee (save where the relevant consultee is an adjoining landowner and/or occupier) and where the Executive Director of Economy and Place would be minded to approve the application, save for this paragraph;*
- 3. Applications made pursuant to Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992;*
- 4. Applications within the ward of any member, which the member requests be determined by the appropriate Development Control Sub-Committee or which the Chairman of the relevant Sub-Committee so requests, subject to the request being made in writing to the Executive Director of Economy and Place within 28 days of receipt of the application.*



*For the purposes of paragraph 1 above, “Major Development” means development involving any one or more of the following:*

- (a) the winning and/or working of minerals or the use of land for mineral-working deposits;*
- (b) waste development;*
- (c) residential development where:*
  - (i) the number of dwelling houses to be provided is 10 or more; or*
  - (ii) the development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectares or more and it is not known whether the development falls within paragraph (c)(i).*
- (d) the provision of a building or buildings where the gross floor space to be created by the development is 1,000 square metres or more; or*
- (e) development to be carried out on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more.*

### **Membership**

*When determining the membership of Development Control Sub-Committees, the Council shall have regard if possible to the desirability of inclusion of the following:*

- i) the Ward Councillors sitting on the Planning and Highways Committee.*
- ii) one representative from each of the other two Development Control Sub-Committees.*
- iii) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee.*
- iv) the holder of the Cabinet Portfolio for City Services.”*

3. In addition, it is also proposed that paragraphs 2.9 and 2.14 of the current delegation scheme in connection with town and country planning functions delegated to the Executive Director of Economy and Place be replaced with the paragraphs set out below. For the avoidance of doubt, it is proposed that all other delegations to the Executive Director of Economy and Place remain unchanged.

*“2.9 To determine all forms of planning and other applications (including but not limited to applications for permission in principle) under Part III of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990, the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, the Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990, the Planning Act 2008 or under any related secondary legislation except those applications reserved to the Planning and Highways Committee and the Development Control Sub-Committees.”*

*“2.14 To determine applications for reserved matters and the discharge of conditions following the granting of permission and applications for technical details consent following the grant of permission in principle.”*

4. Recommendation

Council is recommended to authorise the Head of Law and Governance to amend the Constitution in order to reflect the proposals set out above and to make any other consequential amendments as appropriate.

(Signed) L. SCANLAN,  
Mayor.

# ***Report of the Cabinet***



## **The CABINET reports and recommends as follows:-**

### **1. Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018**

That they have given consideration to a report of the Executive Director of People Services (copy attached) on the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018 which sets out the principal aim of the Sunderland Youth offending Service to 'prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people'. It also sets out the key related outcomes of reducing the numbers of first time entrants to the criminal justice system, reducing the proven rate of re-offending for children and young people and maintaining a low use of custody as well as service development priorities and achievements.

The Cabinet noted the contents of the report and the Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 and agreed that the plan be referred to the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee for further advice and consideration in accordance with Article 4 of the Council's Constitution. In addition the Cabinet gave delegated authority to the Executive Director of Peoples Services, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, to accept any amendments to the plan prior to being referred to Council for final approval.

The Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee welcomed the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018 and supported the Cabinet's recommendation to submit the Plan to Council for final approval.

Accordingly the Cabinet recommends the Council to approve the Youth Justice Plan 2017/2018.



**YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2017/18**

**REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF PEOPLE SERVICES**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The Youth Justice Plan is an Article 4 plan which requires full Council approval.
- 1.2 The report informs Cabinet of the background, purpose and intentions of the plan and seeks to consult with and gain approval from Cabinet and to refer to Scrutiny Committee for comment.

**2. Description of Decision.**

- 2.1 Following consultation with the Youth Offending Service (YOS) Board partners, Cabinet is recommended to provide comment on the Youth Justice Plan 2017-2018 (attached) and recommend that it is referred to Scrutiny Committee for their advice and consideration.
- 2.2 Cabinet are further requested to authorise the Executive Director of People Services in consultation with the portfolio holder for Childrens Services to accept any amendments to the plan being referred to Council for final approval.

**3. Introduction/Background**

- 3.1 The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 required the Chief Executive of each local authority area to set up a multi-agency Youth Offending Team / Service (YOT / YOS) governed by a multi-agency Management Board. The act required that each Team / Service produce an annual Youth Justice Plan.
- 3.2 The Sunderland YOS Management Board comprises the four statutory agencies of the Local Authority, Police, Probation and Health as well as the area courts as a local partner. The attached Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 was considered by the multi-agency YOS Management Board on 13 September 2017.
- 3.3 The Youth Justice Board (YJB) oversees the youth justice system in England and Wales. The YJB is required to monitor performance of the youth justice system and report to the Secretary of State for Justice. The YJB does this through the collection of performance data and annual Youth Justice Plans.
- 3.4 Each year the YJB issues guidance on the required content for the annual Youth Justice Plan and sets out the required submission date. The YOS partnership is therefore given a defined period for the development of the Youth Justice Plan and for the relevant consultations to be undertaken. The

attached Youth Justice Plan for Sunderland follows the YJB's guidance for the construction of the plan for the purposes of national YJB submission.

#### **4. Current Position – Youth Justice Plan 2017/18**

- 4.1 The Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 sets out the principal aim of the Sunderland Youth offending Service to '*prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people*'. It also sets out the key related outcomes of reducing the numbers of first time entrants to the criminal justice system, reducing the proven rate of re-offending for children and young people and maintaining a low use of custody.
- 4.2 The Youth Justice Plan 2017/18 sets out a number of service development priorities that have been developed on the basis of an analysis of performance and need from a range of sources including:-
- The national and local policy context for youth justice.
  - Performance against key national and local outcome targets.
  - Analysis of prevention and youth offending service assessment data.
  - Outcomes of practice quality assurance audits and good practice guidance.
- 4.3 The plan sets out the excellent performance of Sunderland YOS and its achievements during the course of its last strategic plan which spanned 2013/14 to 2016/17. The service achievements include:
- Maintenance of performance in relation to the service's three annual key performance indicators. In particular the service achieved the lowest rate of custody in the region, a position which stands Sunderland far better than the national average rate.
  - First Time Entrants have continued to fall in Sunderland as a result of continued review of practice.
  - Continued good performance in relation to the frequency of reoffending when compared to both regional and national averages.
  - Mainstreaming of the YOS liaison and diversion scheme across the service which is enabling the service to offer early assessment of all young people from the point of arrest.
  - The Looked After Children (LAC) Protocol with children's services and Northumbria Police which was introduced in 2015/16, continues to be embedded in practice and supports improved decision making for LAC children who offend within Children's Homes, employing restorative justice principles and supporting diversion of such children out of the criminal justice system. The LAC offending rate performance has stabilised and was much improved in 2016/17 with Sunderland narrowing the gap with our neighbouring authorities in the North East.
  - Sunderland YOS was awarded the Restorative Justice Quality Mark (RSQM) one of only 50 organisations to have received the award at the time. Feedback included that leaders demonstrated clear commitment to Restorative Justice, positive relationships with staff and volunteers appropriately trained in Restorative Justice.



- Sunderland's overall performance continues to be recognised positively by the YOS Board with a review following the service's inspection concluding that Sunderland continues to perform at a high standard in all aspects of YOS work.

## **5. Reasons for the Decision**

- 5.1 The Youth Justice Plan is an Article 4 plan under the Constitution of the Council and is the primary document for YOS partnerships to set out how they will deliver against YJB performance management framework for YOS and is a key source for local youth justice planning.

## **6. Alternative Options**

- 6.1 The alternative option is not to submit the Youth Justice Plan to full Council. This would have a negative impact on local youth justice planning, and the service's ability to deliver against its action plans.

## **7. Impacts Analysis: Crime and Disorder**

- 7.1 The principal aim of the Youth Offending Service is to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people in Sunderland.
- 7.2 The role and responsibilities of the local YOT/YOS are set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and the YOS continues to work with four statutory agencies - Police, Probation, Health and the Local Authority - to ensure that the service continues to be a high performing one which delivers outcomes which contribute to the Council's priorities.

## **8. Relevant Considerations / Consultations**

### **8.1 Co-operative Values**

The development of the Youth Justice Plan adheres and supports the council to act, comply with and actively promote its co-operative values of self-help, self-responsibility, democracy, equality, equity and solidarity.

### **8.2 Legal Implications**

Consultation with legal services was undertaken and there are no implications for this Plan.

### **8.3 Financial Implications**

Consultation has been undertaken with finance and there are no implications for this Plan

## **9. Glossary**

MOJ Ministry of Justice  
YJB Youth Justice Board  
YOS Youth Offending Service

## **10. List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Sunderland Youth Justice Plan 2017/18

# **SUNDERLAND YOUTH OFFENDING SERVICE**

## **YOUTH JUSTICE PLAN 2017/18**

### ***OUR VISION***

**“To work in partnership across the City to offer a holistic service that successfully diverts young people from offending and reoffending and provides effective support to families and victims of those working with the service”**

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## 1 FOREWORD

We are pleased to endorse the Youth Justice Plan for Sunderland for 2017/18. Over the past year, Sunderland Youth Offending Service has maintained its excellent performance and its positive relationships with key partners in the City to deliver the best outcomes for those it works with.

Whilst the YOS has experienced a reduction in posts within the service it continues to push ahead with innovative and creative practice, maintaining a workforce that has passion and drive to make a difference for children and young people. The service has already successfully embedded liaison and diversion practice and implemented a new national assessment framework. This year we have taken Prevention services back into the YOS and are continuing to identify and work with those young people most likely to formally enter the Criminal Justice System. Working with children and young people at the earliest opportunity is key to further diverting young people from antisocial behaviour and crime. Employing the principles of restorative justice will help to achieve change and improved outcomes in behaviour. We are confident that the YOS can deliver further improvements through the excellent partnerships that already exist in the city.

We have witnessed at close hand some of the successes being achieved by the YOS and have been impressed at the commitment and dedication of the staff. The model of advocacy support maintained by the YOS to support compliance and engagement of young people is to be commended; with one young person describing those team members he has worked with as 'inspirational'.

We look forward to continuing to support the Sunderland Youth Offending Service into 2017/18 and beyond.

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## 2 INTRODUCTION

Sunderland Youth Offending Service is a multi-agency service comprising of the four statutory agencies of Police, Probation, Health, the Local Authority and Together for Children. The service works in partnership with other key agencies such as the area courts and specialist service providers including child mental health, substance misuse and accommodation.

The principal aim of the service is **to prevent offending and re-offending by children and young people**. In doing so, the service works in partnership to deliver both statutory and non-statutory services to:

- Young people aged 10-17 who, because of actual offending have become involved in the criminal justice system;
- Children and young people identified as at risk of offending;
- Families of children and young people offending or at risk of offending; and
- Victims of young people who have offended.

The role and responsibilities of local Youth Offending Teams/Services (YOT/YOS) was set down by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998. It also included the requirement for each local area to produce an annual Youth Justice Plan setting out how youth justice services will be delivered in the local area.

The detail on how these priorities will be implemented is included within the service's annual delivery plan, which is refreshed on an annual basis (see Resources Section for further detail).

## 2.1 ACHIEVEMENTS

- Sunderland YOS has continued to maintain a low use of custody
- In the last 12 months Sunderland YOT has made improvements in its rates of First Time entrants to the Criminal Justice system.
- Sunderland YOT benefited from being able to **fast track** vulnerable young people assessment by specialist services
- There were **strong effective partnerships**, where intelligence was shared and acted upon

### 2016/17 Performance against National Indicators

#### FTEs

- Cumulative local performance of the FTE rate between April 2016 to March 2017 shows a much improved rate of 434 (101 FTEs) per 100,000 young people of the 10 to 17 year old Sunderland population against an annual target of 600. Regional and National rates are also reducing showing an improvement.

#### Custody

- In 2016/17 the use of custody within Sunderland is at a low rate of 0.04, which equates to 1 custodial disposal within the year. This is the lowest rate of custody for any YOS in the Region (rate 0.34) and a far better picture than the National average (rate 0.37).

## Reoffending

- As at July 2017, the latest PNC data used by the YJB shows the reoffending binary rate to be 42.4%. Although better than the increasing Regional trend this performance remains below the national performance. The same pattern can be seen in relation to frequency of offending (rate 1.32) when compared to both Regional (rate 1.26) and National averages (1.53).

## Performance Against Our Strategic Priorities in 2016/17

The YOS maintained 5 strategic priorities which were the same in 2015/16 (see below). These were established in the service's 3 year strategy in 2013/14 to ensure that the service was able to effectively respond to local and national priorities in relation to youth justice and wider key strategic agendas:

**Priority 1 – A preventative approach to reducing reoffending**

**Priority 2 – Reducing Reoffending**

**Priority 3 – A Family Approach**

**Priority 4 – A Restorative Justice Approach**

**Priority 5 – Service Evaluation**

The detail of the work programme which underpins how these are driven forward is set out within a separate Delivery Plan for each year which underpins the overarching YOS Strategy. The delivery plan for 2016/17 was designed on a thematic basis, providing a more effective focus for service developments and allow for a cross cutting set of work programmes linked to one or a number of the overarching development priorities. An update is provided below on the achievements of the service against these themes:

THEME 1 - QUALITY	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Strengthen the quality of delivery in relation to cautions</li><li>Review effectiveness of liaison and diversion practice</li><li>Review quality of practice in relation to the implementation of the whole family approach</li></ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 3</b>

## Progress Update:

The quality of work in relation to Cautions and Liaison and Diversion was again considered against both the YJB National Standards audit process and an internal review of practice. We have further reviewed our internal process for quality assurance and decision making in relation to Cautions and Triage so that cases are considered on a weekly basis.

The Prevention Team of Wear Kids is now also situated within the YOS and they have been trained in AssetPlus and will now be included in quality assurance processes alongside established case managers

A particular success during 2016/17 was the partnership agreement to establishing a LAC (Looked after Children) Protocol which is supporting improved decision making for LAC children who offend within Children's Homes, employing restorative justice principles and supporting diversion of such children out of the criminal justice system. This protocol has continued to be embedded and attracted interest from the YJB; whilst we cannot conclusively evidence that this has had a positive impact on rates of offending by LAC young people, this performance has continued to improve. We have undertaken a review of a small number of offences committed by LAC young people placed out of area to consider how we can positively impact upon decision making in these cases and shared this with Social Care colleagues.

We would look to build upon this practice by working with partners to discuss if a similar protocol could be agreed in schools for LAC young people.



THEME 2 - OUTCOMES	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deliver Reducing Reoffending Action Plan</li> <li>• Deliver work programme to ensure the child or young person is at the centre of their assessment and intervention plan</li> <li>• Improve victim satisfaction processes</li> </ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 4</b> <b>Priority 5</b>

### Progress Update:

Following the service's participation in the national Reducing Reoffending Project, we have built upon how we utilise findings to date and continue to incorporate this into our quality assurance processes and ensure young people are receiving the most effective interventions possible.

The YOS continues to review re-offending and consider how we can continue to improve outcomes for young people; this includes identifying areas of unmet needs and areas of risk that other agencies need to address alongside us. We have just agreed a new process to offer voluntary interventions for young people committing Anti-Social Behaviour and will also be reviewing Quality Assurance process in 2017/18.

The recent National Standards Audit confirms the YOS victim service is compliant with service standards. Victims can currently submit their views to the RJ Team verbally or in writing. To further improve practice and processes for victims we will be undertaking a review of methods of feedback from victims.

THEME 3 – WHOLE FAMILY APPROACH	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Agree information sharing processes with City Intelligence Hub</li> <li>• Improve referral processes to key partners where additional family needs are identified</li> <li>• Improve delivery of family mediation support within the YOS and with key relevant partners</li> <li>• Continue whole family approach implementation work programme</li> </ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 3</b>

### Progress Update:

As is noted above, critical intelligence sharing is robust in Sunderland. One additional element city wide is the newly developed Early Help offer. The YOS continues to work in a “whole family” approach, for which we were commended in the 2016 Inspection. We have started to develop a joined up approach across Early Help to consider what are the appropriate services to work with young people at risk of offending and exit strategies for families who need continued support at the end of formal Criminal justice interventions. We will monitor the impact of this model.

Further work needs to take place in 2017/18 to consider if the service is able to increase its ability to better recognise opportunities for mediation both internally and with other social care colleagues, for example, to support young people in Children’s Homes as well as within the Prevention team.

THEME 4 – STAFF AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve Sunderland YOS' approach to being a "learning organisation"</li> <li>• Review reflective practice and how the quality assurance agenda can support staff development</li> <li>• Work with key partners in relation to how YOS staff can integrate into locality working</li> </ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 3</b>

### Progress Update:

The YOS has over the last two years made significant improvements to its quality assurance process with the on-going development of a reflective one-to-one approach between managers and case managers used to review quality of practice. In addition, staff have been engaged in a variety of thematic reviews including Strengthening Families, health and caution quality.

Since the establishment of Together for Children in April 2017 the YOS sits within Early Help as part of a targeted Youth Services Team. This has already allowed for development of a wider offer to young people at risk of Anti-Social Behaviour and offending and greater integration with the delivery of services for 0-19 year olds. This has also begun to be reflected in the development

THEME 5 – RESTORATIVE JUSTICE	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increase direct Restorative Justice opportunities</li> <li>• Work with city partners to identify where YOS can support wider delivery of RJ practice</li> <li>• Maintain RJ training programme</li> </ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 4</b>

### Progress Update:

Sunderland YOS was successful in gaining the Restorative Justice Quality Mark in 2016 and we are committed to ensuring work with victims is of the highest quality. Restorative justice staff have in the last year also delivered workshops at a professionals' conference and also worked in a primary school to advise on restorative approaches

Going forward into 2017/18 we will be offering restorative approaches through Wear Kids for young people referred for Anti-Social or unacceptable behaviour and will be looking to support staff across Early Help understand how restorative approaches can positively impact upon young people .

The agreement of the LAC Protocol will also offer additional direct RJ and mediation support, and further improve the already substantial YOS work with city partners including Northumbria Police.

The YOS continues to deliver, in an efficient way, its statutory requirements for the delivery of Restorative Justice Interventions including Restorative Conferencing.

THEME 6 – LOOKED AFTER CHILDREN	YOS STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PRIORITY
<b>ACTIONS:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve practice in relation to offending within Children's Homes and other settings, i.e. schools, with key partners</li> <li>• Improve outcomes for children who are on the edge of care</li> </ul>	<b>Priority 1</b> <b>Priority 2</b> <b>Priority 3</b> <b>Priority 4</b>

### Progress Update:

Beginning in 2016 work was undertaken on a LAC protocol with social care colleagues and Northumbria Police that will reduce the criminalisation of young people where offences are committed within the children's home setting. This protocol embeds an "out of court" process which allows the YOS to undertake a holistic and partnership assessment for such offences in order to improve decisions and embed a YOS restorative justice offer as an alternative to police intervention for children in care. The YOS continues to offer young people wrap around support where needed to support their engagement and also to support any exit strategies from the service beyond their orders. The LAC protocol commits these same resources from the YOS to Children's Homes and individual young people, offering wrap around support to prevent challenging behaviour or support the young person after an offence. We continue to review incidents where LAC young people enter the Criminal Justice system and we are currently considering how we can better influence decisions for young people in out of area placements. This is not a straightforward process but is important if we are to be assured that all young people are considered for an opportunity for diversion from criminal justice where appropriate.

Alongside this LAC protocol, the YOS also wants to continue to agree a similar approach for other settings, and most critically at this time, for those young people identified as being exploited or at risk of being sexually exploited as we know young people are often criminalised as part of the grooming process. As a long term strategy we would wish to engage partners in a dialogue to consider how we can effectively identify and divert young people at risk from the criminal justice system.

## **Youth Justice Board – Performance Review.**

Sunderland continues to improve performance in relation to FTEs and *performance in reducing reoffending is stabilising* Custody rates were very low in 2016/17 and whilst we have an established history of maintaining low custody rates it is unlikely it will remain as low this year.

## **Changes to Governance and Service Delivery**

As is identified within the Structure and Governance section below, the YOS has not transitioned into a new Children's Services model independent of the Local Authority.

## **Learning from Inspections**

The YOS Partnership is routinely presented with analysis papers and recommendations for action in relation to Inspection Reports and Good Practice Research following their publication. The YOS Management Team proactively reviews good practice and inspection outcomes internally with staff to consider local practice through Team meetings and practice workshops.

Since June 2016 the chair of the YOS Board has been the Chief Executive of Together for Children, thereby continuing to effectively support and drive the YOS Partnership in relation to effective services for children and young people.

The YOS Management Board meets on a minimum of four occasions each year.

The annual Youth Justice Plan continues to be considered as an Article 4 plan and as such is scrutinised and approved on an annual basis by the Scrutiny Committee and Cabinet prior to submission to the Youth Justice Board.

The YOS Management Board receive regular financial, performance and safeguarding and practice reports, including updates on audit compliance and inspection themes that may inform or impact service delivery. The YOS continues to be proactive in terms of reviewing best and innovative practice.

Case studies are regularly used at the YOS Board to highlight both positive practice but also barriers in accessing services for young people. These have received positive feedback from Board members. They are presented where possible by the individual case manager which allows Board members to hear at first hand the support being offered to young people in the city. In terms of YOS performance and safeguarding updates, these are provided at every Board meeting.

The YOS management team as a whole contributes to the current Business Plan objectives through attendance at the Children's Safeguarding Board Sub-Groups driving forward work in relation to Learning and Improvement; Missing, Sexually Exploited and Trafficked (MSET); and Serious case reviews. All Safeguarding referrals are quality assured and reviewed. The YOS is also supporting the Safeguarding Board's programme of audits during 2017/18

## 4 RESOURCES AND VALUE FOR MONEY

### 2017/18 Budget

The YOS budget is made up of statutory partner agency funding and in-kind contributions, core government funding from the Youth Justice Board and other grants. The chart below summarises each of the funding sources for the financial year 2017/18

Within this budget, Sunderland will deliver the core statutory youth justice service as set out by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 and other subsequent legislation.

**B5: YOT Budget / Youth Justice Board Statutory Return July 2017**

<b>AGENCY</b>	<b>Staffing Costs</b> <i>total cost of the secondees to the employer, including on-costs</i>	<b>Payments in kind</b> <i>as defined in guidance</i>	<b>Other Delegated Funds</b> <i>cash contributions from partner agencies to be used at YOS Managers' discretion</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Police	93,712			£93,712
Probation	71,814		10,000	£81,814
Health	20,720		130,000	£150,720
Local Authority	474,666	413,070	7,850	£896,486
YJB	610,575		33,298	£643,873
Other				30
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£1,271,486.66</b>	<b>£413,970.00</b>	<b>£181,148.00</b>	<b>£1,866,605</b>



## Delivery of Youth Justice in 2017/8

For 2017/18, the YOS has reviewed its internal targets in relation to the three key outcomes of preventing offending, reducing reoffending and use of custody.

The three performance targets therefore are:

### Entering the Youth Justice System (First Time Entrants)

**Outcome Target:** To maintain first time entrants below a rate of 560 per 100,000 of the 10-17 population.

### Reducing Reoffending

**Outcome Target:** To maintain performance on re-offending in line with national expectations.

### Maintaining low levels of custodial sentencing

**Outcome Target:** To maintain custodial sentencing below a rate of **0.35** per 1,000 of the 10 to 17 Sunderland population.

The YOS is confident, based upon its historical performance, that these targets can be achieved.

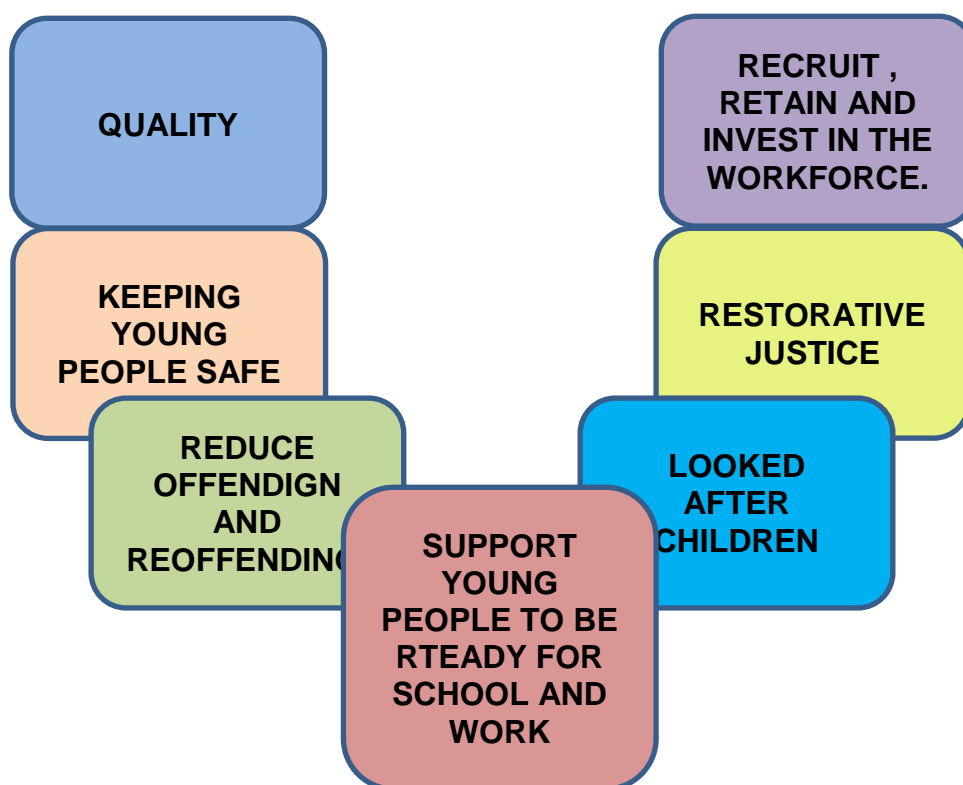
## Service Development Priorities

To ensure that the service effectively responds to local and national priorities in relation to youth justice and wider key strategic agendas, the service will have a focus in the next year on

- 1 - A preventative approach to reducing offending
- 2 - Reducing Reoffending
- 3 - A restorative justice approach
- 4 - Work to reduce NEET

The annual delivery plan for 2017/18 also continues to be designed on a thematic basis, providing a more effective focus for service developments and allow for a cross cutting set of work programmes linked to one or a number of the overarching development priorities.

Sunderland YOS continues to shape its development plans around the following themes.



Within Together for Children, the YOS will support and contribute to the “Early Help” offer in the city for young people and their parents/carers. Annual service development priorities for 2017/18 have been therefore considered within this context and agreed with the YOS Partnership Board. These are included at Appendix A.

## Workforce and Specialist Resources

Moving into 2017/18, the YOS headcount has further reduced from 2016/7, but it maintains its core staffing resources in relation to the full-time Staff, multi-agency secondees, (volunteers and sessional staff and is therefore compliant with the minimum staffing requirements set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

Included within Appendix B is a structure chart for the YOS alongside a table which breaks down staffing by agency, gender and ethnicity. All core YOS staff (with the exception of five practitioners) are trained in elements of restorative justice relevant to their post. All Referral Order Panel volunteer members have been trained in RJ relevant to their roles. The YOS continues to also provide robust supervision, training and management of its sessional workers who support in the delivery of RJ work, advocacy and appropriate adult responsibilities.

The YOS Restorative Justice Team maintains its two accredited practitioners, one of which is also an accredited trainer.

## **YOS Management Board Oversight**

The YOS Management Board maintains oversight of YOS resources through regular reports across the financial year.

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## **5 PARTNERSHIP ARRANGEMENTS**

The multi-agency Sunderland YOS Management Board remains as an identified 'significant partnership' for Sunderland and it also provides the strategic links with other significant partnerships, and their associated strategic plans across children's services, criminal justice and community safety. The YOS Management Board also continues to be linked into the Safer Sunderland Partnership which is the local Community Safety Partnership, by acting as a key delivery group in supporting delivery of the Safer Sunderland Strategy 2008-2023 to ensure that "everyone in Sunderland will be, and feel, safe and secure". The YOS Manager is also a member of the Sunderland Safeguarding Children's Board and YOS Managers contribute to relevant safeguarding sub-committees.

Partnership working has strengthened through 2016/17, particularly with Northumbria Police in relation to the LAC Protocol and the early intervention work around antisocial behaviour. The partnership arrangements in place that support Liaison and Diversion practice have also significantly improved the service's ability to recognise and address the wider health needs of the children and young people it works with. 2017/18 will be a year for the YOS to further embed L&D assessment practice across the whole of the service, and alongside that work to evaluate its success to inform the commissioning agenda going forward to secure health resources in the longer term.

The YOS remains committed to working in partnership with others around the key issues affecting young people today including significant and emerging problems around sexual exploitation, domestic abuse, substance misuse and the prevent agenda.

### **Prevent Agenda**

The YOS supports and is a member of the City Council's Prevent protocol and practice. Relevant staff have been trained in relation to the Prevent agenda.

### **MAPPA**

The YOS continues to utilise MAPPA arrangements to in relation to those young people who pose significant risks within the community.

## Resettlement

The critical needs of young people being resettled into the community continue to be reported within the service's Performance Report for the YOS Management Board and there are robust internal processes that ensure timely and appropriate planning takes place in advance of release. The service has maintained its wrap around advocate staff which support young people on release from custody or at risk of custody.

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## 6 RISKS

### Risks in relation to Youth Justice Outcomes

The YOS continues to maintain good performance across all three indicators.

In terms of critical risks in relation to performance, the service is performing well (as acknowledged by the YJB) in relation to reoffending and custody and a recent improvement in performance for FTEs.

We anticipate we can continue to build on our partnerships across Early Help, Police and ASB team to further impact upon FTEs and ASB as well as deliver out of Court Disposals to a high standard. We are looking to work collaboratively to utilise developments in Out Of Court disposal options such as the use of compensation. In parallel with this, it is anticipated this will also positively impact on LAC offending rates with the implementation of alternative models of dealing with incidents in children's homes. Young people who are looked after who offend has been a particular focus for the service over 2016/17 given the high rates of offending reported over the past three years. The agreement to the LAC Protocol (detailed within the Achievements section of this plan) is expected to make a significant impact on this LAC offending rate and improve partnership arrangements with residential care staff and police to make better decisions for these young people.

The use of custody or remand episodes is not considered a concern within Sunderland. The rate of custody remains very low overall and compares well against national levels.

The YOS maintains its successful relationships with local magistrates and its Intensive Supervision and Surveillance service which offer robust alternatives

to custody and wrap around support. The service provides Court duty officers for weekend cover. These are YOS staff experienced in responding to potential remands as typically out of hours court appearances are a risk area in terms of remands.

There is a clear escalation process through line management to the Head of Service in relation to any young person at risk of custody in order to ensure that where partnership support is needed to avoid remands, this is secured.

The YOS is well embedded in Children's Social Care meeting structures where placements for Looked after Children are agreed and this includes young people remanded so that alternative placements are sourced where needed and appropriate. The YOS is also represented at the regional Resettlement meeting which considers practice.

### **YOS Partnership Risk Register**

The Partnership Risk Register has been reviewed and refreshed for 2016/17 [see Appendix C]. This continues to highlight financial resources, the Charlie Taylor review and the transition of the YOS into the new Community Interest Company in Sunderland as the most pertinent risks to the service.

**SUNDERLAND YOS BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

<b>CHAIR</b>	Karen Davison Director of Early Help, Together for Children	
<b>Statutory Partners</b>	Clinical Commissioning Group	
	Gillian Gibson, Acting Director of Public Health	
	Northumbria Police	
	Karin O'Neill, NPS	
<b>CRC</b>	Martyn Strike, CRC	
<b>Local Authority Partners</b>	Stuart Douglas, Lead Policy Officer for Community Safety	
	Linda Mason, YOS Manager	
	Councillor Louise Farthing	
<b>Court</b>	Gerry Tierney	
<b>Education</b>	Dr Paul Dresser, Sunderland University	
	Virtual Schools Head	

YOS Board members considered and agreed the contents of the YOS Plan at the Partnership Board meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017.

ETE	Education, Training and Employment
FTE	First Time Entrants
HO	Home Office
IRS	Intensive Resettlement and Support
ISS	Intensive Supervision and Surveillance
LAC	Looked After Children
LASPO	Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders (Act)
L&D	Liaison and Diversion
MoJ	Ministry of Justice
RJ	Restorative Justice
YJB	Youth Justice Board
YRO	Youth Rehabilitation Order
YOS	Youth Offending Service
YOT	Youth Offending Team

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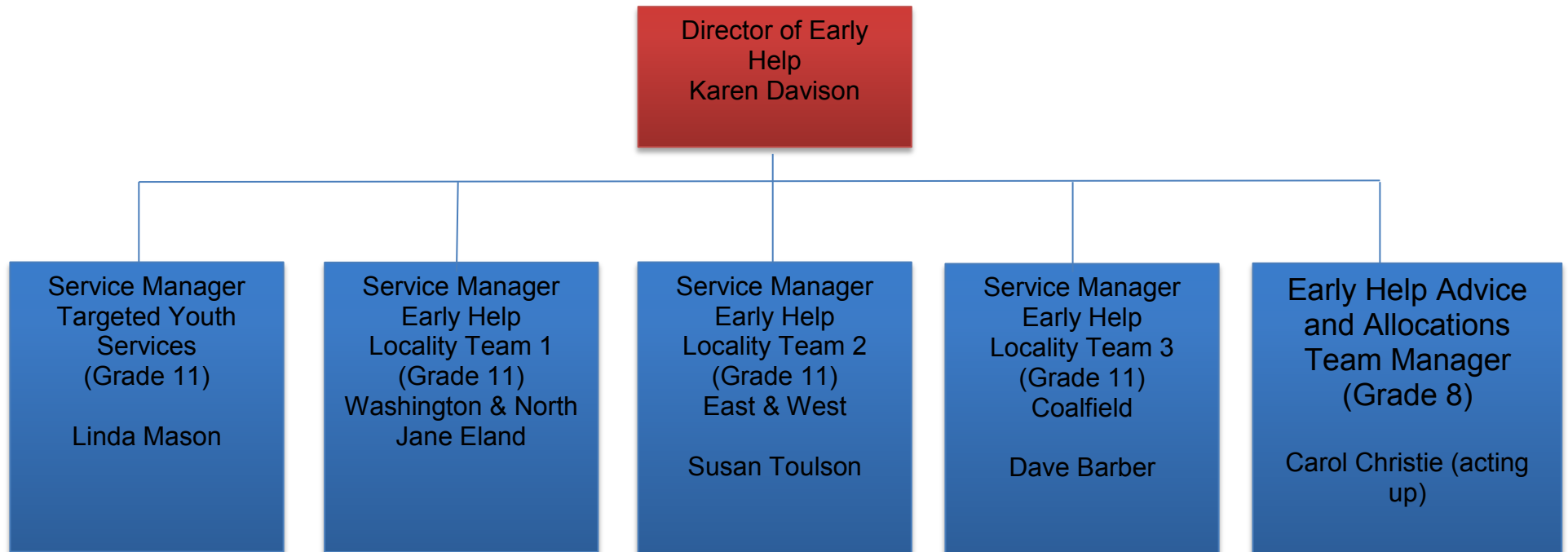
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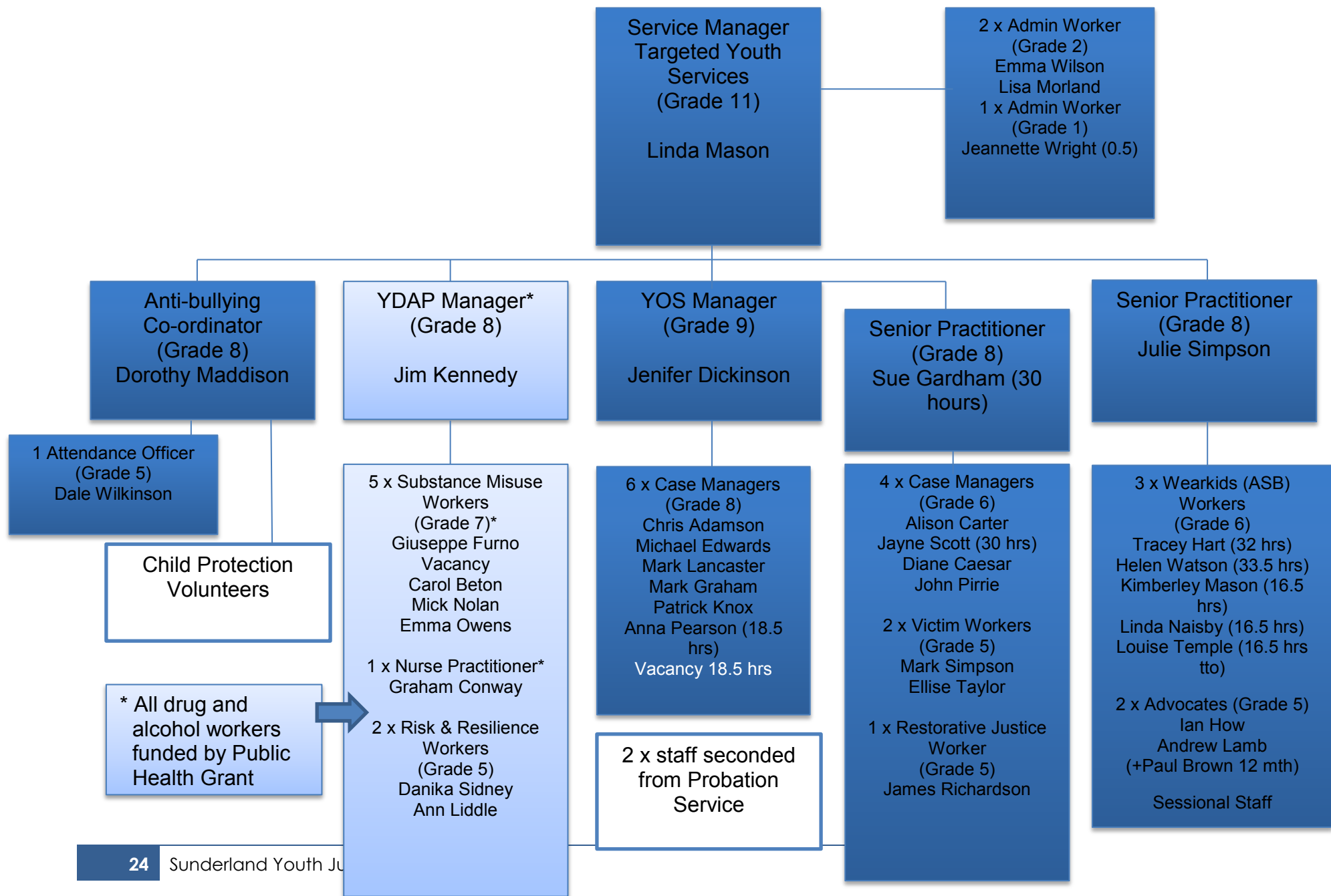


**TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN SUNDERLAND**

**EARLY HELP SERVICE**

**COMPLETED STRUCTURE**

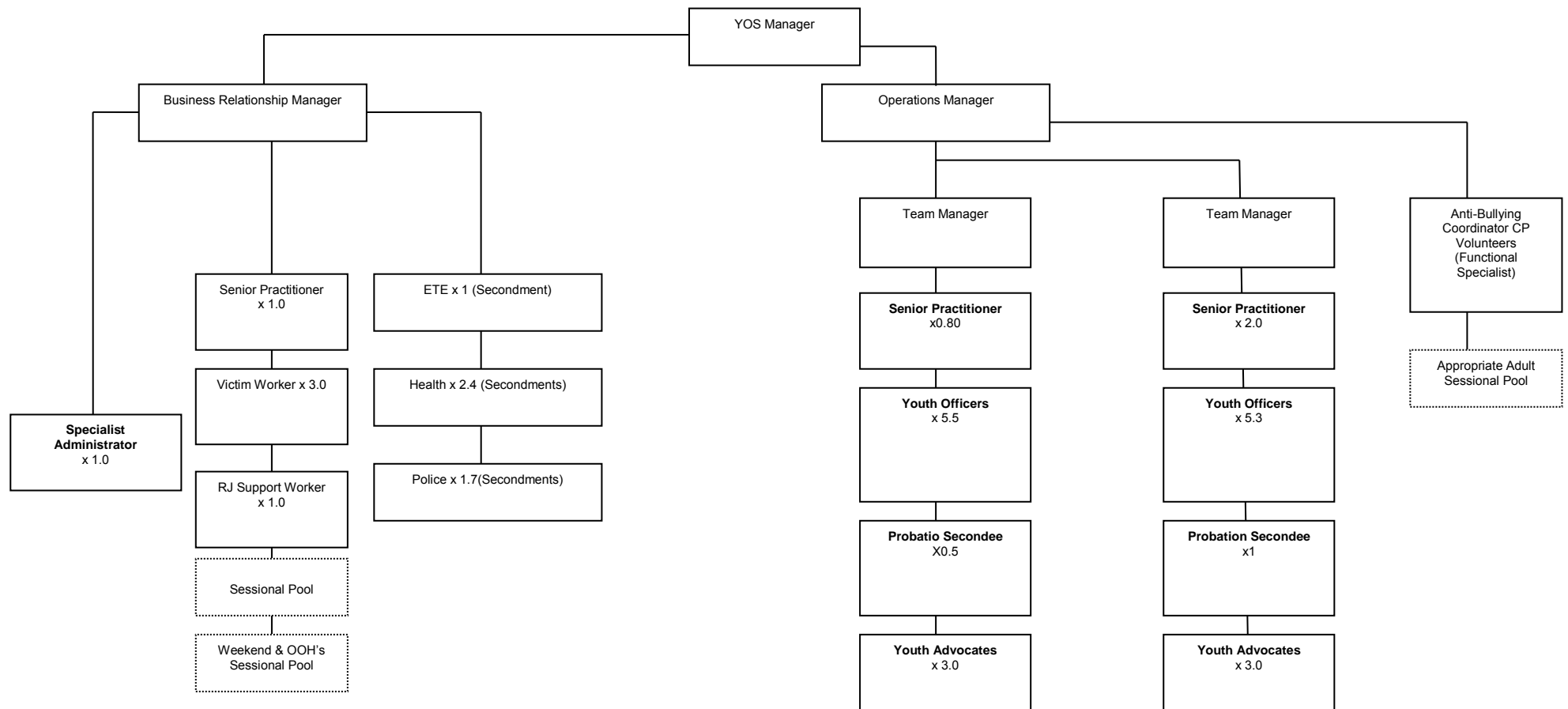




## APPENDIX B – STAFF STRUCTURE AND STAFFING CHART

Type of Contract	Strategic Manager (PT)	Strategic Manager (FT)	Operational Manager (PT)	Operational Manager (FT)	Practitioners (PT)	Practitioners (FT)	Administration (PT)	Administration (FT)	Sessional	Students/ trainees	Volunteer	Total
Permanent		1	0.8	2	4.4	14	0.5	1				23.7
Fixed-term						1			15			16
Outsourced												0
Temporary												0
Vacant					0.5							0.5
Seconded Children's Services												0
Seconded Probation					0.5	1						1.5
Seconded Police					1.8							1.8
Seconded Health (Substance misuse)						0.5						0.5
Seconded Health (Mental health)												0
Seconded Health (Physical health)						0.5						0.5
Seconded Health (Speech/language)												0
Other/Unspecified Seconded Health												0
Seconded Education												0
Seconded Connexions												0
Seconded Other												0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7.2</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>44.5</b>
Disabled (self-classified)												0

Ethnicity	Managers Strategic		Managers Operational		Practitioners		Administrative		Sessional		Student		Volunteer		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
White British	0	3	0	3	21	14	0	6	5	11	0	0	0	0		
White Irish	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other White	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
White & Black Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
White & Black African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
White & Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Mixed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Indian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Pakistani	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Bangladeshi	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Asian	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Caribbean	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
African	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Other Black	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Chinese	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Any other ethnic group	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not known	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>																



## Risk Register

### Risk Likelihood

1 = Unlikely  
2 = Possible  
3 = Likely  
4 = Almost Certain

### Risk Impact

1 = Minor  
2 = Moderate  
3 = Significant  
4 = Critical

Likelihood	4				
	3				
	2				
	1				
		1	2	3	4
Negative Impact					

											Last Updated		
ID	Date Identified	Risk Description	Risk Owner	Impact	Likelihood	Rating	Mitigating Actions	Action Lead	Time scale	RAG	Date	Progress	Status
	16.6.17	Technical issues with YOS Case Management system and the ICT Infrastructure leading to potential instability in recording and performance reporting	YOS Manager	4	4	12	Escalation made to software supplier at the highest level, jointly with ICT Business Relationship Manager to review issues with the system	LM	End Sept 2017	r			
	31.3.18	Governmental Review (Charlie Taylor Review) could significantly change the future YOT operating model	YOS Manager	3	4	12	Work is ongoing with Early Help to embed model of addressing FTE and NEET's	LM	End March 2018	R			
	131.12.17	Efficiencies has undergone efficiency savings- the staff group remains stable but work is needed to ensure prevention services are well targeted.	YOS Manager	3	3	9	YOS Manager to continue discussions with strategic directors of new Community Interest Company.	LM	End of March 2017	A			
	31.3.17	Future of funding streams in a time of continued austerity remains uncertain.	YOS Manager	4	4	16	YOS Manager to explore funding streams to address identified service priorities from alternative sources	LM	End of March 2017	R			

# ***Report of the Human Resources Committee***





## **THE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE reports as follows:-**

### **1. Appointment of Chief Executive**

At its meeting on 22 February 2018 the Human Resources Committee approved the timetable and arrangements for the recruitment of the Council's next Chief Executive. Following advertising, long-listing and technical interviews, four candidates have been short-listed for the post of Chief Executive.

All Members of the Cabinet will be formally notified of the names and career histories of all the candidates and, in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, have the opportunity to object to the making of an offer of appointment to any of the short-listed candidates.

The Human Resources Committee will interview the four candidates on Tuesday, 12 June, 2018 and if an appointment is to be recommended to Council, a supplementary report will be submitted showing the name of the candidate that the Committee recommends be appointed to the post of Chief Executive, together with the positions of Returning Officer and Electoral Registration Officer.



# ***Area Arrangements Annual Report 2017/18***



**AREA ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS AND TRANSFORMATION**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present the combined Area Committee Annual Report which summaries the work of the five Area Committees during 2017/18.

**2. Background Information**

- 2.1 This is the seventh year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together into one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the five Area Committees throughout 2017/18.

It provides details of where the Members, through Area Committees and the supporting People and Place Boards, have influenced local service delivery and also delivered a range of other activities to meet the agreed local priorities 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 local 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 an area;
  - (b) Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area;
  - (c) Actively encouraging local residents to become involved in decision making on matters that affect them;

- (d) Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting local area priorities.

#### **4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 During 2017/18 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities against key priorities in order to meet the needs of local communities.

During 2018/19 Area Committees will continue to have direct local influence over the design, delivery and review of a number of place and people based services looking toward opportunities and new ways of working that provide the best outcomes for local residents and communities.

- 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.

#### **5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees and their supporting People and Place Boards during 2017/18 as outlined in the Annual Report.

#### **6. Background Papers**

- 6.1 All five Area Committee Annual Reports for 2017/18.

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# Annual Report of the Area Committees

2017-18





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# Foreword



Cllr Celia Gofton Portfolio Holder for Responsive Service and Customer Care until May 2018

I am incredibly proud to present the combined Annual Area Report for 2017/18. It is hard to believe that this is the 7th report produced specifically to highlight the combined achievements of the Area Committees and its partners and the last to be produced during my time as Portfolio Holder for Responsive Service and Customer Care.

Upon presenting to you the many marvellous achievements over the last year I can't help but reflect upon the changes that have taken place in Area Arrangements during my time as Portfolio Holder and how those changes have helped only to improve how we as elected members work alongside residents, council officers and other local partners to both understand, shape and deliver activity at a local level which always puts the needs of residents at the forefront of decisions made. During my time as Portfolio Holder I have seen:

- The introduction of Area Plans which identify the key priorities for each Area Committee. Developed through utilising elected members unique knowledge of their communities, listening to local people, understanding needs and working alongside council officers and other key partners to agree priorities to be delivered at a local level on a year by year basis.
- The establishment of the People and Place Boards which has been key to the delivery of those Area Plans. Set up in each of the 5 areas specifically to deliver the Area Priorities on behalf of the Area Committees. They are practical, action oriented groups which provide the opportunity for councillors, council officers and local partners to use local insight to deliver those local priorities. Working together to ensure the best use of resources available and achieve better outcomes at a local level.
- Area VCS networks are going from strength to strength. When introduced they provided, for the very first time, a recognised route for council engagement with the VCS in all 5 areas. The networks provide the opportunity for VCS organisations to come together at an area level to share best practice, build relationships and to develop both the capacity and influence of the sector. The Area VCS Networks are now an integral part of the city's Area Arrangements. Representatives from the networks attend Area Committee meetings to support and influence council policies and practice relevant to local communities and the VCS which include helping to identify and deliver Area Committee priorities.
- The Area Committee's role increasingly being about influencing how local services are delivered at a local level. Through engagement with key partners and services such as Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue, Northumbria Police and the Clinical Commissioning Group as well as our own council services, examples of which include Place Services, Highways Maintenance, Children's Local Advisory Boards and Activities for Young People. In doing so representing our residents to ensure services respond to the needs at a local level and within the resources available to us.

It is with great pleasure that I present to you the 2017/2018 Annual Area Report providing just a snapshot of the many activities that have been carried out across this last year. Those activities have only been made possible through the embedding of our Area Arrangements leading to successful partnership working at an area level and elected members directly influencing service provision to meet the local needs and requirements across each area of the city.

May I take this opportunity to congratulate everyone who has played a part in delivering Area Committee outcomes and helping to improve the quality of life for the residents of Sunderland. I wish you all continued success for the future.

# Area Arrangements in Sunderland

As a Community Leadership Council, Sunderland Councillors are placed at the centre of decision making, with residents and communities at the heart of the decisions being made.

The reality of Community Leadership at work is practiced through Area Arrangements and the work of the Area Committees with their supporting People and Place Boards. The Area Committees are comprised of all Elected Members from the Area's wards and 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
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area
- Develop efficient and effective solutions to local area priorities as well as supporting city-wide issues
- Encourage local residents to become involved in decision making on matters which affect them

They do this in many ways, one of which is by providing funding to take forward projects that deliver their identified priorities. Each of the Area Committees hold delegated budgets in the form of the Strategic Initiatives Budget (SIB) 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.

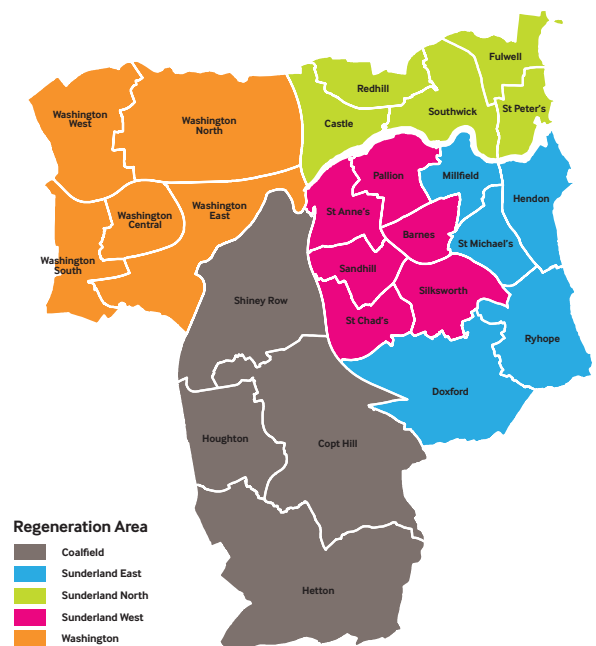
The focus of this locally delegated funding is as follows:

- 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
- Supporting council departments and partners to improve their services to the local community

A flavour of local projects that are making a real difference in local communities can be found throughout this annual report.

Each Area Committee is supported by a Place and People Board which consist of Elected Members from each of the area wards and work in partnership with council services, local organisations and the VCSN. The Boards are practical and action orientated to deliver on the priorities set by the Area Committee.

Community involvement is at the heart of what the Boards and Area Committees do and, as successful community leaders, local councillors engage with their residents socially, through attending and chairing groups



and meetings and events and through their local surgeries, thereby possessing a greater understanding of their community's needs.

It is this insight that provides critical information to shape the future design and delivery of local services and contributes to influencing wider citywide delivery, examples of which include the highways maintenance programme and maximising the use of green spaces in order to benefit community health and wellbeing.



**Cllr Anne Lawson**  
Chair of Coalfield Area Committee

# Coalfield Area Committee

## Our local priorities for Coalfield area were:

Work in partnership to address key issues that affect residents' emotional and mental wellbeing

Encourage and support local residents to eat healthily and take part in wellbeing activity

Increase opportunities to access training and learning to enhance life and employability skills

Support capacity building in local VCS organisations to promote volunteering and collaborative working

Support provision of activities for young people that increase their involvement in community and area events and projects

Support and develop traders groups and initiatives to increase footfall in local shopping centres, and support environmental improvements to local shopping centres

Deliver the environmental improvement and education project to encourage communities to get involved in, and take pride in, their local area

Celebrate and support long standing and historical events and celebrations taking place in local communities

## Our year in numbers

We approved **£266,595** of projects to implement specific local priorities, supporting our voluntary and community sector organisations and supplementing funding of council departments and partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

**£12,000** to set up a bursary fund to enable young people from the Coalfield area to take part in the Tall Ships Races 2018 as a Sail Trainees

**£12,000** to develop a programme of activities for schools and local community organisations to take part in Tall Ships Races 2018 related initiatives

**£50,000** to deliver an overarching Digital Inclusion project which will support organisations across the area to develop their digital offer to local people

**£50,000** to enable six local organisations to extend and enhance public access to computers and digital help and support

**£33,193** to provide a Coalfield wide programme of services, activities and events for older and vulnerable people to reduce social isolation, improve wellbeing and encourage integration into community activities

**£10,000** to provide events, celebrations, and heritage activities important to the local area in partnership with the Coalfield VCS Network and community organisations

**£20,000** for the development of initiatives and activities for children, families, and young people, to meet local need, support school holiday periods and involve young people in social action in their local community

**£30,000** to address mental health, including support for people concerned about debt and financial issues and to provide activities to improve health (such as performing arts, poetry and dancing)

**£49,402** for the development of the Coalfield Digital Network which will support residents during the roll out of universal credit and address emerging issues as they arise

We have also awarded community chest grants to the value of **£39,313** to 57 organisations. The average grant value is **£690**

# Key highlights:

145 

The Step Up project has registered **145** new potential volunteers. **56** are currently actively volunteering in local organisations, **10** are signed up to a 'pool' of volunteers for one off events and activities and **5** have gone into employment

375 

local residents of all ages from **27** schools, groups and organisations took part in art and history workshops to celebrate George Stephenson's Hetton Railway

12 

organisations from across the area are delivering social activities and clubs for older and vulnerable adults benefiting over **150** people each week

7 

local organisations are being supported to provide additional public access computers and relevant training and support to local residents to improve digital inclusion in the community

569 

people have benefited from supported community transport and a shopping bus service to enable them to take part in activities independently and increase their social interaction

72 

local traders given support, advice and training to develop their business and increase footfall in their local shopping area

678 

individuals attended **44** additional youth and play sessions delivered during school holiday periods. Of those attending, **198** engaged in four sessions or more. All sessions were delivered to include a 'food' element to combat holiday hunger

74 

Community groups and projects have been supported to develop their organisation, seek funding, recruit and train volunteers and work in partnership with other local organisations



**Cllr Ellen Ball**  
Chair of East Area Committee

# East Area Committee

## Our local priorities for East Sunderland were:

Deliver a range of environmental activity to improve local areas, including community clean ups, environmental education and recycling donated furniture and household goods

Support inward investment and tourism in the local area by delivering a series of events which promote historical buildings and places across the East area

Raise standards in the private/social sector to improve health and housing for vulnerable and homeless residents

Enhance employment opportunities and skills by delivering an employment and enterprise scheme that will support people who have a learning disability or autism into employment. Develop a digital network to support residents in terms of both access to equipment and building skills and confidence

Connect vulnerable people to services in their local community through a Community Connectors programme. This includes delivering: ward networking meetings with local groups and organisations to understand local issues, a range of activities to reduce social isolation, support young people, support people with disabilities and support volunteers, and also providing 'free' room hire space to enable door step services, or support new groups to be established

Deliver a Social Action and Volunteering Programme to; support delivery of activities for young people that maximise their role in delivery of area priorities, maximise opportunities for volunteers to get involved in local events and service delivery and residents to participate in The Tall Ships Races 2018 event to ensure a legacy in local communities

## Our year in numbers

We approved **£376,133** of projects to implement specific local priorities, supporting our voluntary and community sector organisations and supplementing funding of council departments and partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

**£15,000** to set up a Bursary Fund to support ten young people from East Sunderland to take part in The Tall Ships Races 2018

**£15,000** for a cultural programme of activities linked to The Tall Ships Races 2018 called Set the Sails programme

**£111,133** to deliver the first social action and volunteering programme lead by young people who are tackling ASB, litter, child poverty, social isolation and mental health issues

**£125,000** will assist to deliver unique projects in each of the five wards from a 'place' perspective, called 'Think BIG, Act Local'

**£50,000** to deliver the cleaner communities programme which carried out clean ups, litter picks, painting

schemes, gardening improvements, educational campaigns and guided walks

**£60,000** was allocated to develop a digital inclusion project across East Sunderland

An additional **£71,217** was committed by partners to support the delivery of SIB funded projects in the area, and a further **£182,800** of external funding has been attracted into the area using Grantfinder software

We have also awarded community chest grants to the value of **£50,279** to 55 organisations. The average grant value is **£914**

# Key highlights:

1,903 

volunteers have worked **15,908 hours** to deliver actions against the area work plan for both place and people based themes, which equates to **£174,988** in kind contribution

266 

place themed initiatives were delivered to clean communities with over **38 tonnes** of street waste being collected

1,789 

children, young people, parents and carers benefiting from activities which were fun, educational and provided access to a nutritional meal during the school summer holidays

20 

community groups got involved in celebrating the area's history and heritage by delivering **5** events. The events were delivered by **121** volunteers with over **1,750** people attending

78 

tonnes of household furniture has been donated by **357** people to deliver the Re-Use Community Furniture hub, which has benefited **190** vulnerable people in the East

94 

VCS groups benefited from the Community Connectors programme, involving **2,725** people participating in a range of activities to increase social inclusion, improve independence, boost confidence and connect to their community

1 

street waste recycling centre has been established in the city, within its first months of operation it had collected, sorted and sent off **2 tonnes** of street waste to be recycled and used again

21 

people who have learning disabilities and/or autism have become work ready as part of the Stepping Up project, as well as **10 people** being engaged in micro enterprise and a further **12** placed into paid employment





**Cllr Denny Wilson**  
Chair of North Area Committee

# North Area Committee

## Our local priorities for North Sunderland were:

To improve the environment and greenspace through continuing to influence the design, delivery and review of Place Based Services devolved to Area Committee, including the Local Services' Area Delivery Plan and the Highway's Maintenance Programme

To contribute to support and influence the heritage offer in the North

To continue to support health and wellbeing

Activities for young people

Ensure that the North area benefits from Community Led Local Development (CLLD) funding through the provision of the required match funding for projects, to enhance opportunities for people to improve their job prospects and skills

To continue to support the development and engagement with Voluntary and Community Sector organisations through the North Area VCS Network

To encourage and raise the aspirations of local people by providing them with support, activities and resources to make positive changes in their local area, bring about behaviour change and reduce demand for services

## Our year in numbers

We approved **£279,190** of projects to implement specific local priorities, supporting our voluntary and community sector organisations and supplementing funding of council departments and partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

**£22,500** to set up a Bursary Fund to support young people from the North to take part in the Tall Ships Races 2018

**£13,488** for a cultural programme of activities linked to The Tall Ships Races 2018

**£1,546** additional support for Summer Holiday Activities for Young People Project 2017 – providing a comprehensive programme of activities for young people over the summer holiday period. (Added to the £25,000 approved during 2016/7)

**£4,930** The first 'North East Festival of Transport' to showcase local vintage vehicles from across the North East, in Recreation and Cliff Park

**£5,000** Energy Audits for Community Facilities in the area to become more energy efficient and support sustainability

**£25,000** Creating a Community Hub at Dame Dorothy Primary School

**£24,446** Refurbishments to Fulwell Community Library

**£30,000** to purchase 4 mobile 4G cameras for location in hotspots in the area to identify and alleviate problems in relation to anti-social behaviour, crime and environmental crime

**£17,150** Redhouse Community Association to support its refurbishment and continue to develop its capacity as a Community Hub

**£7,850** St. Cuthbert's Church to develop its outdoor space for community events and intergenerational activities

**£25,000** Southwick Community Association improvements to help to improve usage and develop its capacity as a Community Hub

**£25,000** St. Bede's Community Venue to support the expansion and upgrade to the building to offer additional services and activities to the local community

**£57,280** additional support to the Community Led Local Development Programme in the North

**£20,000** Activities for young people delivered through the 5 Raising Aspiration's Partnerships in the North

An additional **£89,289** was committed by partners to support the delivery of SIB funded projects in the area

We have also awarded community chest grants to the value of **£48,143** to 37 organisations. The average grant value is **£1,301**



# Key highlights:

2,099 

young people participated in the Summer Holiday Activities Programme

6 

Community Hubs supported to help to develop those facilities for improved local use

10 

Community Organisations approved Energy Audits to enable them to become more energy efficient and support sustainability

14 

young people supported to take part in The Tall Ships Races 2018. **13** community organisations supported to deliver events and provide the opportunity for residents to get involved in The Tall Ships Races and its cultural programme

529 

people engaged in the Friends of Fulwell Project Healthy Lifestyle initiatives with **62** volunteers involved

5 

local partnerships established to focus on specific challenges and opportunities that mean the most to communities in each of the 5 wards in the North of the city

1,600 

people attended the first ever North East Festival of Transport in Recreation Park and Cliff Park

248 

young People engaged in Youth Provision

4 

Sails installed on Fulwell Mil



**Cllr Linda Williams**  
Chair of Washington Area Committee

# Washington Area Committee

## Our local priorities for Washington were:

Establish and develop a Washington Support Partnership comprising of a network of partners who will deliver a range of 'crisis support' to come together and commit to a joined up approach to supporting Washington residents in crisis

Continue to improve the physical and environmental appearance of Washington through a coordinated 'Clean and Green' approach which will be achieved by engaging residents, the local community and partners in an active volunteering programme

Continue to support the 'Time to Care' Self-harm project; working in partnership with schools, health professions, voluntary and community organisations, young people and their parents

Develop and deliver activities for children and young people in the 2017 holiday periods for each of the Wards of Washington through a Positive Activities for Young People project

Delivering a community led approach to supporting local residents aged 50+ to live a healthier lifestyle. This is via detailed health checks and MOTs and tailored physical activity programmes.

Influencing delivery and design of Place based services devolved to Area Committee

Connect communities and heritage to improve health and well-being

Developing a co-ordinated heritage and culture approach to develop the Washington offer

Continuing to support the established Washington Voluntary and Community Sector Network

## Our year in numbers

We approved **£354,184** of projects to implement specific local priorities, supporting our voluntary and community sector organisations and supplementing funding of council departments and partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

**£50,000** for the Washington VCS Support Project to assist the local Voluntary Community Sector to develop and co-ordinate support for Washington VCS organisations and groups, particularly smaller grassroots groups, and for all aspects of volunteering in Washington.

**£50,000** to provide a varied programme of activities for children and young people during Summer, October, and Christmas holiday periods

**£50,000** to deliver the Washington Ward Improvement Project which helps the local community to find solutions to environmental and neighbourhood issues

**£17,500** for a cultural programme of activities linked to the Tall Ships Race 2018

**£13,184** to continue the Time 2 Care Project which supports young people who self-harm, and their families and carers.

**£68,000** to support the local VCS to deliver a programme of events throughout the year – this includes the Springwell Village 1940s Weekend, the Washington Summer Carnival, the Washington Illuminations and Switch On, and the Washington Village Christmas Festival.

**£5,500** to continue to support the delivery of the Washington Heritage Action Plan

**£100,000** to provide additional support to the Community Led Local Development Project in Washington

We have also awarded 43 Community Chest grants totalling over **£32,500**, benefiting over 27,500 local residents.

# Key highlights:

1,324 

young people participated in **124** events, sessions or activities through the Positive Activities Holiday Programme. In addition **9** groups of young people have accessed the Washington Young Peoples Can Do Fund designing and delivering a range of different events and activities

159 

young people have accessed Information Advice and Guidance and **35** young people were helped into employment through the School and Youth Opportunities project. A further **94** received job training

174 

Washington residents aged 50 years or more have registered on the Washington Healthy Lifestyle Programme in the first 9 months of the project. There have been **5,820** attendances at the gym, gentle circuits and pilates sessions

3,000 

local residents attended the 2017 Washington Carnival

9 

community led projects are underway as part of the Healthy Places Healthy People Project and to date more than **£6,600** additional funding raised to help those groups sustain the projects

337 

community volunteers have been identified and supported through the Community Volunteer Development Project

2,300 

residents attended the Washington Village Xmas Fete

2,000 

local people attended the Concord Switch On



**Cllr Peter Gibson**  
Chair of West Area Committee

# West Area Committee

## Our local priorities for West Sunderland were:

It's your Neighbourhood – roll out to a community group in each ward and promote to ensure maximum take-up and use of available growing spaces

Improving the physical and environmental appearance of shopping centres and support increase in footfall through innovative approaches - use of local intelligence to support enforcement activities to reduce fly-tipping

Develop a programme of community clean-up activities, targeted communication campaigns and love Sunderland events to change behaviours, to improve neighbourhoods and reduce litter

Walk and Talk – mobilising communities to take sustainable action to support their neighbourhoods

Delivery of the SEE School and Family Event in Barnes Park

Ensure West communities are involved in and benefit from The Tall Ships Races 2018

Create healthy lifestyles through targeted activities, events and communication

Influencing health services to ensure they work with the third sector to support a sustainable approach to prevention

Activities for young people – to improve community cohesion, reduce anti-social behaviour and holiday hunger

Working with Vulnerable Communities - particularly those who are elderly, socially isolated and lonely or who have long-term care responsibilities

West School Transition Project – enabling enterprise and improving mental health as young people move from Year 6 into Year 7

## Our year in numbers

We approved **£331,887** of projects to implement specific local priorities, supporting our voluntary and community sector organisations and supplementing funding of council departments and partner agencies to improve services to the local community.

**£60,000** activities for young people - to reduce ASB and holiday hunger and improve community cohesion

**£10,000** School Transition Project

**£5,000** Safety Works Transport – provide transport for all schools within the West to enable the children in years six and eight to take part in preventative safety activities

**£60,000** Walk and Talk – fund available to enable Area Committee to be responsive to local issues

**£3,000** Voluntary and Community Sector Network – training to support VCS to enable them to successfully develop and write external funding applications

**£28,887** Community Led Local Delivery (CLLD) Support Programme

**£9,000** to fund six Sail Trainee Ambassadors

**£30,000** Tall Ships School and Family Event 2018 – 28, 29 and 30 June 2018

**£60,000** NEET Project – working with young people not in employment, education and training

**£60,000** Social Isolation Programme of local community-based projects

**£6,000** Development, manufacture and installation of various types of 'Keep Sunderland Tidy' signage

We have also awarded community chest grants to the value of **£60,827** to 63 organisations. The average grant value is **£965**

# Key highlights:

**6,000** 

local residents attended the West Area Science, Engineering and Environment event during 2017, plus **700** school children took part in free science, engineering, environment, history, sports and healthy lifestyles activities

**15** 

green spaces improved and cleaned up, reducing derelict land and enhancing the environment

**18** 

schools attended Safety Works to ensure young people understand how their behaviour affects not only themselves but also their local community

**£200k** 

external funding secured (supported by GrantFinder) for the Voluntary and Community Sector with **12** community groups supported

**15** 

VCS organisations trained to enable them to further develop large scale external funding applications

**18** 

schools have been trained and are delivering a sustainable School Transition Programme to support young people moving from Year 6 into Year 7. The programme is preparing young people to increase their confidence, raise aspirations and support their mental health and wellbeing

**160** 

young people attended **125** Youth Activities which included a healthy meal during school holidays, reducing holiday hunger for the most vulnerable

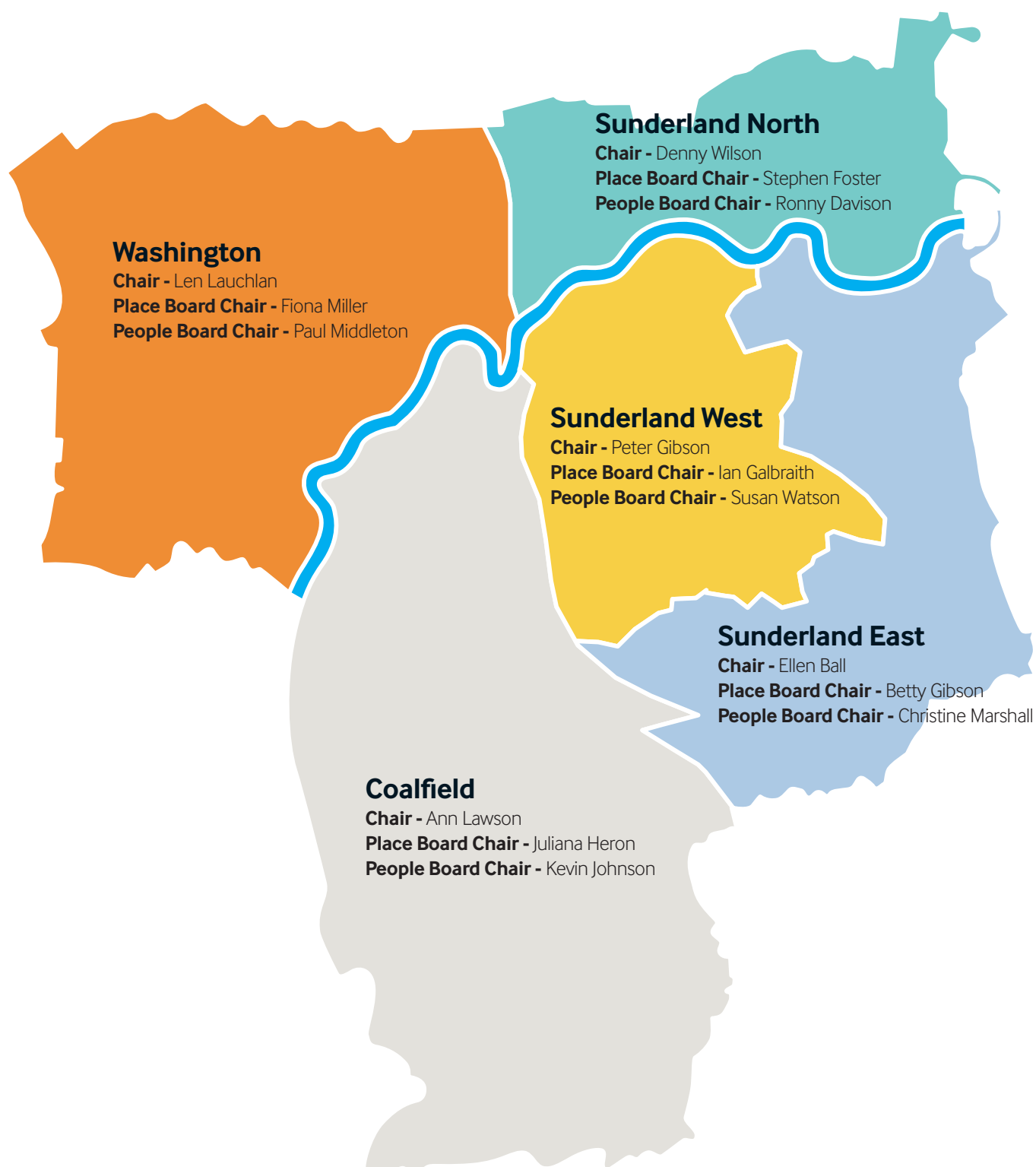
**95** 

socially isolated and lonely people were able to attend targeted ward-based activities, supported through the Social Isolation programme. Delivery is on-going and will continue throughout 2018

**50** 

young people 'Not in Employment, Education and Training' NEET will benefit from dedicated support during 2018/2019 to enable them to move into employment, education or training as a result of the NEET project

# Area Committees 2018-2019













# ***Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18***



**SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PARTNERSHIPS AND TRANSFORMATION**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report which summaries the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2017/18.

**2. Background Information**

- 2.1 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny throughout 2016/17, 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 Committee**

- 3.1 During 2015/16 the Chair of Scrutiny commissioned an independent review of the scrutiny function in Sunderland, which was subsequently conducted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny with the full cooperation of elected members and key stakeholders.
- 3.2 The outcome of this review resulted in a comprehensive remodelling of the scrutiny structure and the formation of 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.
- 3.3 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 2017/18 with 2018/19 promising to be another challenging year.

**5. Recommendation**

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the operation, achievements and impact of the Scrutiny Committee during 2017/18 as outlined in the Annual Report.

## **6. Background Papers**

6.1 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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# Scrutiny Annual Report

## 2017-18





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# Foreword



In this, my final year as the Chair of Scrutiny and also as an elected member of the council, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the council's Scrutiny Annual Report. The report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny during 2017-18 and sets out the contribution it has made to the good governance of the council. It also looks at how the scrutiny function will remain fit for purpose for the year ahead.

Once again it has been a highly challenging year for scrutiny and indeed the council as a whole. Local authorities across the country continue to operate within an environment of austerity and financial constraint, while demand for their services continues to grow. With the council and our partners required to deliver ever greater efficiencies and financial savings, the need for robust, evidence based scrutiny becomes more pressing. To help meet these demands we have continued to adapt and improve the scrutiny process. For example, we have introduced a more detailed and comprehensive approach to performance monitoring, with a system of quarterly performance monitoring reports. This should provide a sound foundation for monitoring future service improvement and ensure that the council has, and maintains a

scrutiny function which is current, fit for purpose and contributes to the delivery of the city's priorities. We have also looked to focus our work on the key priorities facing the city and the major challenges ahead of us.

One such priority has been to monitor the progress of improvement within children's services following the critical Ofsted inspection of 2015 and monitor the progress of the new Children's Trust 'Together with Children'. This has involved a robust and rigorous challenge to performance delivery and service provision to ensure that everything possible is being done to safeguard young and vulnerable people.

Last year, Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils established a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on which I have acted as Joint Chair. This was established to provide challenge to the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) proposals set out in the five year Path to Excellence report. I think it is fair to say that the work of the committee has been extremely demanding, involving a series of eleven formal meetings and numerous informal information gathering sessions. During these meetings we have looked in detail at all aspects of the proposals and taken evidence from a wide variety of stakeholders. This has been a massive undertaking and has been done to ensure that the CCG is fully held to account. The final response from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was presented to a meeting of the two CCG boards on 18 January 2018, with a decision being made at a meeting held in public of the CCG governing bodies on 21 February 2018.

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will continue to function beyond phase one with a similar role in phase two of the Path to Excellence consultation.

Scrutiny in Sunderland has also made a significant contribution to regional scrutiny arrangements. Throughout the year, the Vice Chair and I have represented the council on the North East Combined Authority (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.

In conclusion, these are very difficult times for the council and local government. 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.

I am proud of the achievements of scrutiny in Sunderland during my time as chairman. It has built upon its earlier successes and evolved to meet the new demands and requirements of the council. But fundamentally, at its core, scrutiny has always reflected the desire of members, no matter the political affiliation, to bring about improvement to services for the people of Sunderland.

On a personal note I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members, officers and partners who have contributed to and supported scrutiny and Sunderland City Council over the years that I have been an elected member.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Norma Wright'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Norma' being larger and more prominent than the surname 'Wright'.

**Councillor Norma Wright**

Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

# Scrutiny Arrangements in Sunderland

The democratic governance arrangements in Sunderland consists of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Secretary, five Executive Portfolio holders and five Deputy Cabinet members. The decisions of the Cabinet are held to account by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and three thematic Scrutiny Committees. In addition there are five local Area Committees and Place and People Boards.

## What is Scrutiny?

Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of the residents of the city. It does this through:

- Policy review and development;
- Holding the Council's Executive and its partners to account;
- Investigating issues of local concern; and
- Working with partners to improve services to the local area.

## The Scrutiny Model

During 2015-16 the Chair of Scrutiny commissioned an independent review of the scrutiny function in Sunderland, which was subsequently conducted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny with the full cooperation of elected members and key stakeholders. The outcome of this review resulted in a comprehensive remodelling of the scrutiny structure and the formation of one formal, overarching Scrutiny Coordinating 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.

## How does scrutiny make a difference?

Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear and accessible to the public and that the people taking decisions are held accountable for those decisions.

On a regular basis the scrutiny function will add value by investigative questioning of witnesses on the issues within the council's policy framework. The impact of the work of scrutiny will also be evidenced over time by the implementation of its recommendations.

The monitoring of delivery of scrutiny's recommendations over a period time builds up a portfolio of evidence of scrutiny's role in service improvement.

# Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee



**Chair: Cllr Norma Wright**  
**Vice-Chair: Cllr Dianne Snowdon**

**Committee Members:** Councillors Darryl Dixon, Alan Emerson, Colin English, Stephen Foster, Bob Francis, Gillian Galbraith, Juliana Heron, Len Lauchlan, Stephen O'Brien, Pat Smith, David Snowdon and Karen Waters

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee continues to play an active role in scrutinising and commenting on the council's budget proposals. The committee continues to monitor the council budget, capital programme and medium term finance strategy as a central part of its work programme. A scrutiny budget workshop is also a well-established aspect of the scrutiny budget process and we continue to provide challenge, acknowledging the current financial situation that the council continues to operate within.

Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory duty to produce an annual report with analysis of the level and changes in the patterns of crime and disorder. The Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report was presented to the committee in July 2017. The committee queried the data

around the use of public protection orders and this was clarified with additional information provided for council members. It is important to note that on occasion requests will be made for supplementary information to clarify issues, as scrutiny will not simply endorse a report unless members are fully satisfied with its content.

The introduction of quarterly performance reports in the previous year has continued and developed during 2017-18. An important aspect of the committee's work is the continued monitoring of progress against the council's key priorities.

The way the information is presented has been refined, since its introduction in September 2016, based on comments provided by the committee. The monitoring of performance is a key facet of the committee and can help to highlight issues that the scrutiny committees may wish to look at in more detail.

Examination of the performance reports by the scrutiny coordinating committee members led to a request for an update on the impacts of welfare reform across the city and a report was received on partnership activity to help mitigate the impacts of welfare reform.

This information was also shared with the Adults Partnership Board in January 2018, and followed on from previous reports and updates presented to both Adults Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The committee also receives a quarterly report on the compliments, complaints and feedback received by

the council over the previous quarter. I think all members find this report particularly useful as a measure of the council's performance, in terms of residents and the local population. It is important to understand the trends and themes in terms of complaints which can help to address performance issues and identify key training or resource needs. It is equally important to recognise when we get something right and through the compliments part of the report we are able to recognise areas of good practice.

The committee has also been updated on developments with the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee work on the Path to Excellence, a joint venture with South Tyneside Council. As detailed in other sections of this report this has been a tremendous undertaking to ensure that the clinical commissioning groups are fully held to account and that the joint committee's response is robust, well informed and credible.

To this end the Joint Committee has looked in great detail at all aspects of the proposals of phase one of the path to excellence. The final response from the joint committee was presented to the two CCG governing bodies in January 2018 and the decision on the services under review was made in February 2018.

The Communities and Local Government Select Committee has also held an inquiry into the effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees and published their findings on Friday 15 December 2017. The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee received a detailed overview of the report and the

findings of the inquiry. We await the government response and will look at any future guidance or regulations in great detail.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee has completed another comprehensive work programme that has seen committee members monitor and challenge council performance, budgets and complaints. I am sure the committee will continue to progress its role and ensure a robust scrutiny challenge is present throughout 2018-19.

This only leaves me to thank all my scrutiny colleagues, council officers and partners for their support, hard work and dedication; not only for this year but throughout my time as a scrutiny chair.

**Councillor Norma Wright**

Chair of the Scrutiny  
Co-ordinating Committee

# Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



**Chair: Councillor Pat Smith**  
**Vice Chair: Councillor Bob Francis**

**Committee Members:** Councillors Margaret Beck, Richard Bell, Paula Hunt, Julia Jackson, Fiona Miller, Victoria O'Neil, Alex Scullion, Paul Stewart, Mary Turton, Philip Tye.

**Co-opted Members:** Ann Blakey (Roman Catholic Diocese) and Steve Williamson (Church of England Diocese)

During the year the committee has focused much of its work on examining the progress being made to improve children's services following the critical Ofsted Inspection of 2015 and monitor the performance of the new Children's Trust 'Together for Children'.

This has been achieved by a variety of means. Firstly, the committee has received regular bi-monthly monitoring reports on the performance of Together for Children and closely reviewed the progress being made across the key performance indicators. Central to the success of this process has been the quality of the information and data provided and the committee has

sought to ensure that performance reports are focused, detailed and in a form that allows an informed judgement to be made. The Chief Executive of the Council has also provided an update on the arrangements for the appointment of a new Chief Executive of Together for Children.

The committee has also focused on the increase in the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). To this end we met with representatives from the schools, colleges and voluntary sector and received an update report on the work of the Connexions Service. The committee has also asked for more details on the provision and outcomes for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the city and the implications of any forthcoming local area inspection of SEN arrangements.

The committee has met with a range of partner organisations in order to review the progress being made on the safeguarding of children. The Independent Chair of the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board spoke about the progress being made by the safeguarding board. The committee has also received updates on the Corporate Parenting Annual Report and the Youth Justice Plan, together with the report of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on the number and type of complaints submitted by service users. A central theme of these discussions has been the importance of securing effective joint working and close cooperation between partners as we move toward improving children's safeguarding services in the city.

We have also received a progress report on the Safer Sunderland Partnership Child Exploitation Strategy and an update from the Director of Public Health on the latest position with regard to suicide and self-harm amongst children and young people. Again, encouraging progress has been made on both fronts but more can and needs to be done.

Last year, the committee organised a rolling programme of visits to meet with social work staff to hear at first hand their views on the improvements being made to the service. We have continued these meetings this year.

We feel these meetings have provided a valuable insight into their views and the challenges they face and I feel I speak for all fellow members when I say how impressed we were with the positivity and commitment of the people we spoke to during our visits.

A major priority of the committee has been to make sure that we, and indeed the council as a whole, listen to the voice of young people and take into account their views on the delivery of the services impacting upon them.

During the year two representatives from the Sunderland Youth Parliament have attended meetings of the committee and I feel that they have made a very positive and significant contribution to our meetings. Members of the committee have also had the opportunity to attend meetings of the Youth Parliament, Change Council and Children's Advisory Trust.



With regards to the schools sector, the committee has reviewed the latest figures for educational attainment in our primary and secondary schools. Once again, these were encouraging in the primary school sector, though it is clear that more needs to be done to improve performance at secondary school level.

We look forward to hearing about further progress in the year ahead. The committee also received information regarding pupil place planning and the increasing demands that will be placed on our schools as a result of significant housing growth in areas of our city.

The committee received an update on the arrangements and criteria for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non-attendance in schools which has been the subject of a high court review and on the growing number of children being educated at home.

The committee was also concerned at the increase in the number of educational exclusions and variations that exists from school to school. We look forward to hearing about further developments in the year ahead.

Clearly, the year has been an extremely challenging and demanding one for the committee, though I hope positive and productive for those involved. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their contributions and also to thank all of the officers and witnesses who gave up their time to attend and provide insights into the services they provide and the challenges they face.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs Rose Elliot, a parent governor representative who left the

Committee during the year. Rose was a long standing member of the committee and I think I speak for all of our members when I say that her insight and experience will be missed.

### Councillor Pat Smith

Chair of the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



# Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



**Chair: Councillor David Snowdon**

**Vice Chair: Councillor Gillian Galbraith**

**Committee Members:** Councillors: James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Michael Essl, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Christine Marshall, Stuart Porthouse, Tony Taylor, Doris Turner.

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.

At the beginning of the year, the committee was consulted on the contents of the Council's Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2023 which will provide the overarching framework for development and growth in the city. As a result of its discussions, the committee asked for further information on the infrastructure work that will be required to deliver the proposals, particularly in relation to roads links, public transport, schools, health and leisure facilities. The committee also requested an update

on the use made of Section 106 contributions and the systems in place for their allocation, as well as the progress being made on the council's Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

The committee once again heard from the Chief Executive of Siglioni on the delivery of their plans for the former Vaux site, Seaburn and Chapelgarth and their potential impact on the long term economic prosperity of the city. For the year ahead the committee will continue to monitor progress on the delivery of the schemes.

Another major project being undertaken in the city is the development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP). Comprising 260,000 square 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.

Toward the end of the year, the committee received an update on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) and took the opportunity to visit the North Spire Bridge. The Committee was most impressed by the scale and innovative engineering techniques involved in the construction of the bridge which should provide a catalyst of economic growth, improve transport links and reduce congestion.

Following on from last year's work programme, the committee received an update on the city's three business centres – Evolve Business Centre,

Sunderland Software Centre and 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 also heard about the development of the Small to Medium Enterprise(SME) sector in the city and the role of the council's International Strategy in encouraging inward investment.

A long running concern for the people of the city has been the condition and future development the railway station. The committee therefore asked for a report on the current position. While progress has been slow and depends largely on securing funding from Network Rail, it is hoped that development plans will materialise in the not too distant future. Once again the committee will continue to monitor progress.

It has been another exciting year for arts and culture in the city. The committee heard from the Chairman of the Sunderland Music Art and Culture (MAC) Trust on its role in developing the arts and cultural offer of the city including the refurbishment of the Londonderry pub and the conversion of the old fire station into a music, arts and creative hub and performance venue.

We also received regular update reports on the progress of the City of Culture bid. Members were impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm that went into the formulation of the bid which reached the competitions final stages. While the bid was unsuccessful, the committee heard from the project director on a wide range of projects and initiatives that will nevertheless go



ahead and contribute to the increasing cultural offer of the city.

The committee also received a report on the outcome of the 2017 Sunderland Airshow and the contribution the event made to the local economy. The committee heard that an assessment commissioned for the event had found that the economic impact stood at £15 million with direct net expenditure of £11 million generated for Sunderland's economy.

The committee also has within its remit the provision of 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.

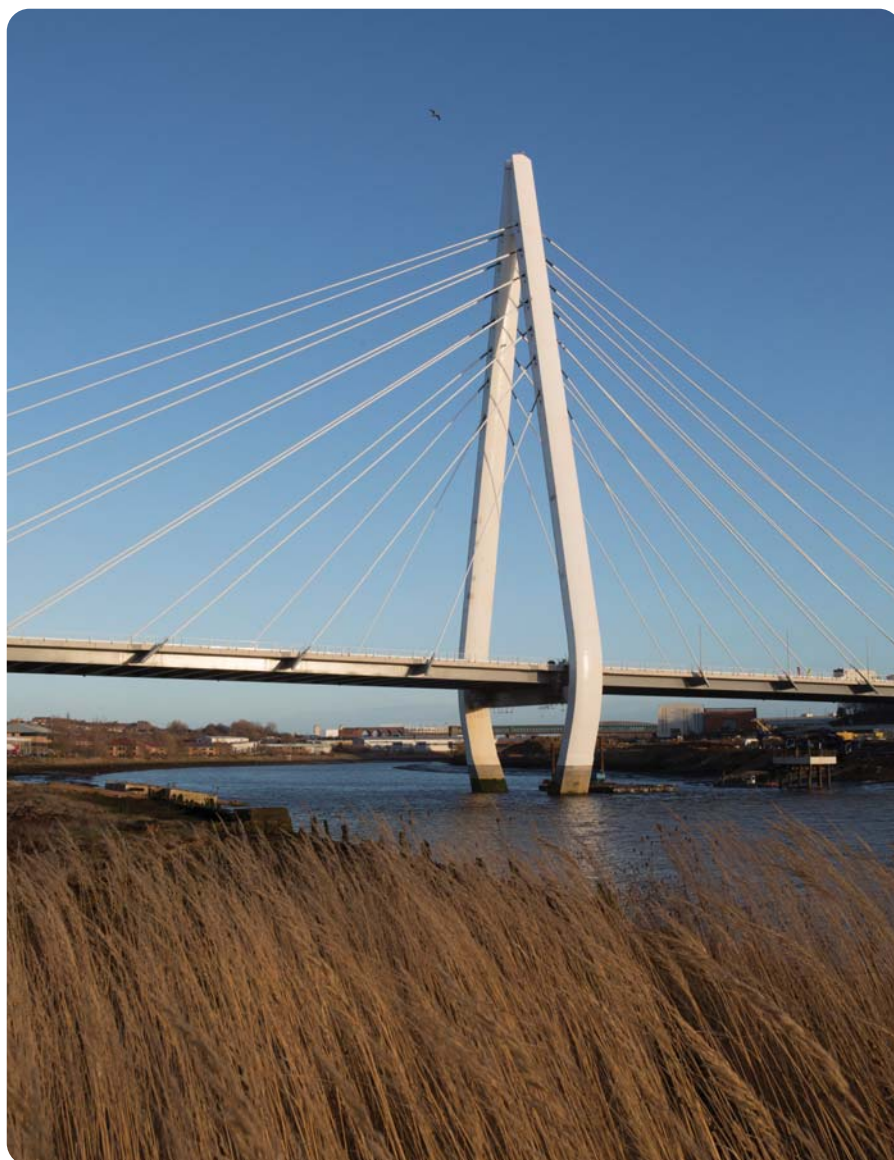
The committee also received details of the progress being made to introduce Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in the city centre. These are designed to help address problems such as the consumption of alcohol in public, dog control and nuisance. Once again the committee expressed its support for their introduction and extension to other areas of the city.

All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the committee and one that should help provide the foundations for the development of scrutiny in the years ahead. 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 Snowdon**

Chair of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



# Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



**Chair: Councillor Darryl Dixon**  
**Vice-Chair: Councillor Juliana Heron**

**Committee Members:** Councillors Kelly Chequer, John Cummings, Ronny Davison, Jill Fletcher, Kevin Johnston, Shirley Leadbitter, Barbara McClennan, Paul Middleton, Dorothy Trueman and Geoff Walker.

It once again gives me great pleasure to be able to introduce to you the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's report. It has again been a very busy year and the committee has looked to build upon the work and progress of the previous year.

The committee has continued in 2017-18 where it left off in 2016-17 with an in-depth look at the state of GP Practices in Sunderland. The committee has, over the last 2 years, been presented with information on practice mergers, branch closures, procurements as a result of contracts ending or being handed back and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections of general practice. The committee has looked in detail at the current state of general practice as well as how Sunderland Clinical Commissioning

Group (SCCG) is supporting the sustainability and transformation of local practices in light of the challenges they face. The committee will continue to monitor the situation through regular reporting by SCCG and also from CQC inspections of local practices.

The school nursing service, commissioned by the local authority, delivers a number of mandatory and non-mandatory health interventions in schools across Sunderland.

There have been a range of issues with the delivery of this service and the committee has held a workshop to discuss these issues in addition to receiving performance and progress updates in relation to this issue.

Members of the committee have provided robust challenge around the key issues relating to the school nursing service. The committee continues to monitor the situation and will look forward to further updates in the future as commissioners look to re-commission the service.

The health service landscape continues to change and reconfigure to meet the needs and demands of local populations, against a backdrop of challenging issues including the recruitment and retention of staff and finite resources. With this in mind the committee has looked at two major issues related to this, the first around urgent care transformation and the second around Multispecialty Community Providers or MCP's.

Urgent care is currently too complicated and people want to be able to see a GP when they have an urgent care need. Sunderland CCG has

therefore embarked on a programme of change to ensure that the provision is fit for purpose and the future. The committee continues to monitor and provide challenge to this programme and we will continue to receive progress reports from SCCG.

This is certainly an issue that the committee will keep on its work programme and will continue to provide the requisite response and challenge.

Sunderland CCG believes there is benefit from including and integrating all out of hospital services it commissions into a multispecialty community provider model.

The committee recognises this as a fundamental development in how health services are delivered across Sunderland. Committee members have highlighted a number of areas of concern and will continue to closely monitor the development of the MCP and we will be very interested in the outcomes of both market and public engagement.

It is important that as a health scrutiny committee we develop links with our key health partners and providers and to this end I am pleased to report that we have a good, professional working relationship with Sunderland CCG.

We have also started to develop our relationship with Sunderland's Healthwatch organisation and recently received their annual report at committee. We hope that this is the beginning of a more active relationship and I feel sure that both organisations can benefit from such an association.

The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) are yet another example of an organisation that the committee would like to develop further links with. The committee are very interested in the ambulance services performance in Sunderland and the impact that winter pressures exert on their resources.

With service re-designs and reconfigurations, Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP's) and MCP's all taking shape it will be critical to understand the ambulance services role in many of these plans. In beginning the conversation with NEAS I feel that the committee is placing itself in a position to be able to do this in the future.

Members continue to receive quarterly progress updates on the care and support provider market which provides awareness of current and on-going issues within the care home market in Sunderland. As a result of these regular updates, members have been proactive in requesting further assurances around the market where there are issues of concern.

It is crucial, as scrutiny members, that we do not disregard the issues that are presented to us but seek assurances that the remedial actions put in place are carried through and result in an improved quality of service.

The committee has conducted a varied and detailed work programme over the past year and the challenges that lie ahead for health services are monumental. The committee will continue to develop relationships and consider the issues facing the health landscape in Sunderland and more importantly such changes will impact local residents.

Finally on behalf of the committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, officers and partners who have contributed to the work of the committee over the year.

It is only through this level of commitment and collaboration that the committee is able to look at the issues in such detail, and I am confident that this will continue in the future.

### Councillor Darryl Dixon

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 for 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. 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 still delivered to the highest possible standards.

This will not be easy, it is important that the council continues to do everything in its power to help protect our residents from the difficulties that face us.

Another issue of growing importance will be how we can best go about ensuring accountability and a high standard of service from our commissioned services.

For this we will also need to work more closely with our partners and outside bodies to help ensure that as far as possible we safeguard vital services. This is an area where further development is required but that we now have the firm foundations from which to go forward.

The review of the scrutiny function undertaken in 2015 and the subsequent establishment of four formal Scrutiny Committees have helped us to address emerging public concerns in a proactive manner while still ensuring that scrutiny is rigorous enough to hold the executive and

partners to account, monitor performance and contribute to a strengthening of service delivery.

The new model for scrutiny has helped to provide the foundations on which to strengthen its role, develop key relationships and continue to add value to the work being undertaken. Work programmes have become more focused and directed to the key issues facing the city.



# Scrutiny on a page

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating 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 summary of the work of scrutiny in Sunderland.

- Revenue Budget Reviews
- Capital Programme Reviews
- Sunderland APMS Procurement
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Children's Services Company
- Corporate Plan
- Performance Reports
- Complaints and Feedback
- Fly Tipping
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health
- Early Years
- Local Authority Designated Officer Report
- Educational Attainment School Results
- Social Work Staff Consultation
- Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan
- Pupil Place Planning
- Special Educational Needs
- Flood Risk Management
- Extra Care Housing
- Review of Housing Allocations Policy
- GP, Pharmacy and Public Health Contracts
- CQC GP Inspections
- CCG Operational Plan
- Better Care Fund
- Care and Support Provider Market Report
- Housing Strategy
- C-Card Update
- Implications for Sunderland of EU Referendum
- Port of Sunderland visit
- City of Culture Progress Report
- Key Cities
- Minster Quarter Masterplan
- International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP)
- Tall Ships Races 2018
- Northern Spire
- Business Centres
- Contributions Policy
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Budget Consultation
- Vanguard – Out of Hospitals Programme
- Mental Health Services for Older People
- Corporate Parenting Annual Report
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- The Path to Excellence (JHOSC)
- Travel Impact Assessment (JHOSC)
- Engagement Methods for Public Consultation on the Path to Excellence (JHOSC)
- Patient experience of stroke, obstetrics, gynaecology and paediatrics to inform clinical service review programme (JHOSC)
- Policy Review on Transport Barriers (NECA)
- Local Growth Fund Programme (NECA)
- NELEP Job Creation (NECA)
- The Devolution Agreement (NECA)
- NECA Budget 2017-18 (NECA)
- NELEP Strategic Economic Plan – Progress Review (NECA)

# Scrutiny Committee remits and membership 2017-18

## Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Norma Wright, Dianne Snowdon, Margaret Beck, Darryl Dixon, Colin English, Stephen Foster, Bob Francis, Juliana Heron, Niall Hodson, Doris MacKnight, Pat Smith, Mel Speding, Dorothy Trueman & Doris Turner.

To review and scrutinise the functions of the Council relating in particular to the budget, corporate plan, external assessments, performance monitoring, quality standards and value for money, property and facilities management, information technology, organisational development, workforce strategy, governance, customer service and communications. To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for crime and disorder and flood risk.

## Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Pat Smith, Bob Francis, Richard Bell, Miles Elliott, Paula Hunt, Julia Jackson, Fiona Miller, Victoria O'Neil, Alex Scullion, Paul Stewart, Mary Turton & Philip Tye also including co-opted members.

Any matter relating to the service performance and commissioning for children, young people and their families including safeguarding and child protection, family support and children's social care, corporate parenting, educational attainment and skills, relationship with schools, youth services.

## Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

David Snowdon, Gillian Galbraith, James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Michael Essl, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Christine Marshall, Stuart Porthouse, Tony Taylor & Doris Turner

Any matter relating to the economic prosperity of the city and the performance of services to support that including physical infrastructure, sector growth & skills, economic vibrancy, safer Sunderland licensing & trading standards, strategic transport, environmental services, libraries, heritage and tourism.

## Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Darryl Dixon, Juliana Heron, Kelly Chequer, John Cummings, Ronny Davison, Jill Fletcher, Kevin Johnston, Shirley Leadbitter, Barbara McClennan, Paul Middleton, Dorothy Trueman & Geoff Walker

Any matter relating to the service performance, service provision and the commissioning of health services for adults and children including adult social care, mental health services, public health, wellness, decent homes. To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for health.







# ***Action on Petitions***



**ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS**

Council Members are asked to note the actions taken in relation to the under mentioned petitions which were presented to Council:-

**(i) Petition to Council with regard to an application for a licence to sell alcohol at the former Cauld Lad Public House – Presented to Council on 24 January 2018**

**Detail of the Petition**

The following petition, signed by 229 residents, was presented to Council on 24 January 2018 by Councillor Foster:

“All residents strongly object to a new shop in the Cauld Lad for anti-social behaviour”

**Background**

On 8 January 2018 the Council received an application for a licence for off sales of alcohol from a unit in the former Cauld Lad Public House in Caithness Road, Sunderland.

The Licensing Act 2003 requires, when an objection to such an application is received, that the licensing authority, in this case the Council, must hold a hearing to determine whether a licence should be granted.

**Actions taken in response**

In accordance with the Council's procedures, the petition was reported to the Licensing Sub-Committee on 22 February 2018.

The Sub-Committee considered the petition and other evidence and decided to grant the application for a licence. In doing so, the Sub-Committee stated that they took into account the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy and the fact that the police were content with the application. The Sub-Committee considered that there were sufficient conditions proposed as to the method of operation of the premises in order to prevent problems arising and that the evidence of anti-social behaviour put forward could not be directly attributed to the sale of alcohol.

In accordance with the law, a notice of this determination, which gave details of the reasoning for the decision of the Sub-Committee, has been given to the lead petitioner.

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

## **(ii) Petition to Provide a Bus Service to Gildacre Fields, Southwick - Presented to Council on 24 January 2018**

### **Detail of the Petition**

The following petition, signed by 94 residents, was presented to Council on 24 January 2018 by Councillor Chequer:

“We the undersigned are residents of the new development of Gildacre Fields and Bardolph Drive (and surrounding area) – a total of 130 flats and bungalows – in Southwick, Sunderland. All the residents are either and/ or elderly, disabled or over 55 years.

We do not at present have close by either easily reached bus stops or a regular during the day bus service which we could use to go to and from Sunderland city Centre or further without having to pay for taxis.

It must be noted that not all elderly and/or disabled people are able to afford to run a car or to regularly use taxis to reach hospitals, doctor’s surgeries or shopping centres.”

### **Background**

The petition was initially forwarded to the bus operator Stagecoach and to Nexus for their response. Details of their deliberations and eventual response are outlined below.

The City Council does not have any legal or financial responsibility for bus services. The City Council’s powers in this context are limited to influencing or lobbying the commercial operators and requesting Nexus to secure additional services to make good any gaps in the commercial network. In either instance the final decision on whether to provide a service will rest with the operator or Nexus.

Gildacre Fields is an extra-care development located at the junction of Faber Road and Carley Hill Road. Extra Care housing provides older people with choice, independence, control and privacy. The development provides an environment where residents can continue to live independently, secure in the knowledge that they can be supported by a team of professional people. In this context the ability to travel independently and spontaneously is very important. It is also important that residents can receive visitors and a good bus service helps with this.

At the time the development was planned and constructed it was relatively well served by buses with the Go North East service X36 operating along Carley Hill Road and Stagecoach service 18/19 operating a short walk away along Thompson Road. Service X36 was withdrawn completely in the summer of 2017 whilst service 18/19 has been reduced to an hourly service 18. The clearance of the former Hahnemann Court, where many current Gildacre Fields residents used to live, affected the viability of bus services in the area prior to the new developments being completed.

The closest and most frequent service serving this area is Stagecoach service 16 which operates on a 10 minute frequency for much of the day and provides a link to local facilities at Southwick Green as well as the City Centre and other parts of the City. Service 16 is routed via Shakespeare Street and Faber Road and so does not stop directly outside Gildacre. The nearest stops are in Shakespeare Street and Beaumont Street.

The issue had previously been raised via Julie Elliot MP but hadn't been satisfactorily resolved due to difficulties in relocating bus stops. At the time, the bus operator was unwilling to divert service 16 due to reliability issues elsewhere on the route.

### **Actions to Resolve the Problem**

In advance of the petition being received, this matter had also been raised by the former Southwick Ward Councillor, Norma Wright. As a consequence of this a meeting was held on site on 10 January 2018. This was attended by the Ward Councillors, Gildacre Fields residents, and officers from Stagecoach, Nexus and the City Council.

Residents were given the opportunity to outline the difficulties they encountered due to the lack of easy access to a bus service.

Stagecoach responded that they were prepared to divert service 16 along Faber Road and Emsworth Road instead of Shakespeare Street. This was, however conditional on changes that had recently occurred in Redhill Ward proving successful and not unduly inconveniencing residents there.

Discussions with Redhill Ward Councillors suggested that in general they would have no objection to a diversion to serve Gildacre Fields. However there were anecdotal reports of difficulties for residents in the Bunny Hill area and they requested that the position continue to be monitored in relation to any potential negative impact on residents there.

As a result of this, Stagecoach is proposing to divert service 16 to serve Gildacre Fields with effect from the June/July timetable change. This will be subject to bus stops being installed and that the change will be monitored both to ensure that there are no negative effects elsewhere on the route, particularly further out in Redhill and also to ensure that the new stops are well used. Nexus are currently making arrangements for new bus stops on Faber Road outside of Gildacre Fields.

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

**(iii) Petition to install bollards or a traffic management scheme at Kingarth Avenue, Prince's Avenue, Queen's Avenue, King's Avenue and Prince's Avenue - Presented to Council on 21 June 2017**

**Detail of the Petition and Background**

The following petition, signed by 48 residents, was presented to Council on 21 June 2017 by Councillor Howe:

"Petition – Kingarth Avenue, Prince's Avenue, Queen's Avenue, King's Avenue and Prince's Avenue

Request to install bollards to the north end of the above street to prevent drivers other than residents and visitors from using the streets, or, the introduction of a community parking management scheme to these streets."

**Actions to Resolve the Problem**

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

To decline the element of the petition requesting the installation of bollards but that this area be included within a new programme of Community Parking Management Schemes to be considered by Planning and Highways Committee in 2018- 2019.

In addition, options will be considered for further Traffic Management mitigation in parallel with proposals for the mixed use development to the west of Whitburn Road and north of Dykelands Road.

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

## ***Motions on Notice***





**MOTIONS ON NOTICE**

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

**(i) North of Tyne Devolution**

This Council regrets that Sunderland is not part of the North of Tyne devolution deal and urges Council leaders to make all necessary efforts to ensure that the city is not left behind in any future devolution deals.

Councillor P. Wood  
Councillor B. Francis  
Councillor M. Dixon

**(ii) Urgent Care Consultation**

Access to healthcare is a right of all in a modern society and this must be guaranteed.

This Labour Council, therefore, opposes the intention of Sunderland CCG to downgrade the Urgent Care Services at Houghton-Le-Spring, Bunnyhill and Washington to extended hours GP provision only, and resolves immediately to inform the CCG of its intentions to:

- Engage constructively with them in relation to their consultation with residents regarding local Urgent Care services.
- Mandate group leaders and officers to liaise and make every effort to establish a consensus to best represent residents affected by the consultation.
- Identify and give immediate and urgent consideration to any necessary actions, including consideration of judicial review, relating to the Urgent Care services review.
- Involve stakeholders, so as to secure the best possible overall Urgent Care outcomes for residents.

Councillor K. Chequer  
Councillor G. Walker  
Councillor G. Miller  
Councillor M. Mordey  
Councillor A. Wilson  
Councillor L.A.F. Farthing  
Councillor D. Waller

Councillor L. Williams  
Councillor J.S. Porthouse  
Councillor R. Atkinson  
Councillor J. Kelly  
Councillor P. Stewart  
Councillor J. Heron



# ***Reports***



**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.



**COUNCIL**

**20 JUNE 2018**

**APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES**

**Report of the Head of Law and Governance**

**1.0 Introduction**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider appointments to a number of Committees, Sub-Committees and outside bodies.

**2.0 Audit and Governance Committee**

- 2.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council the following appointments were approved to the Audit and Governance Committee:-

Councillors O'Neil, Scullion, Stewart, G. Walker and P. Wood

Independent Members – Mr GN Cook (Chair) and Mr M Knowles

- 2.2 In accordance with Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy's (CIPFA) guidance which is accepted as best practice, the membership of the Committee should include no more than one member of the executive.

- 2.3 Therefore Council is requested to consider replacing one of the Cabinet Members with an alternative Majority Group Member.

**3.0 Planning and Highways Committee and the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee**

- 3.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council, Councillors F. Miller and Turner were appointed to serve on the Planning and Highways Committee and the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee.

- 3.2 Both Councillors have subsequently advised that they are no longer able to serve on the Committee and Sub-Committee and Council is asked to consider replacement Members from the Majority Group to serve on both of these bodies.

- 3.3 It should be noted that when determining the membership of Development Control Sub-Committees, the Council shall have regard if possible to the desirability of inclusion of the following:

- (a) the Ward Councillors sitting on the Planning and Highways Committee.
- (b) one representative from each of the other two Development Control Sub-Committees.
- (c) the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Planning and Highways Committee.
- (d) the holder of the Cabinet Portfolio for Housing and Regeneration.

3.4 In this regard, as Councillor Essl is the Majority Group representative of the Development Control (South Sunderland) Sub-Committee on the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee, it is also proposed that he be appointed on to the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee in place of one Majority Group Member.

#### **4.0 Chance Project**

- 4.1 At the Annual Meeting of the Council, Councillor McClennan was appointed to serve as the Council's representative on the Chance Project.
- 4.2 Councillor McClennan has subsequently advised that she is no longer able to serve on this body and Council is asked to consider the appointment of a replacement Member from the Majority Group.

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

The Council is accordingly recommended to:-

- (i) Appoint a Majority Group Member in place of one of the Cabinet Members on the Audit and Governance Committee;
- (ii) Appoint two Majority Group Members in place of Councillors F. Miller and Turner on the Planning and Highways Committee and the Development Control (Hetton, Houghton and Washington) Sub-Committee;
- (iii) Appoint Councillor Essl in place of a Majority Group Member on the Development Control (North Sunderland) Sub-Committee; and
- (iv) Appoint Councillor O'Neil in place of Councillor McClennan on the Chance Project.