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**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny  
Committee

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25 November 2020

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17 November 2020

**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Response from Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – 6 October 2020 –  
Supplementary Planning Documents (SPD's)

A – Draft Homes in Multiple Occupation SPD

B – Riverside Sunderland SPD -

Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To note the comments of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

The report was referred to the Committee for advice and consideration as part of the consultation process. The comments of the Committee were to be reported to Cabinet following the consultation exercises.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Yes

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 5 November 2020 –  
Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2021/2022  
– 2024/2025 – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

To comply with statutory requirements.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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Response from Scrutiny Coordinating Committee – 5 November 2020 – Capital Programme Second Review 2020/2021 (including Treasury Management) – Report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance

**Full description of decision:**

To note the comments of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

**Reasons for decision:**

To comply with statutory requirements.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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European Union (EU) - Exit Planning Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

**Full description of decision:**

To note and agree the Council's European Union – Exit Planning arrangements.

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure that the Council is prepared to respond to the end of the transition period.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative of not preparing for the end of the transition period was not considered prudent and therefore rejected.

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New Wear Footbridge – Scheme under Section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980 and Marine Licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- (i) Approve the making of a scheme under section 106(3) of the Highways Act 1980 and thereafter the submission of the scheme to the Secretary of State for Transport for confirmation.
- (ii) Approve the making of an application to the Marine Management Organisation for a marine licence under Part 4 of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009.
- (iii) Authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to take all necessary action to achieve confirmation of the above scheme and to obtain the above licence.

**Reasons for decision:**

Construction of the New Wear Footbridge will have temporary and permanent effects on the space available for navigation under the bridge. Statutory powers need to be utilised to authorise the restriction on navigation.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The necessary scheme and licence must be in place to allow the bridge to be built. There is therefore no alternative option if the project is to proceed.

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Farrington Row Multi Storey Car Park – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- i. Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Vibrant City Portfolio Holder and the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder , to take all necessary steps to procure the delivery and completion of the MSCP, including the procurement of a design and build contractor for the scheme and any other relevant appointments; and
- ii. Approve the funding arrangements for the MSCP and the resultant variation to the Capital Programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Constitution requires prior Cabinet approval where the value of a proposed procurement exceeds £250,000.

Approval will enable progression of the project through procurement of a main contractor to design, costing and deliver a new MSCP, to support the proposed commercial and residential development within Riverside Sunderland.

Delivery of the MSCP will support the wider regeneration of Riverside Sunderland, driving regional economic growth and job creation and other regeneration benefits to the City.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

(i) Not to pursue the MSCP project - not an option as required to support both planned/committed and future developments on Riverside;

(ii) Procure a MSCP on a smaller scale;

(iii) Not go out to procurement and carry out works in-house. This option has been rejected as the Council does not have the expertise to undertake these specialist works.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Proposal to Publish Notice of Statutory Proposals for the Closure of Hetton-Le-Hole Nursery School – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To defer consideration of the report to a Cabinet meeting to be held in the New Year.

**Reasons for decision:**

Not applicable.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not applicable.

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Licensing Act 2003 – Approval of the Council's Statement of Licensing Policy  
– Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To recommend to Council that the existing Statement of Licensing Policy be rolled forward as from and including the 7 January, 2021 to the 6 January, 2026, with a review of the Licensing Policy being undertaken as and when deemed appropriate to do so within the stated five year period.

**Reasons for decision:**

To enable the Council to comply with the statutory obligation to publish a Statement of Licensing Policy.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

None

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Ancillary contracts for the development of a Household Waste and Recycling Centre at Pallion Industrial Estate – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for a Dynamic City to procure and award ancillary contracts for the construction of a new HWRC at Pallion Industrial Estate.

**Reasons for decision:**

The new HWRC development at Pallion Industrial Estate consists of several packages of construction and associated works, the majority of which shall be undertaken in-house by the Council's Highways Operations team. Additional works, such as buildings and canopies require competitive procurements to be undertaken in order to provide the facilities and the value of these contracts shall exceed £250,000.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

To not procure the ancillary contracts would jeopardise the proposed construction and operation of the HWRC.

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Acquisition of bungalows at Hylton Road, Sunderland – Report of the  
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

- I. To approve the acquisition of 15 new build residential bungalows at Hylton Road for supported accommodation on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City.
- II. To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods to submit an application to Homes England for grant funding to support the acquisition of the properties and subject to securing the agreement of the Executive Director of Corporate Services as to the acceptability of the grant terms to accept any grant funding which is offered further to these applications.

**Reasons for decision:**

The acquisition of the Properties is in accordance with the Council's strategic housing priorities and delivery outputs within the Housing Investment and Delivery Plan, approved by cabinet in February 2020 and supports the City Plan.

A financial viability appraisal of the properties will be undertaken to ensure that the financial returns are in keeping with the Council's financial requirements, however the likely value of the project will exceed delegated limits of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods approved by Cabinet on 16 June 2020 and therefore needs Cabinet approval to proceed.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

That the Council does not proceed with the purchase of the Properties.

This option has been rejected as the Properties will meet an identified local strategic housing demand for supported accommodation. The acquisition also aligns with the outputs within the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan, approved by cabinet in February 2020 and the City Plan objectives.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**

Full Business Case for a Regional Adoption Agency - Joint Report of the Director of Children's Services and the Executive Director of Corporate Services.

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- (i) Approve the Full Business Case as set out in Appendix A for establishing the RAA with Durham County Council and Cumbria County Council; and
- (ii) Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive and the Portfolio Holder for Children, Learning and Skills, to:
  - a) Agree the detailed terms of the partnership agreement and any other legal agreements as required to establish and govern the operation of the RAA;
  - b) (Subject to prior consultation with the Department for Education), to issue the necessary consent on behalf of the Council to Together for Children Sunderland Ltd ("TfC") to enter into the agreement(s) referred to above; and

To execute any necessary legal agreement(s) as may be required in order to give effect to the above.

**Reasons for decision:**

In accordance with Government policy, the Council (in collaboration with TfC as its appointed provider of adoption services) is required to make arrangements for the development of a Regional Adoption Agency.

On 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019, Cabinet previously approved the Outline Business Case for the RAA and the establishment in principle of an Adopt Coast to Coast RAA model.

The updated proposals as set out in the Full Business Case will enable the Council to meet the revised Department for Education (“DfE”) deadline requirement for the establishment and operation of an RAA including Sunderland by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021.

The proposals will deliver the following key benefits on a regional scale:

- Sunderland children will have the opportunity to be matched and placed with adopters from a wider pool, improving the quality of the match;
- The ability to share best practice and resources across the Adopt Coast to Coast area to enhance the service for vulnerable children in their adoptive families; and
- The establishment of a collaborative hub and spoke model which will secure the benefits of regional collaboration at a focused “hub” level, whilst allowing each authority to continue to operate at a local “spoke” level without service disruption and without any delegation of legal powers or transfer of existing staff required.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is to not approve the FBC and abandon or delay the RAA project. However, this option is not recommended given the requirement from DfE that all local authorities should develop and become part of an RAA by April 2021. This option would also leave the Council at risk of becoming subject to a direction from the DfE to require it to participate in another RAA.

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