

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Council Chamber) Plater Way,
Sunderland on Tuesday 11th January, 2022 at 4.30 p.m.**

Membership

Cllrs Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Greener, Laws, Price, D. Snowdon (Chairman), Taylor, Thornton (Vice Chairman) and Warne.

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No items.

E. WAUGH,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
Civic Centre,
SUNDERLAND.

17th December 2021.

At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL on TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2021 at 4.30 p.m.

Present: -

Councillor D. Snowdon in the Chair

Councillors Ali, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Greener, Laws, Price, Taylor, and Thornton.

Also in attendance: -

Councillors Mullen, O'Brien and D.E. Snowdon.

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Paul Wood, Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Ms Catherine Auld, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration

Ms Sandra Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Resilience

Mr Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services

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

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors M. Dixon and Warne.

Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th November 2021

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th November, 2021 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 9th November, 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest

Environmental Services and Environmental Enforcement Update

The Executive Director of Neighbourhoods submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide the Committee with an update on a range of environmental issues affecting the City and the plans for the future

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Sandra Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Resilience and Mr Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services presented the report and were on hand to answer Members queries.

In response to Councillor Ali's query about the reporting system and the confusion over Officers being able to find the locations, Ms Mitchell advised that this may have been due to the reporting system but should not be an issue and she would feed these comments back.

Councillor Ali commented that Officers were very good at responding to reports of fly tipping yet the times taken to deal with issues of tree maintenance weren't as good. Ms Mitchell advised that tree maintenance required a specially trained team and that whilst people made complaints about trees in summer time, when they were in full leaf, the team could not address the situation until winter due to bird nesting seasons etc so it was beyond officers control in some scenarios.

Councillor Ali enquired if he needed to advise residents of this when they reported dangerous trees. Ms Mitchell advised that if the tree was dangerous, officers would inspect this first and a priority order was in place on how to respond in each case.

Councillor Laws commented that tree management was a big issue in Washington and he was pleased to see a new strategy was to be brought in the new year and hopefully there would be consideration given to ensure the right trees were put in, appropriate to the areas.

Councillor Laws queried if they were still looking to liaise with Gentoo to work together and also referred to side waste and if Officers could provide further clarity on what the issues and barriers were for this, if it were cost etc.

With regards to side waste, Mr Scanlon advised that operatives had to empty the green bin and then go back for the side waste, so this was two operations taking double the time. There was also the extra tonnage to consider and that much of side waste included glass etc which could lead to cuts and injuries to staff when having to handle directly.

Side waste put pressure on the Teams, needing additional support for increased tip runs and resulted in extra diesel costs also.

Mr Scanlon advised that the City was underperforming in terms of recycling and that some residents were putting their garden waste in the household bins to save paying the garden waste fees.

Mr Scanlon also advised that it was impossible to balance the rounds and judge how many vehicles would be required as they could not estimate how much side waste there may be in addition to the planned capacity on any given route.

In relation to trees, Ms Mitchell advised that they were aware of the legacy Washington has on these and could confirm that the trees being put in would be in open spaces and not near housing.

Ms Mitchell informed the Committee that they were working with Gentoo to try and ensure the best possible outcome and to work in tandem on scheduling of works.

Councillor Foster referred to the tree management strategy and that he had many a disagreement with officers from both the Council and Gentoo over inappropriate trees located in unsuitable areas and he felt that we should be sympathetic to the residents concerns on this so he was intrigued to see what the strategy would be coming forward and he was glad to hear that any new trees would be planted in open spaces rather than near residential areas.

Councillor Taylor wished to praise the Environmental Services staff, from the Washington Depot in particular for their speed in clearing fly tipping when reported and he couldn't speak highly enough of them and also the Enforcement Officers who were a credit to the Council and the Team.

Councillor Taylor referred to the report presented and that he was encouraged by the greater number of prosecutions for fly tipping and that it was clear to him that a Local Authority programme to educate the public about the cost, financially and environmentally in relation to fly tipping was needed.

Councillor Taylor informed the Committee that in some areas, residents were unaware that they were doing something illegal by putting out side waste, fuelling the fly tipping instances.

Councillor Taylor commented that we were very fortunate to have some amazing voluntary organizations who worked tirelessly in keeping our City tidy with litter picks and fly tipping should not be tolerated.

Councillor Taylor wished to praise the bulky waste service which he believed was excellent value for money and therefore there was no justification for fly tipping.

Councillor Taylor also commented that it was great to hear of staff training for driving HGV's and queried if they were wary that staff may leave for other more lucrative jobs once the training had been completed. Mr Scanlon advised that there were conditions attached to the training and should a member of staff leave straight after completing the training they were obliged to pay for the training, the costs of this decreased over the passing of time.

Councillor Taylor informed of a waste campaign being carried out by Gateshead Council including skip action days and suggested this may be something Officers could liaise with them over.

Councillor Greener advised that many residents had gotten in touch to comment that they believed some roads, particularly Houghton Cut had been lethal and that gritters had been needed here during the recent bad weather.

Mr Scanlon informed the Committee that there had been an accident at Houghton Cut but the Police had advised that this had been due to the driver speeding and not due to the roads conditions. Mr Scanlon advised that he would take these comments back to the duty managers to have conversations over but they hadn't had an issue as the gritters had been out in that location but they were keen to try and get them out quicker than normal.

Ms Mitchell also advised that Members should be receiving emails when the gritters have been out. This was confirmed to be the case.

In response to Councillor Greeners' query, Mr Scanlon advised that commercial vans with waste for the tip needed to go to Jack Crawford, but if Councillor Greener emailed details of the complaints she had received of residents with regular vans not being able to access Beech Street, he would look into those.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon wished to express her gratitude to the gritting teams as she worked as a Covid vaccinator at the Nightingale Hospital and that they had helped keep the centre open during the period of bad weather, whereas other centres in other authorities had to close so she requested thanks be passed onto the teams.

Councillor Edgeworth commented that he could appreciate the issues around side waste, environmentally and queried the policy on not collecting the green bins when the lid couldn't close. Mr Scanlon advised that if the lid could not close from the bin being overly full, this caused an issue with the bin lift, causing a health and safety concern for the staff and whilst there wasn't an enforcement policy, it was more about trying to educate people to keep the staff safe.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to a recent notice of motion at Council regarding complaints over the Bin replacement fee and enquired if there was anything further made on this. Mr Scanlon advised that this was progressing and they were pulling together all of the data and the financial implications involved to understand the impacts and pricing structures so that they could hopefully bring forward a potential policy for Cabinet to consider in due course.

The Chairman suggested that the Wheelie Bin Replacement policy be added to the Work Programme of the Committee for consideration.

Councillor Edgeworth enquired if the Council were expecting to see a reduction in recycling once the Deposit Returns Scheme was brought in. Mr Scanlon advised that consultation was still going through the system and would have massive cost implications to the Council/taxpayers so the whole agenda needed to go through the Waste Partnership as it was a significant agenda which would change the whole service approach.

In response to Councillor Fagan's comment, Mr Scanlon advised that there had been an error in the printing of some bin collection day Calendars, giving the wrong date for collection of the brown bins affecting some residents. This was changed quickly, and systems were put in place so that those residents received an extra collection.

Councillor Fagan raised concerns about Bulky Waste being left outside of flats and sheltered accommodation and enquired if there was any way this could be coordinated and picked up together so that it wasn't a continuous issue. Mr Scanlon advised that we had to be mindful that staff only take what was listed and we didn't want to have the scenario of residents just putting waste out on the streets with the expectation that all would be taken away, as this would be considered fly tipping.

In response to Councillor Fagan's suggestion, Ms Mitchell advised that they had carried out a social media campaign before, informing residents what to look for in licensed waste removal companies to ensure they were legitimate, and this was something they could look at again.

With regards to Councillor Price's enquiry over the Houghton Recycling Centre, Mr Scanlon advised that this was under Review as we had a state-of-the-art centre in Pallion and discussions were ongoing about the future approach.

Councillor Price commented on the reference to the City not meeting its percentage of recycling targets and enquired if there were any plans for an educational media campaign on this to advise what can go in the blue bins etc. Mr Scanlon informed the Committee that the Communications Team were putting something together on this to roll out next year. Education with schools through the Waste Partnership was also planned.

In response to Councillor Taylors enquiry, Mr Scanlon wished to assure Members that the grit used by Sunderland City Council was not mixed with gravel, as had been the claimed practice within other local authorities and could guarantee that all salt was brand new.

Councillor Thornton wished to commend the Sunderland gritting service and informed that as a worker within a neighbouring authority she could certainly tell the difference when crossing the boundary whilst commuting.

Councillor Mullen commented that very clear improvements had been made since Mr Scanlon had taken over the refuse service and enquired if, upon reflection of his time there, he could advise of recommendations to improve the service. Mr Scanlon advised that the improvements made had been a real team effort and had been achieved by working together with staff and the trade unions and that he had been surrounded by staff who knew their jobs very well.

Mr Scanlon also advised that they had worked well with Ms Mitchell and her Team to make such improvements.

Councillor Mullen referred to the stickers advising residents about disposal of batteries being placed on bins and that he had received complaints of staff dropping these on the floor and failing to pick them up, therefore leaving the streets dirtier than they found them and enquired if there had been any update in reports of this.

Mr Scanlon advised that data on this would be brought through the in house team along with missed bins etc and was an improving situation. They were getting better at monitoring and they needed to start working on response rates as these were not as quick as he would like them to be.

In response to Councillor Mullen's enquiries over the suspension of staff and when they expected to return to normal staffing arrangements and also on the contradictory Annual Healthy and Safety report and HR reports concerning staff contracting Weils disease, Mr Scanlon advised that unfortunately he was not part of this process and this would be best answered by a representative of HR.

Councillor Taylor raised the issue of scrapped cars being dumped on public highways in which the Police didn't deal with, therefore was left to Local Authorities. Some success in getting these cars shifted had been made but it was still an issue to be considered.

Ms Mitchell advised that a number of agencies such as the Police, Highways and Enforcement Officers could take action on such cases which historically have been passed around and that there was access to additional resource now, such as the DVLA systems so they were trying to carry out a much more proactive approach on this.

Councillor Mullen referred to Barnes Park and the problems faced over rats and commented that the rat catching bins implemented had been very successful, making a massive difference and suggested that these be promoted to colleagues for use across the City.

Ms Mitchell advised that this was included as part of the bin review and they were looking at installing these bins in other parks across the city.

In response to the Chairman's query over the issue of fines to people for dog waste or littering and what happened to people that had learning difficulties, Ms Mitchell advised that officers looked for evidence of disability and these cases would be considered differently.

In response to Councillor O'Brien's query, Ms Mitchell agreed that disabilities displayed in different ways or sometimes not at all and each case had to be looked upon on a case-by-case basis.

Having fully considered the report, the Chairman thanked Ms Mitchell and Mr Scanlon on behalf of the Committee for their attendance and commented that it was important to acknowledge that the service did receive many compliments and not just complaints and to keep up the good work.

2. RESOLVED that the progress report be received and noted.

Business Centres Update

The Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration submitted a report (copy circulated) to provide Members with the current position on the Council's business centres - Evolve Business Centre (Evolve), Sunderland Software Centre (SSC) and Washington Business Centre (WBC) - including an overview of the impact of COVID-19, and an update on progress in relation to the operational management of the centres.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Catherine Auld, Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Price commented that everyone had suffered due to the Covid pandemic and enquired if Officers were confident that the Evolve Centre would have attracted more businesses or remained static if the pandemic had not occurred.

Ms Auld advised that the Evolve Centre had always remained fairly full but it was a difficult question to answer on what would have occurred if the Pandemic hadn't happened. People were working in different ways now but some were still missing the face to face, collaborative working and the media coverage being given was most definitely helping the City to grow.

The Chairman commented that with all three Business Centres, but especially the Software Centre it may be difficult to gauge as they may have highly secretive duties, working with the Government etc and enquired if other Business Centres across the country had faced similar trends in their statistics.

Ms Auld advised that it was difficult to say as she did not have access to other Authorities statistics but it had been very clear nationally that there had been an exit in the early days of the pandemic on office based accommodation.

Ms Auld was thanked by the Chairman for her attendance

3. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Annual Work Programme 2021-22

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide options, provide support and advise Members on the development of the scrutiny work programmes for 2021/2022

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Members information

The Chairman advised that he had asked Officers to look at the policy on Street Trading due to an issue that had occurred in Washington and that he would inform the Committee on this when available.

Councillor Taylor commented that it had been asked for the Environmental Services/Enforcement report to be brought back for consideration later in the year once new officers had time to bed in and to update on progress made. Mr Diamond advised that he could look to put something on the work programme for spring time.

Councillor Foster referred to a previous visit carried out by the Committee in the past to the waste sites in the region and suggested another visit be arranged as it would be informative and a benefit to the new Members. Mr Diamond advised that once the issues of Covid settled down he would look to arrange another visit as suggested.

The Chairman advised that they were looking to arrange a visit to view the Transport Corridor also.

4. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2021-2022 be noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report providing Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 8th November, 2021 (copies circulated).

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

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

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

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

(Signed) D. SNOWDON,
Chairman.

LEISURE SERVICES - UPDATE

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a progress report on the operation of leisure services in Sunderland.

2. Background

- 2.1 In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee agreed to receive an update report on the operation of leisure services in Sunderland.

3 Current Position

- 3.1 Everyone Active operates leisure centres and facilities across Sunderland on behalf of the Council. Everyone Active works in partnership with a range of partners to improve access into sport and physical activity with the aim to:-

- Impact on the greatest number of people (children and adults);
- Enable children and young people to have the best start in life and form good habits;
- Support families and communities that are benefiting from being active;
- Deliver a range of events and activities.

- 3.2 Martin Miles (Regional Contract Manager) of Everyone Active will provide a presentation on the operation of leisure services in the city.

- 3.3 The presentation will cover the current position; the challenges and plans moving forward and the effect of the Covid pandemic on the service.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 The Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the report.

Item 5

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

11 JANUARY 2022

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2022

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO- ORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2021-22 municipal year.

2. Background

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

3. Current position

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

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2021-22.

5 Recommendation

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

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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2021-22

REASON FOR INCLUSION	15 JUNE 21 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	13 JULY 21	14 SEPTEMBER 21	12 OCTOBER 21	9 NOVEMBER 21	7 DECEMBER 21	11 JANUARY 22	8 FEBRUARY 22	8 MARCH 22	5 APRIL 22
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses			Licensing Policy Review (Steve Wearing)	Gambling Act 2005 – Statement of Principles (Steve Wearing)						
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Tyne and Wear Archaeology Service (Catherine Auld)	Covid Business Support Grants (Catherine Auld)	Future High Street Fund Programme (Peter McIntyre) Sunderland Rail Station Update - (Peter McIntyre)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby) Economic Challenges - North East England Chamber of Commerce (Jonathan Walker) Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (Mark Wilson)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld) Environmental Services and Enforcement - Update (Sandra Mitchell/Graham Scanlan)	Leisure Centres (Victoria French)	Housing Strategy Update (Graham Scanlan) Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld) International Strategy (Catherine Auld)	Siglion (Peter McIntyre) Culture/Major Events Update (Victoria French)	Annual Report (Jim Diamond) Annual Road Safety Report (Mark Jackson) Public Transport Update (Mark Jackson) E Scooter – Pilot Feedback (Mark Jackson) Environmental Services Update (Sandra Mitchell/Graham Scanlan)
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Sunnyside Area – Member Working Group – On Going
SSTC and Port – Visit – Date to be confirmed (Matthew Hunt/Mark Jackson)
City Heat Network Projects (Mark Jackson)

Item 6

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS SUPPORT CO-ORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

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

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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

3. CURRENT POSITION

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

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Cabinet Agenda

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

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

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter*	Address to obtain further information
211103/653	To consider and approve the Siglion Business Plan.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 11 January to 28 February 2022.	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210505/587	To approve the procurement of a Contractor for the Repair Works at Hendon Foreshore Barrier, Port of Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210729/617	To approve the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) Interim Planning Policy Statement for adoption.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211011/647	To consider the Local Carbon Progress Report.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211011/648	To consider the details of the City Plan 2019-2030 assurance process.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211129/660	To seek approval for the provision of a pension guarantee arrangement in respect of a local organisation.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211201/661	Procurement – To consider maximising social value and supporting the Sunderland Voluntary and Community Sector	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211201/662	To approve the Third Capital Review 2021-2022 (including Treasury Management).	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211201/663	To approve the Third Revenue Review 2021-2022.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211201/664	To approve the Council Tax Base 2022-2023	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211201/665	To approve the Local Council Tax Support Scheme 2022-2023	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211201/666	Revenue Budget 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 – To agree the Update and Provisional Local Government Finance Settlement.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211203/667	To agree the approach to collaborative partnership working to integrate the health and care system in Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211206/669	To award grant funding to Connected Places Catapult.	Cabinet	Y	11 January 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210510/588	To approve the receipt of external funding for the public sector decarbonisation scheme and green homes grant local programme and the procurement of the necessary contractors to deliver the schemes.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 11 January to 31 March 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211118/659	<p>Sunderland Heat Network – To seek approval to authorise the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Sustainability to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Undertake market engagement, procurement and appointment of a specialist Drilling Contractor on appropriate contractual terms to: ii. Design and drill the required pilot borehole(s) and, iii. Drill any subsequent production borehole(s) as part of the construction phase (subject to outcome of pilot borehole(s), contract performance, Full Business Case, funding and future Cabinet approval. 	Cabinet	Y	During the period 11 January to 28 February 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	<p>Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN</p> <p>committees@sunderland.gov.uk</p>

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200813/494	To approve funding mechanisms for the acquisition of residential properties.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211005/641	To agree the proposed development strategy for Northern Spire Park and the recommended next steps	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210728/613	To seek approval for strategic land acquisitions in Sunnyside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211105/656	To authorise the Council to enter into Funding and Partnership Agreements for the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund, subject to the successful outcome of the bid.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211110/657	To seek approval to the lettings of the ground floor commercial units at Keel Square.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211112/658	To seek approval for the Disposal of the Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk Street, SR1 1EE.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211210/670	To seek Cabinet approval for the Disposal of the Norfolk Hotel, Norfolk Street, SR1 1EE.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210419/577	To approve the dilapidation settlement figure and the procurement of the dilapidation works in respect of the CESAM building.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211203/668	Subject to the outcome of the Link Together Heritage Fund application, to authorise entering into associated funding and partnership agreements in relation to the proposed green infrastructure improvements within the Coalfield area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 22 March 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

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

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

13 December 2021