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**Decision Taker:**  
Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**  
Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

**Date decision in force:**  
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### **Title and author(s) of written report:**

Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 – 2025/2026 – Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

### **Full description of decision:**

- To note the summary MTFP set out at section 3 of the report and note that the full MTFP 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 will be presented to Cabinet in February 2022; and
- To approve the provisional additional budget savings proposals, as a basis for budget consultation, prior to the receipt of the Local Government Finance Settlement for 2022/2023.

### **Reasons for decision:**

- Adoption of the Budget Planning Framework forms an essential part of the process of the preparation and compilation of the Revenue Budget for 2022/2023; and
- To enable constitutional requirements relating to the development of the Revenue Budget to be met.

### **Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended for approval.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

### **Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillor G. Miller and Councillor Rowntree declared interests as members of the Siglion Board and as the anticipated savings proposal was dependent on the future approval of the Siglion Business Plan and proposed distribution, which would be coming to January Cabinet, they did not need to leave the room on this occasion.

Councillor Williams declared an interest as the Council appointed representative on the Sunderland Lifestyle Partnership Board in respect of the Leisure Joint Venture contract. She withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

Councillor Chequer declared an interest as a partner of an employee of Sports and Leisure Management Ltd, regarding which a dispensation had been granted, so she remained in the meeting.

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

UK Community Renewal Fund – Sunderland Programme – Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

### **Full description of decision:**

To:-

- I. Approve that the Council will act as the Accountable Body for the UKCRF programme in Sunderland and undertake the role of Lead authority during Programme implementation, delivery and monitoring from November 2021 until June 2022, and through to programme closure and final claims in mid-late 2022;
- II. Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary, to accept the terms of a Funding Agreement with associated conditions from the DLUHC and to enable delivery of the Programme;
- III. Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary, to agree the terms of Local Funding Agreements with the five projects approved by DLUHC within the Sunderland Programme as described in this report (“the Projects”);
- IV. Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services and/or the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to execute all necessary legal agreements in order to give effect to (ii) and (iii) above; and
- V. Authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary, to take all necessary action on behalf of the Council as the Accountable Body for the UKCRF based on the terms set out in this report (including entering into individual project funding agreements and the procurement and award of all necessary contracts).

### **Reasons for decision:**

The UKCRF programme requires the Council to perform the role of an accountable body, entering into local funding agreements for the Projects and overseeing monitoring, financial claims and other reporting requirements. When the UKCRF Programme was launched in March 2021, bids could only be submitted by local authorities acting as Lead Authorities.

The delivery of the Programme will lead to significant investment in business support, social enterprise development, community support and capacity-building for the voluntary and community sector, and employability support and work placements for residents. The Projects will be delivered as pilot activities during an 8 month period between November 2021 and June 2022. Final benefits and outcomes will be summarised in project evaluation reports at the end of the programme.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There is no alternative option recommended. A decision not to proceed would mean that investment in skills, business development, communities and place, and supporting people into employment, in Sunderland would be lost and the outcomes of the Projects would not be delivered.

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**Is this a key decision:**

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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

Grant of a rent concession at the former Millfield Community Nursery School, Bell Street, Sunderland - Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services to grant a rent concession at the former Millfield Community Nursery School in accordance with the Council's rent concession policy and in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

**Reasons for decision:**

Authorising the Executive Director of Corporate Services to grant a rent concession at the former Millfield Community Nursery School will facilitate the repair and letting of the property, which will generate an income to the Council.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to grant a rent concession.

The property will not be brought up to a standard fit for occupation and the Council may find it difficult to let the Property.

This option has been considered and is not recommended for the reasons set out in the report.

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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:**  
Bus Lane Enforcement – Report of the Executive Director of City  
Development

**Full description of decision:**  
To:

(i) authorise the Council to consult with and take over responsibility from Northumbria Police for CCTV camera enforcement of bus lane contraventions in Sunderland, and to set the required level of penalty charge for a bus lane contravention at £60.00; and

(ii) authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Leader and the Deputy Leader as Portfolio Holder, to take all necessary steps to enable the Council to commence and undertake civil bus lane enforcement in Sunderland.

### **Reasons for decision:**

The ability for the Council to directly influence driver behaviour through the enforcement of bus lane contraventions will assist with the operational performance of the highway network.

The Council currently undertakes civil enforcement for parking contraventions and therefore by undertaking the responsibility for bus lane contraventions will greatly assist with managing the highway network and ensuring the safe and expeditious movement of traffic along it.

The enforcement of bus lane restrictions is currently carried out by Northumbria Police, however other priorities mean that providing a regular presence to enforce consistently is not always possible, which can have a negative impact on the highway network.

The benefits of taking over responsibility for bus lane enforcement will mean that the Council can reduce congestion, improve air quality, while promoting the attractiveness of active travel, because the proposal aims to improve the punctuality of bus services, making it a more attractive option that the public will want to use.

In addition, If the Council commenced enforcement of bus lane contraventions, it would benefit the public in understanding who has overall responsibility for enforcement of traffic contraventions. It would also assist Northumbria Police in allowing them to concentrate their time on dealing with other matters.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Do not undertake responsibility for enforcement of bus lane contraventions. Northumbria Police would retain the powers to enforce bus lane contraventions, however none of the benefits set out in the report would be realised.

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Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:**

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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

Sunderland Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy – Report of the Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the Sunderland Domestic Abuse Safe Accommodation Strategy appended to this report

**Reasons for decision:**

The reason for the decision is to ensure the Council can fulfil its statutory functions under Part 4 of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and comply with regulation 3 of The Domestic Abuse Support (Local Authority Strategies and Annual reports) Regulations 2021.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The Council is under a legal obligation through the Domestic abuse Act 2021 to undertake a number of functions including assessing the need for accommodation-based domestic abuse support for all victims and preparing and publishing a local strategy based on the needs assessment. Not to prepare and publish a strategy would risk the Council being in breach of its statutory duty.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:** None



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

Award of grant funding to Washington AFC – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods to award £90,000 in grant funding to Washington AFC on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

**Reasons for decision:**

The proposed award of £90,000 of grant funding to Washington AFC will facilitate the significant and timely improvement of sports facilities within the Washington area, secure additional external funding from the Football Foundation into the City, meet the requirements of the Section 106 Agreement and support the retention of Washington AFC's Northern League status.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to award grant to funding to Washington AFC.

However, it is not considered that there is a suitable alternative, scheme which is of a comparable scale to Washington AFC's proposals and/or is sufficiently deliverable within the relative tight timescale to satisfy the terms of the Section 106 Agreement.

Further, this would lead to the loss of significant external funding from the Football Foundation to the Club and the City.

In addition, a decision not to proceed could also jeopardise the Club's future Northern League status.

As a consequence, this alternative option is not recommended.

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

Procurement of a Statutory Advocacy Service – Report of the Executive  
Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- i) approve the procurement of an integrated Statutory Advocacy Service to include Independent Mental Capacity Advocacy (IMCA), Independent Mental Health Advocacy (IMHA), Litigation Friend, Care Act Advocacy, Independent NHS Complaints Advocacy (ICAS) and including the new Liberty Protection Safeguard requirements (LPS);
- ii) authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Healthy City Portfolio Holder, to procure and subsequently award a contract for the integrated Statutory Advocacy Service; and
- iii) endorse and approve the continuation of the current Independent Advocacy for Vulnerable Adults service with the incumbent provider until such time as the integrated Statutory Advocacy Service is procured and the contract is awarded.

**Reasons for decision:**

The Council has a statutory duty to secure the provision of independent advocacy to specified groups of people as set out in relevant legislation. The proposed commissioning intentions shall enable the Council to fulfil its statutory duty.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no suitable alternative options to consider as the Council has a statutory duty to ensure the provision of independent advocacy to specified groups of people.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

**Does the Decision contain Confidential/Exempt Information:** No

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillor Rowntree declared an interest as an employee of a statutory advocacy provider and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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**Title and author(s) of written report:**  
Procurement of Care and Support at the new supported living accommodation at Cork Street – Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**  
To approve the recommendations set out in the Cabinet report.

**Reasons for decision:**  
As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**  
As set out in the Cabinet report.

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