

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Council Chamber) on Thursday 3 February 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Crosby, Dodds, Dunn, P.W.L. Gibson, S. Johnston, Mason-Gage, McKeith (Vice-Chairman), Noble, Samuels, Scanlan, P. Smith (Chairman) and Tye

Co-opted Members – Mrs. A. Blakey and Ms. J. Graham

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26 January 2022

At a meeting of the CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC CENTRE on THURSDAY 2 DECEMBER, 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor P. Smith in the Chair

Councillors Crosby, Dodds, P.W.L. Gibson, S. Johnston and McKeith, together with Ms A. Blakey.

Also in attendance:-

Ms Jill Colbert, Chief Executive, Together for Children
Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate
Wendy Mitchell, Public Health Lead, Public Health and Integrated Commissioning
Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate
Ms Jane Wheeler, Service Manager Early Help, Prevention and Innovation Together for Children

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Dunn, Mason-Gauge, Samuels, Scanlon and Tye.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 4 November 2021

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee held on 4 November 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest made.

Health Related Behaviour Survey Findings–Academic Year 2020/21

The Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning submitted a report (copy circulated) which shared an overview of the findings of the recent Health Related Behaviour Survey conducted in the summer term of 2021 which provided a baseline for schools about the health-related behaviour of their children and young people and an ideal needs analysis for Healthy School work and strong evaluation of existing Relationship, Sex, Health and Education.

(For report – see original minutes)

Ms Wendy Mitchell, Public Health Lead presented the report together with a complementary presentation which placed in context, the key findings arising from the survey. In concluding Ms Mitchell asked the Committee to:-

- Receive the update, published report and presentation on the findings of the health related behaviour survey.
- Endorse the key priorities identified, and
- Endorse the ongoing work of sharing information with key stakeholders to inform and influence our approaches and plans to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Sunderland

The Chairman thanked Ms Mitchell for her report and presentation and with regard to her recommendations, asked that the findings were reported to the Council's Area Committees.

Councillor Crosby referred to page 16 of the agenda which noted that 64% (66%) of pupils said they 'never or almost never' wear a safety helmet when cycling; and asked if training was provided to try and improve this figure. Ms Mitchell advised that accident prevention workshops were held and that the data from the survey would help inform the action plan going forward.

Councillor Paul Gibson stated that the survey data represented a very impressive set of statistics. He referred to paragraph 2.9 of the report which stated that Sunderland City Council received the combined results of all schools and asked if it also received the data broken down by individual school. Councillor Gibson also referred to paragraph 2.10 regarding the ability to provide further insight in relation to health inequalities in relation to Secondary schools at Ward level and asked if this could also be done for Primary Schools. In conclusion he referred to paragraphs 3.2 and 4.2 which centred on poverty with children worrying about 'having enough money in the family' and 'having enough food to eat.' He asked if anything could be done to tackle this.

Ms Mitchell replied that the Council did receive a breakdown, but each school owned its own data and used it to inform their response. She would love to be able to have the ward level data in respect of the primary schools regarding inequalities, however the school and pupil participation needed to be at a sufficient level and currently because of the low numbers of primary schools partaking, the figures were lacking in the richness of data required. With regard to the issue of poverty, she would need to take this away. There was however a whole plan around the issue and to this end a post of Food Partnership Coordinator within the Public Health Team had just gone out to advert. The role would involve developing a public health approach to improving the food system of the city as well as developing and implementing a food action plan and long term strategy for food poverty and security, as part of the Healthy City Plan.

Councillor Gibson thanked Ms Mitchell and advised that his question around poverty and inequalities had been motivated by the recent Council notice of motion on the issue.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor McKeith, Ms Mitchell confirmed that schools had already begun to provide feedback on their individual reports. This was fed into the Healthy Settings Framework which enabled support to be provided in response to the identified need. School health profiles are also updated using this information to enhance the support from Growing Healthy Sunderland (school nursing services).

In response to questions from the Chair, Ms Wheeler confirmed that the Council still operated an anti-bullying team and it was based within TfC's Early Help Service. With regard to Internet Safety, sexting, talking to strangers, etc this was covered by TfC's Relationship, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) service which worked with young people aged 8 to 18.

In response to an enquiry from the Chair as to whether schools had adequate resources to tackle issues arising from the survey, Ms Colbert advised that it wasn't a question she could provide a fair answer to. She believed that each school would have their own ideas regarding the needs of their children and how to allocate resources. There was no doubt however that in dealing with the effects of Covid, there was a huge need for local authorities to wrap their arms around and support schools. Ms Blakey added that the best investment that schools could receive was an ability to create time to deal with the effects of Covid. There were so many nuances with Covid to unpick and investigate and schools would do their best however time was a scarce resource. There needed to be significant investment and resources to deal with it.

Councillor S. Johnston expressed disappointment with the survey's methodology in respect of the lack of representation from Primary Schools north of the river. The negative impact of Covid on the mental health of pupils in secondary school was also quite concerning. He asked what could be done to support pupils if new restrictions were implemented and believed that the next survey should be used to assess the extent to which the negative impacts had been addressed. He also expressed concern that anti bully assemblies were only undertaken in 80% of schools and believed that all schools should provide them. He felt there was also scope for further research into the shockingly low levels of self-esteem among pupils and that there was a need to develop an action plan to increase the confidence of the city's young people.

Ms Mitchell advised that the survey was a sample at a particular point in time but it was not viewed in isolation. It was shared with range of partnerships focusing on children and young people and used to assess the effectiveness of current provision, identify any unmet need or gaps in provision, and inform service reviews and delivery. There was a challenge around primary school participation and work to be done to understand the barriers preventing them from taking part.

Councillor Crosby referred to the statistic that 31% of pupils were worried about safety after dark and asked if the data was available broken down by gender and also whether any reasons were given eg lack of street lighting or low levels of policing. Ms Mitchell advised that she did not have the information to hand but would provide a response following the meeting.

Councillor Dodds referred to the Covid related questions in the survey and asked if they would be followed up in the next survey especially those related to poverty. She found it concerning that so many young children were worried about poverty and stated that as a six year her parents had shielded her from those worries. Ms Mitchell confirmed that the Covid questions would be followed up in the next survey.

There being no further questions or comments the Chair thanked Ms Mitchell for her attendance and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that:-

- i) the report be received and noted;
- ii) the key priorities identified be endorsed, and
- iii) the ongoing work of sharing information with key stakeholders to inform and influence the approaches and plans to improve the health and wellbeing of children and young people in Sunderland be endorsed.

Holiday Activity and Food Programme Summer Evaluation - Together for Children

The Early Help Service Manager Prevention and Innovation, submitted a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on the delivery of Sunderland's Holiday Activity and Food Programme Wear here 4 you

(For copy report – see original minutes)

In addition it had been intended to provide members with a video presentation which showed the programme in action however a wifi failure in the Council Chamber prevented this. Mr Diamond advised that he would forward Members a link to the video following the meeting.

Jane Wheeler presented the report providing members with an overview of the Summer Programme, the highlights, details of the activities, the benefits of the programme, learning for the future and Christmas provision.

The Chair thanked Ms Wheeler for her presentation and invited questions and comments from Members.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Keith regarding figure 3 in the report, Ms Wheeler confirmed that the darker the colour equalled the higher the population in that particular cohort.

Councillor McKeith welcomed the outcomes of the programme and in particular the success of the activity bus which was an excellent way to engage with young people right across the City. The Chair recalled the former Excell Villages as having been really important in their ability to attract the older cohort of young people.

Councillor Samuels being unable to attend the meeting submitted a statement read out by Mr Diamond in which she welcomed the programme, thanked the TfC and

VCS for their hard work, shared her experiences of attending some of the events with her family and her hope that the best practice arising from the programme was widely shared.

There being no further questions or comments for Ms Wheeler, the Chair thanked her for her report and presentation and it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the report and presentation be received and noted;

Annual Work Programme 2021/22

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which briefed members on the developed of the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2021/22 and appended a copy of the programme for Members' consideration.

(for copy report – see original minutes)

Mr Diamond presented the report and informed the Committee that he had been contacted by the CCG earlier that day to advise that their report in respect of Child Mental and Physical Health would not be available in time for the January meeting and would therefore be deferred to a later a date.

The Chair added that any Elected Member could add an item of business to an agenda for consideration as detailed under Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook and that anyone wishing to do so should contact her or Mr Diamond in the first instance.

There being no further questions or comments, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

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

(for copy report – see original minutes)

The Committee was advised that if Members had any issues to raise or required further detail on any of the items included in the notice that were within the purview of the Committee, they should contact Mr Diamond, Scrutiny Officer for initial assistance.

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

There being no further items of business, the Chair closed the meeting having thanked members and officers for their attendance and contributions and offered her best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

(Signed) P. SMITH,
Chairman.

Item 4

3 February 2022

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

UPDATE ON CATCH UP FUNDING AND PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL TRANSITIONS

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1 Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To update members of the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee on the catch up funding available which was announced by the Government in June 2020 to support children and young people and to update on the Primary to Secondary School transitions.

2 Background

2.1 Catch-up Funding

In June 2020 the Government announced £1 billion of funding to support children and young people to catch up on missed learning caused by Coronavirus (COVID19). The funding was targeted at the most vulnerable pupils and pupils from disadvantaged backgrounds. The funding was announced as a one-off universal £650 million catch-up premium for the 2020 to 2021 academic year to ensure that schools have the support to help all pupils make up for missed learning.

Also announced was a £350 million National Tutoring Programme to provide additional, targeted support for those children and young people who need the most help, which includes:

- A school's programme for 5 to 16-year-olds
- a 16-19 tutoring programme
- An oral language intervention programme for reception aged children

2.2 Funding allocations

School allocations were calculated on a per pupil basis and paid in three tranches. Mainstream schools were awarded £80 for each pupil from reception to year 11 inclusive. The following settings received £240 for each place for the 2020 to 2021 academic year:

- Special schools, including special units within mainstream schools
- AP schools

- Hospital schools

2.3 Using catch-up funding

Schools were guided by DFE to use this funding for specific activities to support their pupils' education recovery in line with the published curriculum expectations guidance.

While schools could use their funding in a way that suited their cohort and circumstances, they were expected to use this funding for specific activities which would help pupils catch up on missed learning. Schools were asked to particularly focus on disadvantaged and vulnerable pupils.

To support schools to make the best use of the funding, the Education Endowment Foundation (EEF) published a support and planning guide for schools with evidence-based approaches to catch up for all students.

Schools could also use catch-up premium funding to support any summer catch-up provision that they were offering and also carry funding forward to future academic years.

2.4 National Tuition Programme (NTP) and School Led Tutoring

Schools were offered access to academic mentors and tuition partners through the NTP programme with the cost subsidised by the Department for Education., 70% of the cost of tuition partners was subsidised and 95% of the cost of academic mentors.

Schools were also able to design school led tutoring programmes where school staff were identified to work with children. 75% of the cost of this was subsidised and the remaining funded by schools via other budgets such as the Recovery Premium or Pupil Premium. A free online training course was provided for nominated school staff to ensure provision of high-quality tuition to your pupils.

2.5 Accountability: School Leaders and Governors

School leaders must be able to show they are using the funding to support their pupils' educational recovery in line with the curriculum expectations in the published DfE Guidance.

DfE also advised that Governors and trustees should scrutinise schools' approaches to catch-up, including their plans for and use of catch-up funding. This should include consideration of whether schools are spending this funding in line with their catch-up priorities and ensuring appropriate transparency for parents.

Ofsted inspections continue and as part of these inspections, inspectors may discuss plans schools have to spend their catch-up premium funding. Recent

school inspections in Sunderland have all included questions about the catch up provision provided.

2.6 Feedback from schools about the programme

Schools have identified the obvious need for additional catch up support for all pupils and specifically for the most vulnerable children. There are a range of programmes being offered across the city to support children and all schools have programmes in place. In discussion with headteachers there have however been some key issues identified, as follows:

- Sunderland schools have mainly developed school led tutoring programmes
- Lack of availability of NTP tuition partners and academic mentors across the region
- A lack of focus and budget to support mental wellbeing and resilience support for pupils
- General budgetary challenges for schools
- Staff shortages in schools as a result of Omicron
- Pupil absence

3 Transitions

3.1 Primary to Secondary School transitions

The transition from Primary to Secondary School is a major step for most children and the impact of Covid 19 on this process has added to the anxiety and challenge that this can cause. The fact that the standardised assessment processes were suspended in 2021 created a further challenge for schools in being able to share information.

Headteachers in Sunderland recognised the challenges that this would cause and working in partnership with Together for Children created a working party to identify what could be done jointly as a family of Sunderland schools.

3.2 Transition Working Party

In discussion with headteachers a transition working party was developed in March 2021 with Headteacher representatives from Primary and Secondary schools across all areas of the city. The group is chaired by the Headteacher from Oxclose Academy and the focus of this group was to:

- Facilitate improved discussion between Primary and Secondary Colleagues around transition
- To primarily set dates for transition in the city
- Create a list of key information Secondary schools would like from Primary schools about students

After the initial group was formed it was quickly established that there was:

- Real appetite to do more than set dates and create lists
- Lots of great practice by schools not shared or talked about
- There was real potential to do more around developing English and Maths in all schools

3.3 Good Practice from 2021 to reflect on and embed for 2022 Transition

The working group has reviewed the impact of last year's transition programmes and looked to identify and share best practice. The group have also begun to identify the next steps in the development of effective transition and particularly the development of a transition curriculum focused on maths, reading and English.

3.4 The key learning from the transition work identified the following learning and best practice:

- Inviting Primary heads into Secondary school to meet their ex-students and see how they have settled was really effective
- Summer schools helped friendships and get to know staff. Most successful Summer schools looking to develop these further
- Reading and basic skills needs to be an emphasis
- Getting students to make their own way to school for transition helped them with their independence
- Extended transition for vulnerable students was effective
- Sending books from primary to Secondary really helped secondary colleagues to build on high standards at Primary school
- Primary Heads visiting secondary schools to observe Year 7 in English and maths
- SEND students come up to school for enhanced Transition and early link with SENCo starting at earlier point such as year 4 to ensure secondary can prepare for student needs and Secondary SENCo can have input to primary student's reviews
- Secondary schools receiving more information on students who could have been excluded in primary and will struggle at secondary without a plan.
- 'Insight Programme' mid-year transition to help students understand how they develop. Chat to year 6 students about A Level Courses to raise Aspirations
- Leaders from schools should play a central role and it would be a great opportunity to develop middle leaders to drive transition across the city

3.5 Transition working group focus for 2022

Feasibility of Curriculum continuity groups in English, Maths, Science starting January 2022. The aim of the group would be for subject leads in English, Maths and Science from Secondary/Primary to meet to discuss developing a transition

curriculum between years 6 & 7. This work including developing planning tools will be supported by TFC school improvement leads for maths and English and begin in the Summer term 2022.

3.6 Transitions and SEND

One of the key action points identified in the recent SEND inspection was focused on improving the transition process for children with SEND.

Together for Children are working in partnership with the DfE and an organisation called Whole School SEND to deliver a suite of free briefing sessions which are open to all educational settings across the city. The sessions are delivered by Whole School SEND, TfC School Improvement Team and colleagues from health services discussing effective processes to support pupils transitioning between schools.

A range of training events has been planned to start in January. The first session will focus on transition between nursery and primary phase followed by sessions focused on Primary to secondary and post 16 transitions. A further session focuses on the role of governors.

The sessions are planned to support senior leaders, SENDCo, class teachers and support staff from Special, Mainstream and Alternative Provisions.

Staff delivering education in all phases are encouraged to attend including PVI, Nursery, Primary and Secondary settings as well as college staff and training providers.

4 Recommendation

Members of Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee are asked to note the contents of the report and offer any comments and note that two Headteacher representatives will attend the Committee meeting to answer any additional questions.

Item 5

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

3 FEBRUARY 2022

REPORT OF SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

CONSULTATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE CHANGE COUNCIL

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To consider feedback from a meeting with representatives from the Change Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 At its meeting in October 2021, the Committee heard from young people from range of participation and engagement groups on the key issues facing young people in the city.
- 2.2 At that meeting, it was agreed that a working group be established in order to meet with and discuss issues with young people in a more informal setting.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 On 19 January 2022, a meeting was held with young people belonging to the Change Council. The Change Council is a group of young people who are cared for or care experienced. The meeting was held at the Sandhill Centre and hosted by Nikki Donaldson.
- 3.2 Members in attendance included Councillors Pat Smith, Josh McKeith, Margaret Crosby and Alex Samuels. The young people present were Ian, Caitlin, Chantelle, Elishia, Ellie, Olivia, Gabby and Andrew.
- 3.3 The meeting involved an open discussion between members and the Change Council representatives. The issues raised included:-
 - More opportunities for apprenticeships with the Council and other employers. More information made available regarding apprenticeships and job opportunities generally;
 - Improve the general perception of young people who are living in care. Concern that they can be discriminated against when applying for jobs and that this can affect career opportunities;
 - More day trips and activities for young people living in care;
 - Improved public transport offer for young people. Bus travel can be expensive and services are reducing. For example, Go North East operate a fare of £1.20 per journey for young people but journeys often require a change of bus and therefore costs can mount. More flexibility in public transport travel passes would be of benefit;
 - The possibility of a discount scheme in shops for young people in care.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the feedback from young people belonging to the Change Council.

Item 6

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 3 FEBRUARY 2022

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2021-2022

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report sets out for members' consideration the 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 is able to 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.

Contact: Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator

REASON FOR INCLUSION	JUNE 21	JULY 21 (CANCELLED)	9 TH SEPT 21	7 TH OCT 21	4 TH NOV 21	2 ND DEC 21	3 RD FEB 22	9 TH FEB 22	3 RD MARCH 22	31 ST MARCH 22
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses									Scrutiny Annual Report – 21/22	
Scrutiny Business	Corporate Parenting Review			Engagement and Participation with Young People (Jane Wheeler)	Domestic Violence Update (Karen Davison) Draft Safe Accommodation Strategy (Gerry Taylor)	Child Health Update (Lorraine Hughes) Holiday Fund – Operation (Jane Wheeler)	Schools Update (incl Support available for lost education catch up for disadvantaged children and impact on transition from primary to secondary education (Simon Marshall) Change Council – Consultation (JD)	Impact of Covid 19 on Child Mental (CCG) SEND Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert/Dave Chandler)	Children At Risk:((incl Youth Offending, Drug Use and Child Exploitation/ Missing Children (Karen Davison)	Apprenticeships and Employment opportunities (incl Impact of Covid on post 16 transition and effect of the Skills and Post 18 Education Bill (Sunderland College) Corporate Parenting Update (Cllr Farthing/Jill Colbert) Regional Adoption Agency (Jill Colbert)
Performance / Service Improvement	Ofsted Focused visit to Children's Services - Feedback		Ofsted Inspection of Children's Services – Feedback (Jill Colbert)	Inspection of SEND - Feedback (Jill Colbert)	Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert) Children Services Customer Feedback (Jill Colbert)				Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert) Children Services Customer Feedback	

Consultation / Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions	
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Leisure Activities for Young People (Wendy Mitchell/Victoria French)
Provision of Activities for Young People (5-8yrs)

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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

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
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
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

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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
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

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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
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

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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
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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211215/670	To agree to the terms of lettings at Hillthorn Farm.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211215/671	Following the report taken to September 2021 Cabinet, to authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order over land at Washington Road, Sunderland, and to authorise the necessary land acquisitions by private treaty.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211215/672	To seek approval for the sale of Penshaw House, Penshaw.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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211217/674	To present the updated Unauthorised Encampment Policy for approval.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
211217/675	To seek approval to the award of grant funding for specialist domestic abuse provision.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220104/676	To agree the increase in housing rents to be applied to Sunderland City Council tenants with effect from 4 April 2022 in accordance with the Government's Policy Statement on Rents for Social Housing 2019.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220106/677	To consider the Capital Programme 2022/2023 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2022/2023 including Prudential Indicators for 2022/2023.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220106/678	To consider the Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2022/2023 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022/2023 to 2025/2026.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220106/679	To consider the Collection Fund 2021/2022.	Cabinet	Y	8 February 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220106/681	To approve the Vaux Housing - Development Funding Agreement Update	Cabinet	Y	8 February 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 Paragraph 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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220106/682	To give consideration to the Draft Bus Enhancement Partnership Plan and Scheme	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
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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211103/653	To consider and approve the Siglion Business Plan.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 February to 31 March 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
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
220106/680	Amendment to e-scooter Trial in line with DfT approval	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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211217/673	To seek approval to widen the scope of the Housing Delivery and Investment Plan.	Cabinet	Y	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

10 January 2022