

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Committee Room 1) Plater Way, Sunderland on Thursday 6th April, 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs Bond, Butler, Curtis, Doyle, Edgeworth, Hartnack, Mason-Gage, Mullen, P. Smith, D. Snowdon, D.E. Snowdon (Chair), Thornton, H. Trueman and Watson (Vice Chair).

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No items.

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No items.

E. WAUGH,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance,
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29th March, 2023.

At a meeting of the SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY, 9TH MARCH 2023 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D.E. Snowdon in the Chair.

Councillors Bond, Curtis, Doyle, Mason-Gage, Mullen, H. Trueman and Watson.

Also in attendance:-

Mr Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Smart Cities and Enabling Services Directorate

Mr Paul Davies, Assistant Director of Assurance and Property Service, Finance Directorate

Ms Tracy Davis, Senior Manager - Assurance, Finance Directorate

Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Smart Cities and Enabling Services Directorate

Ms Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members Support Co-ordinator, Law and Governance, Smart Cities and Enabling Directorate

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Edgeworth, Hartnack, P. Smith and D. Snowdon.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 9th February 2023

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 9th February 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Item 6 – Notice of Key Decisions

Councillor Doyle made an open declaration in respect of item number 220621/720 (To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside) due to the involvement of his employer in relation to the matter on the notice regarding the development.

Council Risk Register

Paul Davies, Assistant Director of Assurance and Property together with Tracy Davis, Senior Manager -Assurance, presented a report (copy circulated) which briefed the Committee on the structure and operation of the Council's Risk Register.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Davies advised that the item had been brought to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee at the request of Councillor Mullen and whilst it was recognised that awareness of the Risk Register could help inform the Scrutiny Committee's workplan or reviews, the responsibility for oversight of the Register lay with the Audit and Governance Committee alone. He added that the 'ownership' of the risks within the Register lay with various Officers across the Authority and whilst he had a high-level overview, and would endeavour to address Members questions, there may be queries that he would have to take away and provide the Committee with a written answer.

The Committee was informed that the Key Risks to the Council were set out in two documents, the Strategic Risk Profile which set out the risks against the key areas in the Council's City plan (and which was attached as Appendix 1 to the report) and the Corporate Risk Profile (attached as Appendix 2), which set out the risks against the Council's key procedures and arrangements for managing operational day to day business. All the information included within the risk profiles was reported to Chief Officers and the Audit and Governance Committee on a quarterly basis. In addition, the Audit and Governance Committee submitted an Annual Report to Council setting out the areas of activity that it had been involved in over the previous financial year. Members wishing to view the register could do so via the CMIS system where it was publicly available.

The Chair thanked Mr Davies for his report and invited questions and comments from the Committee.

Councillor Mullen referred to Risk R11 on the Strategic Register (Unable to control variants of the Covid virus, and other communicable diseases, which could increase the spread of the infection across Sunderland) and asked why it was ranked so highly as a risk to the Council as he believed the responsibility for this lay more with Central than Local Government. Mr Davies replied that the ranking related to activities undertaken in respect of those areas that the Council could control however he would speak to the Director of Public Health regarding Cllr Mullen's comment for the next review of the Register.

With regard to Risk R04 on the Strategic Register (The qualifications and skills which Sunderland's residents have may not match the needs of industry in the city), Councillor Mullen commented that it should also reflect the need to ensure that already highly skilled and talented people also received further upskilling to meet changing demands and skills requirements across different sectors. It was an issue that he had already raised with the Chief Executive.

Councillor Mullen raised the issue of the risk of illegal activity and asked where this was covered on the Register? Mr Davies replied that it would be covered by Risk R18 (Legality) and drew the Committee's attention to this on Page 14 of the agenda.

Councillor Mullen referred to whistleblowing and stated that there had been incidents in the last three years of people being arrested for breaking the law and queried why, as a result, the risk on the register was deemed to be low? Mr Davies replied that the organisation employed thousands of people and therefore there would be incidents of wrongdoing, however across the Council as a whole, isolated cases would not change the overall position of low risk. With regards to whistleblowing, Mr Davies advised that Internal Audit would look at issues of financial irregularity and HR would look at personnel issues.

Councillor Mullen informed the Committee that while he could not go into the specifics of a case he was involved with by naming individuals or the service area, he was aware of instances where whistle blowers had had their identities revealed by Senior Council Officers dealing with the complaints. He believed this was illegal and a failure of organisational culture. Mr Davies repeated his view that the Council was a large organisation and that isolated incidents wouldn't alter the overall picture.

Councillor Mullen having asked Mr Davies if he was aware of any ongoing investigations into criminality, the Chair interjected, ruling that the Committee was not the correct forum to ask such a question. Mr Davies advised Councillor Mullen that if he had any concerns in that regard, he should raise them with the Monitoring Officer.

Councillor Mullen having placed on record that he strongly disagreed with the low rating in respect of Risk R18, turned to the issue of how safeguarding was managed in relation to asylum seekers. He asked what risk assessment were undertaken for example in terms of who was placed where and age verification. Mr Davies advised that it was not an issue covered by the Strategic Risk Register however he would refer Councillor Mullen's question to Graham Scanlon, Assistant Director of Housing Services, for a written answer.

Councillor Mason-Gage asked who was responsible for identifying the risks, suggesting that it was perhaps a case of the more people involved the better, on the basis 'that you don't know what you don't know.' Ms Davis replied that the risks presented in the registers before the Committee were at a high level and were identified working with the Chief Officer leads and appropriate Senior Officers. The Risk Register was a live document and was reviewed on a quarterly basis. With regard to the Corporate Risk Register there would be a greater number of risks that would fall lower than Director level. Mr Davies added that these lower level risks would be covered in other service or project risk assessments.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Watson, Ms Davis confirmed that information regarding risk would occasionally be shared between Local Authorities and information would also be provided from external auditors. Councillor Watson also asked, were there any particular trends with regard to the overall levels of risk? Ms Davis replied that for example, the levels of risk in respect of delivering city regeneration were showing a downward trend as construction continued on sites like Riverside Sunderland. Risks in relation to the health and wellbeing of residents were remaining high in light of the cost of living crisis. The only risk that was currently showing an increase related to the ability of the city as a whole to meet its carbon reduction targets. This was not due to a lack of activity on the Council's part but was a recognition of how difficult it is to achieve given that it relies in some part on people changing their behaviours.

Councillor Bond expressed his concerns regarding the ability to fund adult social care and could not understand how the ratings with regard to Risks R12 and R13 were low given that the funding of the sector was one of the biggest challenges facing local authorities nationwide. Mr Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, advised that concerns regarding the issue were being considered by a Working Group of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee which was looking into the Challenges of Adult Social Care in Sunderland. Councillor Bond as a Member of that Group confirmed that he would continue to raise his concerns in that forum. In response to an enquiry from Councillor Curtis, Mr Cummings added that if any Members of this Committee had any questions that they wished him to raise at the Working Group on their behalf, they should email him directly.

Councillor Doyle referred to R16 in the Corporate Risk register (VFM) and asked if there was anything used to monitor VFM in relation to other areas of risk such as the disposal of land. Mr Davies advised that he believed that this would come under 'Asset Management (R47)'. Having checked the Register he noted that disposal of land wasn't specifically mentioned under R47 but confirmed that this was where it would sit and that he would specifically reference it in future. Councillor Doyle then alluded to an agreement between Siglioni and the Council when Siglioni was established in 2014 regarding minimum land receipts which as a result led to some land disposals being undertaken in a way that did not secure best value. He asked would that not be an appropriate issue to look at. Mr Davies replied that he would take Councillor Doyle's point away.

There being no further questions or comments, the Chairman thanked Mr Davies and Ms Davis for their attendance and it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted:-

Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) attaching, for Members' information, the thematic Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2022/23 and which provided an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2022/23.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Nigel Cummings having presented the report, updating Members on the current position regarding the Work Programmes of the Scrutiny Committees, it was :-

3. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committees' work programmes for 2022/23 and the variations to these work programmes be noted, together with the current scrutiny budget position.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the

Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 15th February 2023 together with two supplementary notices issued thereafter.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Consideration having been given to the report, it was :-

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting, having thanked everyone for their attendance and contributions.

(Signed) D. E. SNOWDON,
Chairman.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE – QUARTER 3 OF 2022/23

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 3 of 2022/23.
- 1.2 The Senior Manager – Corporate Strategy will attend the meeting to respond to questions.

2. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 A key element of the Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework is to present, on a quarterly basis, an update to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on key performance information for consideration and discussion.
- 2.2 The Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework is aligned to the Sunderland City Plan.
- 2.3 The City Plan covers:
 - A Vision for the city which provides the focus for the council's activity
 - Three Key Themes – Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City - which are used to organise the council's aims
 - A set of Commitments for each Key Theme under which the council's Activities are aligned
 - A Timeline of Activities illustrating the council's actions across all of the Key Themes.
- 2.4 The Corporate Performance Report is aligned to the three key themes of the City Plan (*Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City*) as well as including additional Council indicators for organisational health / productive & innovative working, financial management and a council ready for the future.
- 2.5 The report sets out the progress made to the end of Quarter 3 of 2022/23, against the City Plan 2019-2030.
- 2.6 Following the City Plan's publication in 2019, an annual review and assurance process has been undertaken each year, to ensure that delivery remains focused on achieving the plan's vision & commitments, whilst taking account of the changing context of the world in which we live.

- 2.7 The first review was undertaken following the conclusion of performance for 2019/20, as the impacts of Covid-19 started to become apparent. The refreshed plan was adopted from 1st April 2021. The second assurance concluded that the plan remained relevant, but given the significant focus on tackling global climate change, a related challenge to support the council's and city's commitments in respect of carbon neutrality was included. The refreshed plan was adopted from 1st April 2022. The latest assurance, developed in consultation with this committee, recognised the impact of the cost-of-living crisis and a need to focus on resilience within our plan. It also recognised the significant achievements that have made on the delivery of the plan through the completion of the plan's Timeline Activity, and therefore the planned activity has been substantially refreshed to deliver outcomes to 2035.
- 2.8 The refreshed plan will be adopted from 1st April 2023. This report relates to activity and performance to the end of December 2022.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the information provided in the report.

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DYNAMIC SMART CITY

A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all – more and better jobs – more local people with better qualifications and skills – a stronger city centre with more businesses, housing, and cultural opportunities – more and better housing.

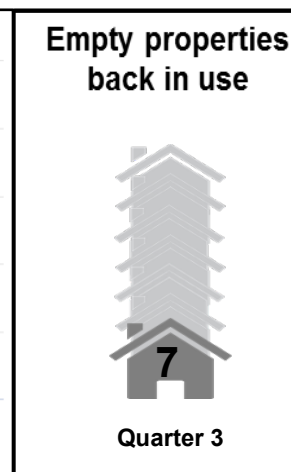
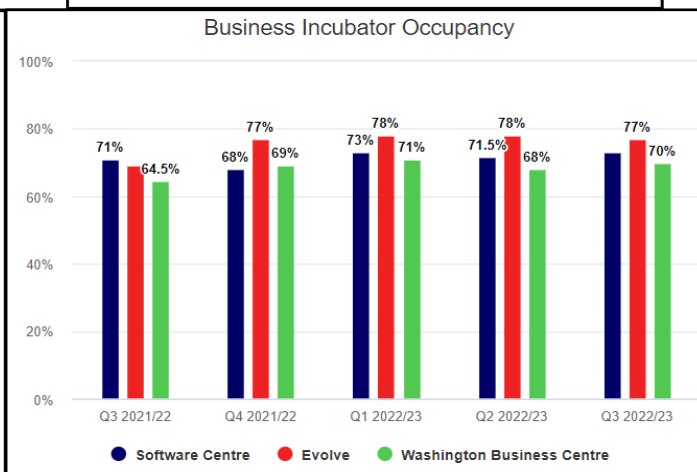
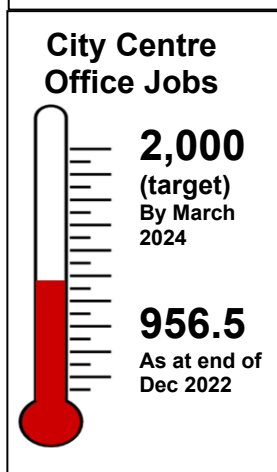
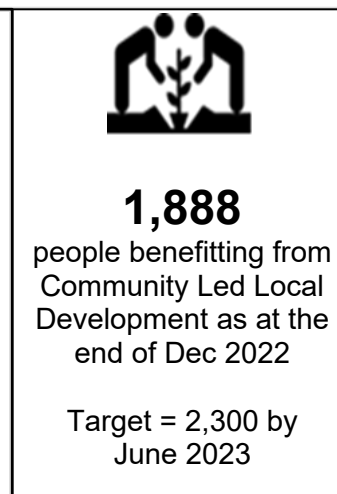
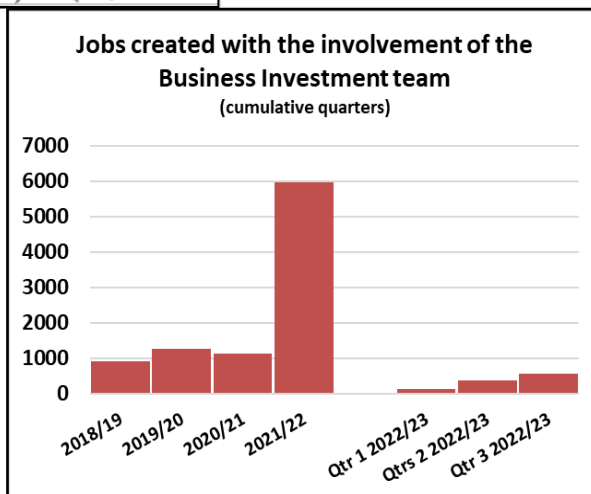
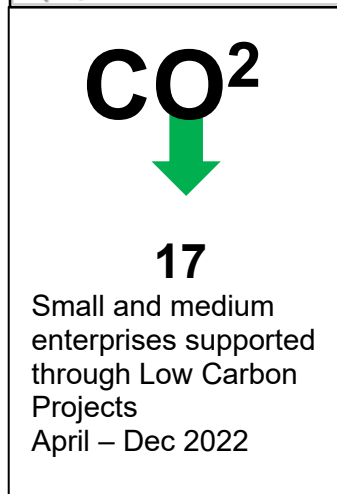
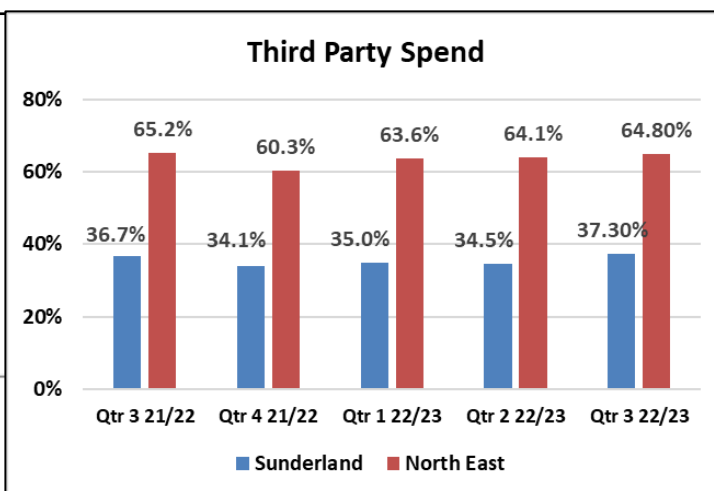
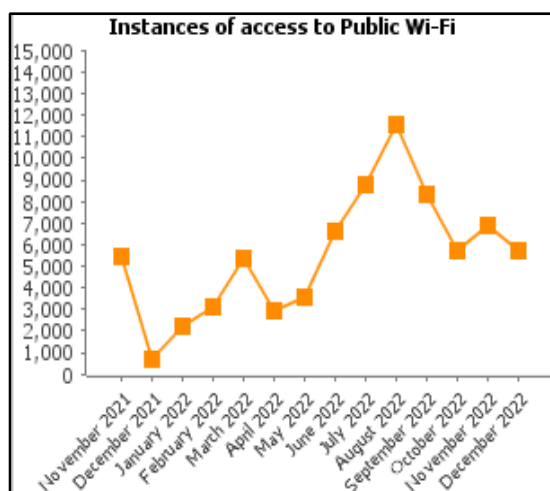


CITY CONTEXT

CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE)	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
% of properties with ultrafast broadband December 2022: 72.1%	UK 72.5%	Improving (December 2021: 63.5%)
CO2 emissions estimates for Sunderland (per capita) 2020: 3.7 tonnes	NE 4.7, England 4.3	Improving (2016: 4.7 tonnes)
Employment rate Oct 2021 - Sept 2022: 72%	NE 71.3%, GB 75.6%	Improving (Oct 2020 - Sept 2021: 65.9%)
Proportion of workers earning below Living Wage Foundation rates 2020/21: 17.4% (provisional).	NE 19.6%, GB 17.2%	Improving (2016/17: 21.5%)
Median wage workers 2022: £540.90	NE £575.20 GB £642	Improving (2018: £517.20)
% Population NVQ Level 4 qualification 2021: 24.7%	NE 34.4% GB 43.5%	Declining (2017: 27.3%)
GCSE - % achieving a grade 4-9 in Maths & English 2021/22: 62.3%	NE 65.8%, England 71.7%	N/A (previous years not comparable due to changes in assessment)
Level 3 (A level & equivalent) attainment by age of 19 in 2020/21: 50.3%	NE 53.5% England 59.8%	N/A (Exams & Teacher Assessed not comparable)
City Centre new homes Qtr. 3 2022/23: 0	N/A	No change (Qtr. 3 2021/22: 0)
People employed in the City Centre 2021: 14,141	N/A	Increasing (2017: 11,373)
Population of the City 2021 Census: 274,200	N/A	N/A (Census figure not comparable with 2020 mid-year estimate of 277,846)
Net Internal Migration 2020: -403	N/A	Declining (2016: -381)
New homes-built Qtr.3 2022/23: 282	N/A	Improving (Qtr.3 2021/22: 231)
Completed affordable homes Qtr.3 2022/23: 18	N/A	Declining (Qtr.3 2021/22: 38)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2022/23 Timeline	Status
Deliver connected, automated logistics project	Completed
Complete development of Hillthorn Business Park (Phase 1)	On Track
The Yard Business Hub Opens	On Track
Continued Advanced Digital Infrastructure Deployment	On Track
Sunderland Station South Entrance Open	Progressing for completion in 2023/24



A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all

Our ambition is to lead the way on digital transformation to make Sunderland a Smart City, and through our Smart Cities Strategy we will deliver a range of use cases for smart working and living - with high speed and resilient digital connectivity central to our plans.

At the end of Quarter 3, the proportion of Sunderland properties with ultrafast broadband has increased to 72.1% (from 63.5% at the end of Quarter 3 of 2021/22). Instances of access to public Wi-Fi (at 18,295) have also risen compared with the same period in the previous year (at 12,044).

Sunderland City Council, along with partners across the city, is committed to playing its part in tackling the global challenge of climate change and to become a carbon neutral city by 2040. Previously published figures showed that progress is being made, with the latest CO2 emissions estimate for Sunderland per capita (tonnes per resident) at 3.7 for 2020 – reduced from 4.2 in 2019, and over the longer term from 4.7 in 2016. The Sunderland figure is also lower than both the North East and England (at 4.7 and 4.3 tonnes per resident).

The Council is committed to becoming net zero as an organisation by 2030, across all greenhouse gases, in addition to becoming carbon neutral. Latest (previously reported) data on tonnes of CO2 emissions from LA operations for 2021/22 at 7,405 tonnes, was up slightly from 7,094 in 2020/21 (during which reductions were likely accelerated due to Covid restrictions). Over the longer term, the figure has been significantly reduced, from 22,000 tonnes (recorded in 2017/18).

The Council's Low Carbon Action Plan (first published in January 2021) has been updated (published July 2022). The updated Action Plan identifies a series of over-arching objectives under each of the strategic priorities of: Our Behaviour, Policies and Practices, Built Environment, Renewable Energy Generation and Storage, Low Carbon and Active Transport & Reducing Consumption & Waste. The identified actions are wide ranging and align with the City Plan priorities across Dynamic, Healthy & Vibrant. In Quarter 3, the Council published its Low Carbon annual report and delivery of the updated actions in the Low Carbon Action Plan have continued to progress. This included delivery of the Ecofest (a festival of sustainability) that took place in October where the people of Sunderland were able to learn more about the environment and climate change and families could participate in fun activities. At the end of December 2022 there were 52 school sites seeking to deliver both healthy and sustainable food, with the Bronze *Food for Life Served Here* achievement.

Throughout December in the run up to Christmas we sought to further engage families in the city in the Low Carbon agenda with a festive Elf on the Shelf low carbon communications campaign. Our elf gave families tips on how they could reduce their carbon footprint and help the environment around Christmas. The campaign proved to be hugely popular reaching 34.2K social media accounts with 34.7k views.

We are supporting increased business take-up of low carbon initiatives through the delivery of the Sunderland City Council (SSC) and Northeast (NE) Low Carbon projects. Through the Sunderland element, 4 SMEs have been supported in Quarter 3 (taking the total to 17 for April to December 2022).

Through our rapid charging station, we continue to support the use of electric vehicles in the city. Transactions have risen consistently over the last year and were up from 2,088 in Quarter 2 to 2,712 in Quarter 3, (and up from 1,572 transactions in Quarter 3 of 2021/22).

More and better jobs

Our focus in the City Plan was on increasing the number of well-paid jobs in the city by promoting growth in key sectors including automotive and advanced manufacturing, financial and customer services, digital and software, as well as increasing professional services in the city centre, and port related activity. As the Covid-19 pandemic hit in 2020, and persisted into 2021, businesses and employment were impacted, and our aim now is to ensure that the city and its residents emerge from the pandemic in a strong and competitive position.

The employment rate for Sunderland, at 72% (122,600 aged 16+) for the period October 2021 to September 2022, has risen compared with October 2020 to September 2021 (at 65.9%). The Sunderland figure is above the North East rate of 71.3%. The rate for Great Britain, for the same period is 75.6%.

The Port continues to focus on increasing its economic activity, with a turnover of £1.974m and 193,366 tonnage processed in Quarter 3. The trading position of the Port is reported to the Port Board and incorporated within the quarterly revenue budget monitoring reports to Cabinet. Taking into account the December 2022 information, the Port is forecasted to generate a trading profit of £480,000 in 2022/23.

We continue to ensure that our Council activity supports the local economy where possible. In Quarter 3, 64.8% (£82.692m) of all Council third party spend was within the regional economy, and £7.521m of social value was secured through our procurement projects.

Following a short delay, the developer advised that The Yard Business Hub building was on track to be completed early in 2023. Phase 1 of Hillthorn Business Park is progressing with the first building expected to be completed by end of March 2023.

More local people with better qualifications and skills

Through the City Plan, the aim is to ensure that residents' skills and qualifications enable them to secure good jobs that match the needs of employers in key sectors thereby reducing the gap in the median wage between Sunderland residents and Sunderland workers.

Previously released provisional data for the median weekly wage showed that the gap between Sunderland residents and Sunderland workers reduced from £29.30 in April 2021 to £4.30 in April 2022. Figures for both (residents and workers) however, remain above the North East and Great Britain with the median weekly wage for residents at £537 (NE £580, GB £642) and for workers at £541 (NE £575, GB £642).

Previous published data (provisional) shows there has been an increase to 17.4% (in the tax year ending April 2021) in workers living below the Living Wage Foundation rate, when compared with the tax year ending 2020 (at 16.1%). Overall, however, the figure represented an improvement in the long term, with the figure for the tax year ending April 2017 at 21.5%. Local data shows there are 23 accredited real Living Wage employers with headquarters in Sunderland and a further 45 with a Sunderland branch (68 in total). There were 8,876 employees employed by Living Wage employers with a HQ in Sunderland (total employee figures unavailable and figures adjusted to reflect a clarification on the parameters used for the geographical area of Sunderland).

As the city and its residents emerge from the pandemic, we will seek to ensure residents have the skills to be in a strong and competitive position to access employment. We will continue to focus on tackling the barriers for those least able to access employment through initiatives such as Community Local Led Development (CLLD). 1,888 people had benefitted from CLLD as at the end of December 2022.

Previously published data showed that 24.7% of the Sunderland population had a Level 4 qualification in 2021 (compared with the North East at 34.4% and Great Britain at 43.5%). In the

summer of 2022 pupils once again sat exams at A-level & GCSE after Covid disruption resulted in previous years exams being replaced by teacher assessment. Validated results for Level 3 (A-level and equivalent) attainment by the age of 19, are not expected to be published until April 2023. Validated GCSE results (published February 2023) for the academic year 2021/22 show that in Sunderland 62.3% of students achieved a grade 4-9 in Maths & English, lower than the North East at 65.8% and England at 71.7%. Figures over recent years are not directly comparable due to changes in the way GCSE examinations were awarded due to Covid.

A stronger city centre with more business, housing, and cultural opportunities

As we recover from the COVID-19 pandemic our aspiration is that Sunderland city centre will drive transformational economic growth with Riverside Sunderland clearly demonstrating our investment ambition. In the long term there will be more people living and working in the City Centre.

Through Riverside Sunderland we aim to create a vibrant new city centre residential community of 1,000 sustainable new homes, promoting more city centre living (previously published figures showed the City Centre residential population at 3,089 mid 2020). Alongside the delivery of new homes, Expo Sunderland will provide events and experiences to engage visitors in new and sustainable ways of living.

Riverside Sunderland will also comprise of 1 million square feet of modern offices, commercial premises, and other employment space, creating new sites for businesses to grow and with the aim of workspace for 8,000 – 10,000 quality jobs. Office premises are now established onsite and in December 2022 a new hotel opened on Keel Square. Planning is now in place for the new Eye Hospital at Riverside. Previously published figures for 2021 show 14,141 people employed in the city centre, an increase on the figure of 13,348 in 2020. At the end of Quarter 3, 956.5 new city centre office jobs have been created since April 2019.

We continue to progress our plans for a range of physical developments in the city centre - such as Sunderland Station. Construction of the South Entrance of the new station commenced in May 2022 and contractor works are expected to complete in summer 2023.

More and better housing

Through our City Plan we seek to ensure that Sunderland offers the opportunities that families and individuals need to achieve their ambitions – with a housing offer that reflects the homes that people aspire to live in. This includes larger family homes as well as more affordable homes. This will be achieved through the delivery of key housing sites.

Figures previously published for out-migration showed a slowing from a net of -511 in 2019 to -403 in 2020. Whilst the figure is higher than the five-year long-term trend figure of -381 for 2016, the 2016 figure was the lowest figure reached before figures declined substantially in 2017 (to -748) and then began reducing year on year.

In Quarter 3, there were 214 additional homes in the city (including new and conversions) - of which 122 are in council tax bands C-G. There have been 18 completed affordable homes in Quarter 3. In Quarter 3 construction commenced on new residential units on the New Ashbrooke housing site with groundworks taking place. Progress was also made on the South Sunderland Growth Area with the practical completion of construction of City Way.

Alongside more homes, we are also committed to ensuring that the housing we have is of quality - with 7 empty properties brought back into use in Quarter 3 and 196 privately rented properties inspected for hazards.

HEALTHY SMART CITY

Reduce health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives – access to equitable opportunities and life chances – people enjoying independent lives – a city with great transport links – cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods.



CITY CONTEXT

CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE) COMPARATIVE DATA

**Healthy Life Expectancy at birth
2018-2020 as at 2021/22:**
Female: 56.9 yrs.
Male: 56.1 yrs.

England 63.9 yrs. NE 59.7 yrs.
England 63.1 yrs. NE 59.1
yrs.

**Admission episodes alcohol-
related 2020/21: 2,401**
(Broad, Persons, per 100,000 pop)

England 1,500, NE 1,979

Smoking prevalence 2021: 15.2%

England 13%, NE 14.8%

**The proportion of adults living with
overweight or obesity 2020/21:**
69.1%

England 63.5%, NE 67.7%

**Prevalence of overweight (incl.
obese) among children in Year 6
2021/22: 45%**

2021/22
England 37.8%, NE 40.9%

**% Of people that are fairly active /
active (Active Lives – Public Health)
2020/21: 74%**

England 76.6%, NE 74.4%

**Women who smoke at time of
delivery Qtr. 2 2021/22: 11.7%**

England 9.1% NE 12%

**EYFSP Good level of development
2021/22: 63.7%**

England 65.2%, NE 64.1%

**Teenage pregnancy (under 18
conception rate) rolling year: Qtr. 2
2021/22: 27.4**

England 12.8, NE 19.5

**Proportion of people (18+) living
independently (without social care
services) Qtr. 3 2022/23: 98.2%**

N/A

**Litter - % of relevant land &
highways with deposits that fall
below an acceptable level Qtr. 3
2022/23: 7.5%**

N/A

SUNDERLAND TREND

Declining (2014-2016: 59.3 yrs.)

Declining (2014-2016: 58.8 yrs.)

N/A
(Not comparable due to change in
methodology)

Improving
(2017: 22.7%)
Declining
(2016/17: 67.7%)

Declining
(2017/18: 40.9%)

No change
(2016/17: 74%)

Improving
(Qtr. 2 2021/21: 14.2%)

Declining
(2017/18: 71.2%)

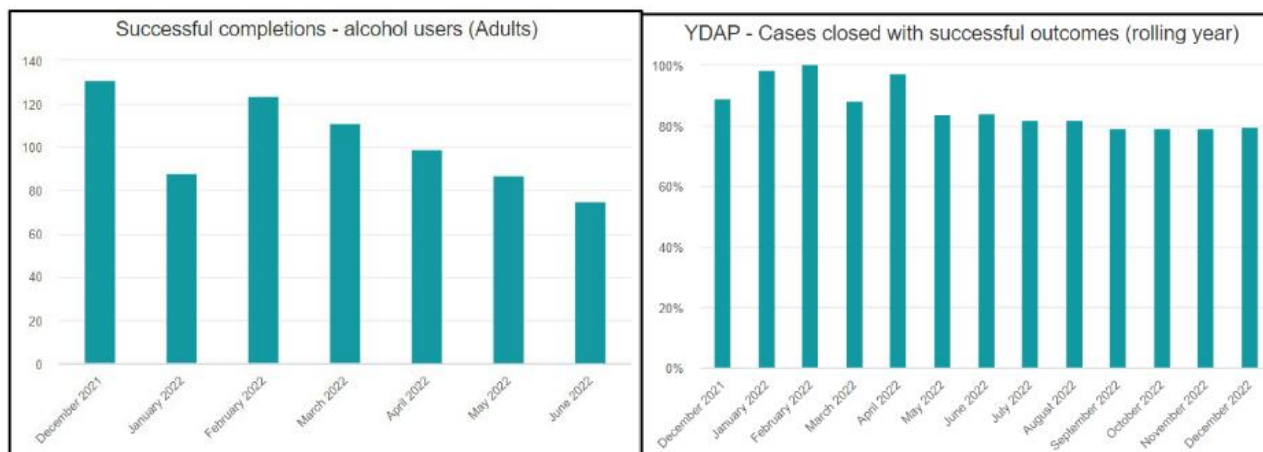
Declining
(Qtr. 1 2020/21: 18.8)

Stable
(Qtr.3 2021/22 98.3%)

N/A
(Qtr.3 2021/22 not available)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2022/23 Timeline	Status
Better walking and cycling routes linking communities to riverside and sea front and green spaces	On Track
Reduction in smoking in the city	Completed
More people physically active	On Track
Improvement in household recycling rates	Completed
More people enjoying independent lives	On Track
Digital Catapult affordable warmth testbed delivered	Completed



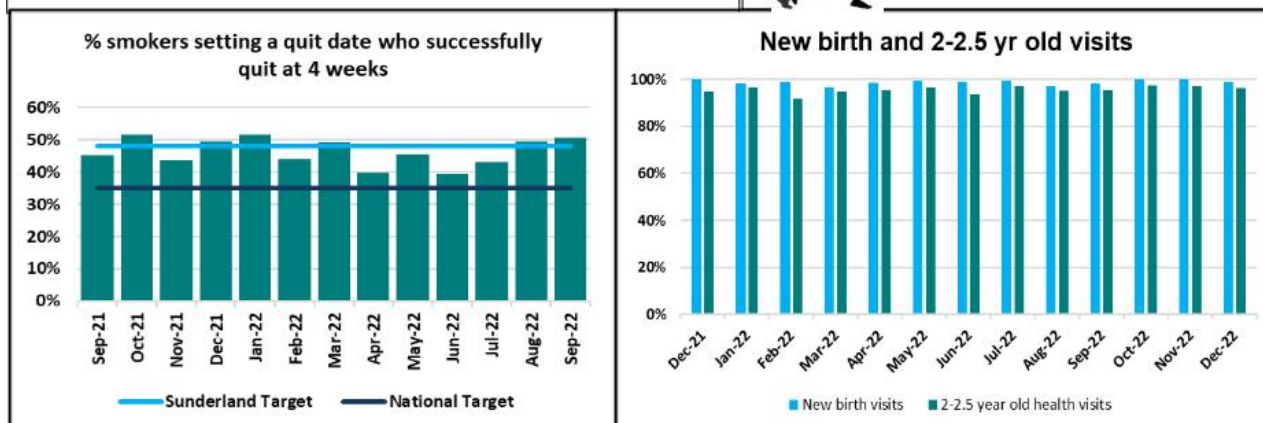
3,158 homes with assisted technology supporting independent living as at the end of Dec 2022.



8,055



Individuals took part in Active Sunderland BIG events in 2022/23 as at the end of Quarter 3.

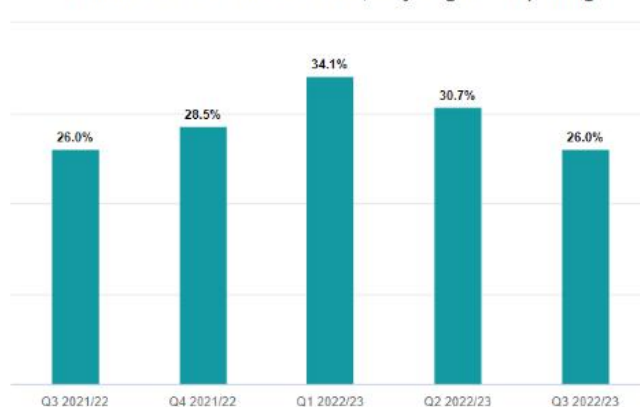


1,850

place enforcement activities completed in Quarter 3



Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting



Initial provisional figures may be adjusted in subsequent quarters.

New adopted roads, footpaths, and improved cycleways

2,034m Roads
4,430m Footpaths
1,950m Cycleways

1st April – 31st Dec 2022



Reduce health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives

Our City Plan recognises the need to ensure that health and wellbeing outcomes are significantly improved, with previously published healthy life expectancy at birth in Sunderland (at 56.1 years for males and 56.9 for females 2018-2020), lower than the North East and England and declining. The Healthy City Plan is our Health & Wellbeing Board's joint Health & Wellbeing Strategy through which we will address health inequalities and health integration is being progressed through a road map (submitted to the ICB in October 2022) for the establishment of integrated place-based arrangements.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, brought a new health challenge to the city. In addition to the impacts of infection, we know that the pandemic will have had wider health implications in relation to behaviours that can cause harms to health such as smoking, alcohol consumption, inactivity, and poor diet. With residents now facing the cost-of-living crisis, there may also be other health impacts as residents struggle with the costs of heating, food and other necessities.

Previously published figures for hospital admissions (adults) due to alcohol were 2,401 for Sunderland for 2020/21 (North East average 1,979, England 1,500). Although the figures suggest a reduction (improvement) for Sunderland in comparison to previous figures - due to changes in how the statistics have been compiled, figures are not directly comparable with previous trends. The previously published rate for the three-year period 2018/19-2020/21 for under 18s alcohol admissions per 100,000 was 76 for Sunderland - an improvement on the previous rate of 82.4, (North-East rate 52, England rate of 55.4). Latest available figures for successful intervention completions for Adults Services for alcohol, and for the Youth Drug and Alcohol programme (all substances) are shown in the charts. Cabinet have recently agreed a new alcohol strategy.

The recently published figure for smoking prevalence confirms a reduction in smoking has been achieved - from 22.7% in 2017 to 15.2% in 2021 (there have been some adjustments to figures due to changes in counting rules in the period). In the same period the gap between Sunderland and England has reduced from 7.8 to 2.2 percentage points and the gap with the North-East reduced from 6.5 to 0.4 percentage points. The Sunderland Health Related Behaviour Survey for the same year (2021) found that smoking rates were lower amongst young people compared to the previous survey in 2019. In the 2021, 5% of Year 10 (aged 14 to 15 years) boys reported that they smoke occasionally or regularly compared to 13% in 2019 and 12% of Year 10 girls reported that they smoke occasionally or regularly compared to 15% in 2019.

In Quarter 2 of 2022/23 (latest available data) 47% of smokers setting a quit date successfully quit at 4 weeks (120 successful quitters of 255 quit attempts), with performance improving across the quarter from 43.2% in July 2022 to 50.5% in September 2022 (above the national target of 35% and local stretch target of 48%). In December 2022, Swap Smoking Sunderland was launched. This is a three-year pilot that will provide targeted stop smoking advice and enhanced support to social housing tenants. In addition to the standard stop smoking 12-week programme of behavioural support and access to Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT), tenants will also be offered use of a free e-cigarette/vape as a stop smoking aid. Regular monitoring and evaluation will take place throughout the course of the pilot. Results will be used to make recommendations to inform future commissioning intentions.

Previously published figures for the proportion of adults who are overweight, or living with obesity, showed a reduction from 73.5% in 2019/20 to 69.1% in 2020/21 (though figures remained above the Northeast and England).

Covid 19 impacted on the delivery of the National Child Measurement Programme at a local level, for the academic year 2020/21 (thus local figures not available). Nationally, in 2020/21 there was a big increase, however, the latest figures show a reduction nationally with a move back towards pre-covid rates. Figures for the most recent period (academic year 2021/22) include local level data. In Sunderland 45% of children in Year 6 were overweight (including

obese) - a deterioration from the 36.9% recorded in 2019/20 and the 2016/17 long-term trend figure of 40.9%. Sunderland's prevalence is higher than both the England and North East averages. Prevalence in 2021/22 in the North East was 40.9% and in England 37.8%, with both increased in comparison to the 2016/17 long-term trend figure.

Uptake of the National Healthy Start programme in Sunderland has increased to 81%. The Healthy Start scheme aims to provide a nutritional safety net and improving access to a healthy diet for low-income families. The scheme allows those on a low income who are more than 10 weeks pregnant or have a child under four, to help to buy milk, fruit and vegetables, pulses and baby formula. A range of programmes, projects, services and new ways of working have been implemented within the city council and with partners, including: the healthy weight declaration as part of a long term, 'systems wide approach' to healthy weight, health literacy to enable residents to make informed healthier choices ensuring clear and comprehensive healthy eating and physical activity messages are consistent with government guidelines, and working with partners to provide services delivered within communities that are tailored to provide lifestyle support for children, young people and families. Delivery of a Tier 2 Weigh Management Programme has been piloted and there has been the ongoing delivery of the Change for Life Programme. In Quarter 3, the Change for Life Programme delivered 109 school sessions with 3,930 school children benefitting, 421 families engaged and 633 participants in community events. 10 schools were engaged in the Omega Healthy Eating and Growing programme (either through a full support package or through forums & training) with a further 4 expressing an interest.

Latest available data published by Public Health England, shows that 74% of people in Sunderland were active or fairly active in 2020/21, in line with the Northeast figure of 74.4% (2 percentage points behind England at 76%). There were 499,265 Leisure Centre attendances in Quarter 3, and 210 participants in Active Sunderland Big Events (taking the total to 8,055 for 2022/23). There were 139,090 visitors through the turnstiles of Football Hubs with 2,255 games played.

Previously published validated data for the three-year period of 2019-2021, showed the suicide rate for Sunderland reduced to 14.2 per 100,000 (age 10+) from 14.4 (for 2018-2020), though it remained above the England rate of 10.4 and Northeast rate of 13. Local intelligence (unvalidated data provided by Northumbria Police) indicates an improvement from 15.7 in 2020 to 10.2 in 2021, and 8.8 in 2022. In Quarter 3, the Council applied to the Prevention Concordat for Better Mental Health which included an action plan for local delivery. We have since been notified that the application was successfully accepted, with feedback that it was a strong application. Washington Mind were successful in securing the new contract for suicide prevention training, this offer is available now for people who live and work in Sunderland. Work is progressing with the installation of additional crisis signage in areas surrounding Wearmouth Bridge.

We continue to support the Better Health at Work Award. The Award provides workplaces with a structured set of criteria to achieve. The criteria aims to support employee health and wellbeing in a structured way based on the health needs of staff within any given workplace. The programme itself is targeted towards reducing health inequalities within our working population in Sunderland, in line with key priorities within the Healthy City Plan. Most notably, to 'create fair employment and good work for all' Currently, 47 workplaces in the city are actively participating in the award. Specifically for the city council we continue to further promote health in our own employees with a three-year Employee Health and Wellbeing Strategy due to be introduced. This will support us to deliver our vision of a happy, healthy, safe workforce. Between August and November 2022 there were 527 attendances at healthy choice sessions delivered by the Council's Employee Wellness Coordinator.

Access to equitable opportunities and life chances

We are taking a life course approach to health and wellbeing starting with the early life stages of preconception to early years and adolescence under this commitment. In Quarter 2 (latest

available data) the proportion of women smoking at time of delivery was 11.7% (74 smokers of 631 maternities). This is better than the North-East at 12% (England 9.1%), and 2.5% points lower than the same period in the previous year.

The proportion of infants being breastfed, at 25.5% for Quarter 4 of 2021/22 (latest available previously reported data) remains below the England position of 48.9% (Northeast figures unavailable). Sunderland Maternity Services have registered intent to work towards achievement of Level 1 of the Unicef Baby Friendly Standards to promote sustained breastfeeding in the community and for the the best outcomes for mothers and babies.

98.1% of new birth visits and 96.3% of 2.5-year-old checks have been carried out in timescale. Validated national statistics shows performance was better than for England and the North-East.

The 2021/22 results have now been published for the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) Good Level of Development (the 2019/2020 and 2020/21 academic years publications were cancelled due to Covid-19). In Sunderland 63.7% of children achieved a good level of development – lower than the North East (at 64.1%) and England (at 65.2%). In Sunderland and across the North East and England fewer children achieved a Good Level of Development in comparison to the pre pandemic figures (Sunderland at 72.6%, North East 71.8% and England 71.8% for 2018/19).

The rate of under 18 conceptions (teenage pregnancy rate based on conceptions per 1,000 women aged 15 -17) for Sunderland rose to 27.4 in Quarter 2 of 2021/22 (latest available data) – up from 25.1 in Quarter 1 of 2022/23 and up on the same period in the previous year (at 18.8). This is above the England and North-East rates (of 12.8 and 19.5) for Quarter 2 of 2022/2023. The rise had been anticipated based on local intelligence. The Children and Young People's Sexual Health Services enhanced offer is in place to provide access to contraception and pregnancy advice options as part of a wider strategy to reduce teenage conceptions.

People enjoying independent lives

98% of people aged 18+ in the city live independently (without social care services, based on mid-year population estimates) and we remain committed to ensuring people in the city can enjoy independent lives. However, the implementation of Social Care Reform, planned for October 2023, may impact on these figures. With the roll out of the assistive technology in the home offer, 3,158 homes had the technology by the end of December 2022.

76% of people who use services have control over their daily lives based on latest figures for 2021/22 (North East 79.2%, England 76.9%).

We recognised the significant role in Carers in enabling people to live independently. Following on from the previous Carers bi-annual survey, Let's Talk Carers engagement was initiated. The consultation enabled us to receive feedback from Carers to inform the design of the Carers Strategy with actions being taken to improve and co-produce services based on input from those with lived experience. Further consultation took place in Quarter 3 during Carers Week linked with International Carers Day. The Strategy will be finalised for adoption through the Health & Wellbeing Board and launch at a Carers Celebration event planned for late spring / early summer time.

Newly published data on the rate of emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65+ (per 100,000), showed a decrease from 3,164 in 2020/21, to 2,710 for 2021/22 for Sunderland though figures remain above the North East (at 2,531) and England (at 2,023). Although the Sunderland figure decreased over the last year, the North East and England figures increased in the same period. Over the last year a strength and balance activity programme has been delivered and a new Falls Strategy is in development for implementation from April 2023.

Great transport links with low carbon and active travel opportunities for all

Our emphasis within this City Plan commitment is about ensuring that people can move around the city with ease through improved transport routes - enabling access to key employment sites. Alongside vehicle transport routes, great travel links is also about having the necessary infrastructure to enable active travel. In Quarter 3, there were 583m of adopted roads, 632m of adopted footpaths and 650m of new or improved cycleways (taking totals for 1st April to 31st December to 2,034m adopted roads, 4,430m adopted footpaths and 1,950m improved cycleways).

We are encouraging take-up of active, sustainable travel options through a range of schemes. In Quarter 3, there were 175 new sign-ups to the Sunderland Step-up App encouraging walking. Through the Love to Ride scheme (cycling) we have supported the Winter Wheelers in Quarter 3. The scheme aimed to promote continuation of cycling during the winter months, providing hints and tips on winter cycling and a cycling challenge for encouragement. The communications campaign reached 12.6K social media accounts, with 16.7k views and 64 clicks into the links for further information. There were 86 registrations for the Winter Wheelers with rides covering 3,314 miles and 159 transport trips.

1,623 children have taken part in cycle training and 3,723 school children have taken part in pedestrian training from April to December 2022.

Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

Our focus here is on promoting environmental responsibility amongst residents to achieve a cleaner and more attractive city.

The City Plan Timeline activity of an improvement in household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting was confirmed as completed in Quarter 2, as performance reached 34% (above the target set of 32%). In Quarter 3, the proportion has fallen to 26% (7,254.9 tons recycled, reused or composted of 27,889.9 tons of total household waste) however, this is consistent with performance in the same period in the previous year and follows a seasonal trend in which there are lower levels of recycling / composting towards the end of the year – particularly in relation to lower levels of garden waste. The latest available confirmed national comparator figure is 36.4%, and the confirmed regional comparator is 35%, however, the national and regional figures follow the same seasonal trend, thus it is anticipated that the national and regional performance will also drop when the confirmed Quarter 3 benchmarks become available. Work has been ongoing to improve the recycling rates across the City through a programme of education and enforcement aligned to the introduction of a *No Side Waste* policy from January 2023. In Quarter 3, there was a focus on education in respect of Christmas waste and recycling with information shared via social media, residents printed and e-newsletter and with our workforce (many being Sunderland residents). The social media communications reached 19.9k social media accounts with 29.9K views. 241 social media viewers clicked the links for further information.

At the end of Quarter 3, the percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level was 7.5%. Figures are not available for the single quarter of Quarter 3 2020/22 for comparison (due to information system issues), and due to seasonal variations comparisons with other periods are not ideal, however, the figure of 7.5% is within target levels. The % of relevant land and highways that is assessed as having levels of dog fouling that fall below an acceptable level was 0.66% and graffiti was 2.8%.

We are issuing sanctions where appropriate following enforcement investigations. In Quarter 3, 1,850 enforcement activities had been carried out – 306 more than in the same period in the previous year (at 1,544). The enforcement activities included 303 investigations, 972 warning letters, 15 Community Protection Warnings, 6 Section 47 notices (businesses) and 258 Section 46 notices (residents). Both section 46 and 47 notices relate to the storage, disposal and presentation of waste under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

In Quarter 1, a pilot commenced to trial the removal of Glyphosate in weedkilling. At the end of Quarter 3, the pilot was completed with a report compiled with recommendations for next steps for consideration.

VIBRANT SMART CITY

More resilient people – more people feel safe in their homes and neighbourhoods – more residents participating in their communities – more people visiting Sunderland and more residents informing participating in cultural events, programmes, and activities.

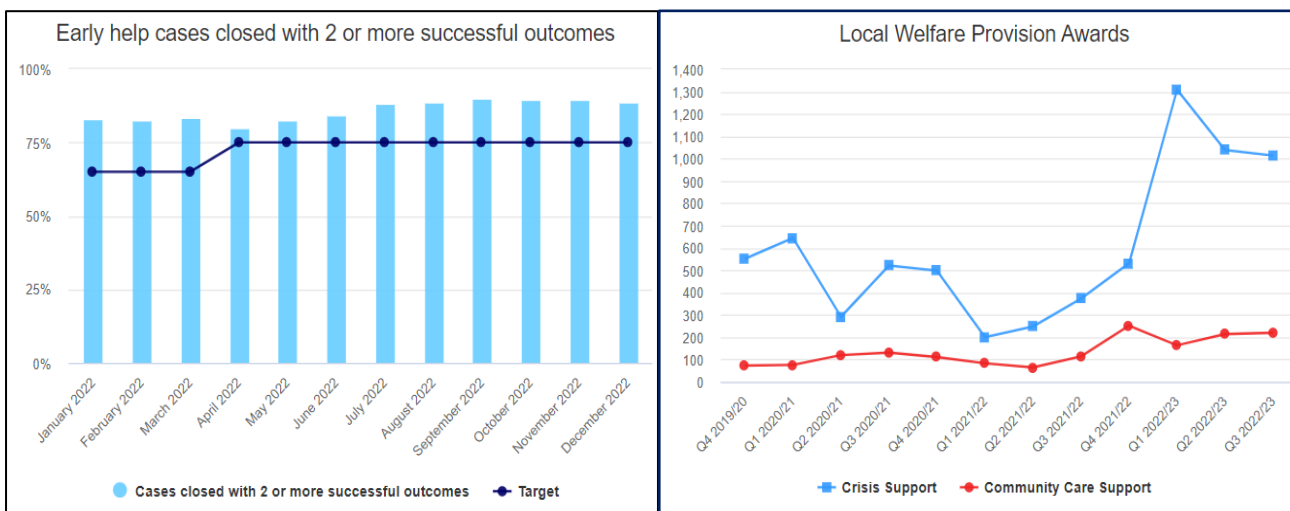



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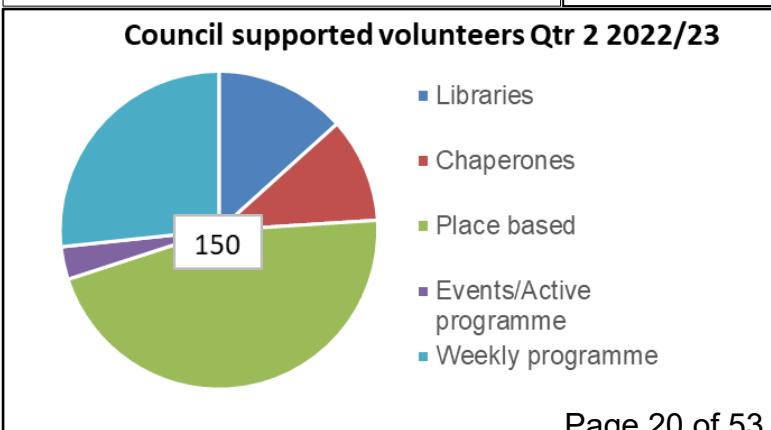
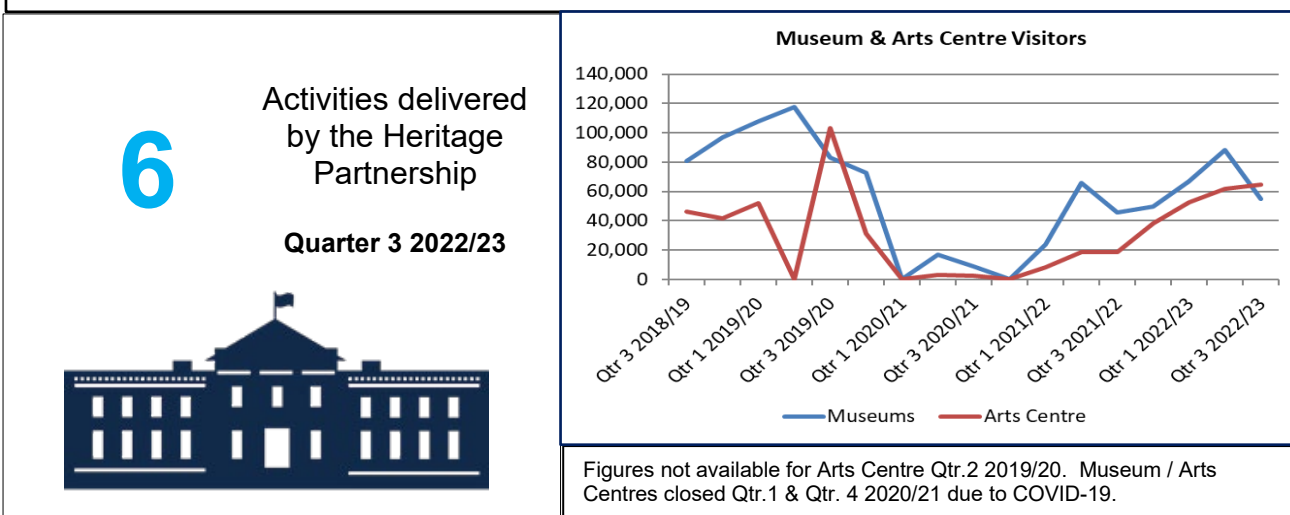
CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE)	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Rate of cared for children (per 10k) Dec 2022: 92.6	England 70 NE 110 SN 111.8	Improving (Dec 2021: 101.3)
Rate of CYP subject to a child protection plan (per 10k) Dec 2022: 43.2	England 42.1 NE 62.6 SN 59.4	Improving (Dec 2021: 59.7)
Rate of Children in Need (per 10k) Dec 2022: 344.1	England 334.3 NE 470.7 SN 452.9	Improving (Dec 2021: 390.2)
Residents supported by food banks Qtr.3 2022/23: 8,151	N/A	Declining (Qtr. 2 2021/22: 5,908)
Crime (recorded incidents) Apr-Dec 2022: 21,814	N/A	Declining (Apr-Dec 2021: 20,842)
Residents' feelings of safety (local) Qtr.3 (Jan – Dec 2022): 93%	N/A	Declining (Qtr.3 2020/21: 94%)
The proportion of people who use services who feel safe 2021/22: 72.5%	England 69.2% NE 73.8% SN 71.1%	Declining (2017/18: 78.6%)
Number of visitors to the city 2021: 5,730,000	N/A	Declining (2017: 8,760,000)
Overall spend of visitors to the city 2021: £314m	N/A	Declining (2017: £429m)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2021/22 Timeline	Status
Launch new domestic abuse services model	On track
New national/international events including British Triathlon Super Series	Completed
World Class music events staged in the city	On track



 **16 Events** facilitated by the Council, on Council land / in council buildings in Quarter 3 of 2022/23



24 retailers in the city to be engaged in the responsible retailers' scheme.



More resilient people

We will support families to enable them to be resourceful to respond to challenges and achieve the best possible outcomes for their children. The rates of children in need, children subject to a Child Protection Plan, and Cared For children, have continued to reduce in Quarter 3 compared with the same period in the previous year.

At the end of Quarter 3, 84.9% of children in need assessments were completed in timescale (target 85%), 88.8% of early help cases closed with successful outcomes (target 75%), 10.8% of Cared for Children have experienced 3+ placements within the last 12 months (target 10% or less) and 99.5% of Cared for Children had an up-to-date Personal Education Plan (target 90%).

Through support to families with children in need, and intervention in families with children subject to a child protection plan, we seek to increase resilience in families and monitor how often worries are raised about children that we have already tried to help. At the end of Quarter 3, 23.4% of referrals to TFC were re-referrals within 12 months (target of 23%), an increase on the same period in the previous year (at 18.9%). 14.8% of children subject to a child protection plan had a repeat plan within 2 years (within target of 15%), an increase on the same period in the previous year (at 6.6%).

We know that our communities have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with hardship continuing for some in the face of challenges presented by the rise in the cost of living. The number of residents supported by food banks has risen continually over the last two years, reaching 8,151 in Quarter 3 – 2,243 more than in the same period in the previous year (at 5,908).

Crisis Support awards rose steeply in Quarter 1 to 1,309 (from 532 in Quarter 4 of 2021/22) and remained at this higher level in Quarter 2. The figure has reduced slightly in Quarter 3 (to 1,014), however, is more than treble the number in the same period in the previous year. Alongside Crisis Support awards, Community Care Support continues to be awarded, increasing from 164 in Quarter 1 of 2022/23, to 214 in Quarter 2 and 220 in Quarter 3. In recent periods the figures for Crisis Support Awards have included awards made under the Council's Household Support Fund. This is for people struggling with energy and food costs and Household Support Fund awards are considered before Crisis Support Awards are made.

In mid October 2022, a Cost-of-Living Hub went live, giving information on how to access a range of advice and support to cope with the cost of living including: government help available, help with energy costs, coping with debt and dealing with finances, warm spaces, food support services and more. To the end of December there were 8,727 page views in total (4,432 unique page views). 55 warm spaces were opened in Sunderland by the end of Quarter 3, providing spaces for residents that are heated, safe, friendly and free to use and these are being regularly reviewed to inform future resilience planning. The Bread and Butter Thing aims to mitigate food poverty through a community led food club that intercepts surplus food and redistributes at a low cost to households and individuals. Our strategy, and subsequent action for responding to the cost-of-living crisis and supporting our residents to be resilient at this time, is informed by insight work carried out in Quarter 3 that draws on the lived experience of residents in our communities. To support this work, an engagement worker has been recruited to commence in post in Quarter 4, and a project group has been set up looking at work underway across the Council and best practice from elsewhere.

More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods

This commitment relates both to people feeling safe from crime and vulnerable adults who use our services feeling safe.

The percentage of residents who felt very or fairly safe was consistently above 95% between 2012/13 to mid-2020 when figures fell slightly to 95% (based on the Northumbria Police Survey). In Quarter 2 of 2022/23 the figures fell further to 93% and remains at this lower level at the end of Quarter 3 (covering the 12-month period to the end of December 2022). Crime for April 2022 to December 2022 (at 21,814 recorded incidents) has increased when compared with the same period in the previous year (20,842 incidents).

We are committed to disrupting criminal and anti-social behaviour through intervention and enforcement with 3 intelligence led pro-active disruption activities carried out in relation to licensing in Quarter 3. We hope to engage 100% of retailers in the city in our Responsible Retailers Scheme and at the end of Quarter 3, there are 24 retailers signed up.

At the end of Quarter 3, the new domestic abuse services model contract was in place and the service is now fully mobilised.

More residents participating in their communities

This commitment is about residents, including children and young people, being able to engage with and participate in their communities. In Quarter 3, there were 150 active volunteers across a range of volunteering activities including Libraries, Volunteer Chaperones, Events & Active Sunderland and other weekly programme activities (based on recorded volunteer participants). The greatest proportion in Quarter 3 was volunteers engaged in place-based volunteering (at 69).

'Crowdfund Sunderland' enables people to financially support local projects and causes through an online platform. At the end of Quarter 3 there have been 10 projects supported through Crowdfund Sunderland'

We continue to engage people through Sunderland UK social media channels, with 26,029 Facebook and 41,635 Twitter followers as at the end of December 2022. Through our external communications we are able to increase awareness of the activities and opportunities in Sunderland that enable individuals to engage in their communities. In Quarter 3, we continued our '*We all Make Sunderland*' Civic Pride communication campaign that will continue to run into the new year - when we will seek to understand the impact (e.g. engagement rate).

More people visiting Sunderland and more residents participating in cultural events, programmes, and activities

Prior to 2020, the number of visitors to the city (and associated spend) showed a continued upward trend (visitor numbers increased from 8.24m in 2016 to 9.49m in 2019 and spend from £399m to £500m in the same period). As the Covid-19 pandemic hit the UK in early 2020 however, cultural venues and events were particularly impacted due to the greater challenges of ensuring social distancing and safe delivery. In 2020, visitor numbers reduced to 4.38m and visitor spend to £219m. With Covid continuing to impact across 2021, figures remained low but improved, at 5.73m visitors and £314m visitor spend.

Following the conclusion of the two-year post-covid Tourism Recovery Plan we are now entering the next phase in reinvigorating the tourism offer in Sunderland. The new three-year Tourism Strategy is a reset project that lays out a strategic direction for Sunderland through a series of new aims and objectives. It will act as a statement of intent for the management of the visitor economy with clear actions and allocation of resources.

Sunderland Empire Theatre closed its doors in March 2020 due to the first Covid-19 pandemic lockdown and re-opened its doors on 2nd September 2021. Following re-opening, visitor numbers gradually increased, with 126,778 visitors in Quarter 3 of 2022/23 (an increase on the 80,621 visitors in Quarter 3 of 2021/22). The Museum and Winter Gardens and Washington Arts Centre re-opened mid-way through Quarter 1 of 2021/22. Visitor numbers were 64,555 in Quarter 3 of 2022/23 (an increase on the 18,611 visits in Quarter 3 of 2021/22). Funding has been secured through the National Lottery Heritage Fund for the development of a Delivery Bid for the redevelopment of the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens.

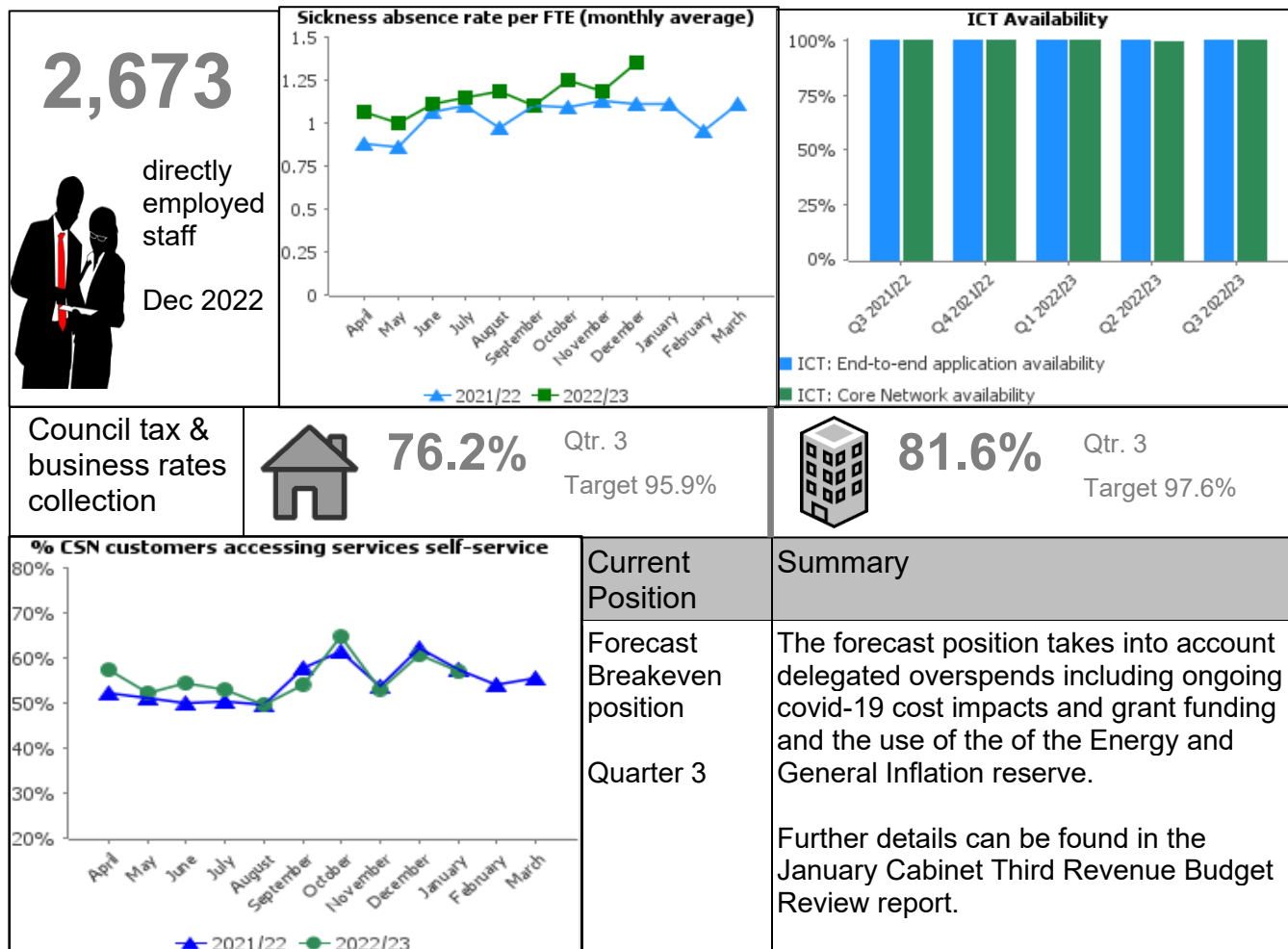
In Quarter 3, there were 146 organisations engaged in the Heritage Partnership Practitioners Network and 6 activities delivered by the Heritage Partnership. In 2022 there has been increased promotion of the heritage offer through the Heritage Sunderland Partnership including heritage open days, collaborative projects, events and other shared programme and promotional opportunities. In 2023 the Heritage Sunderland Partnership and Heritage Forum will merge and further the offer through its 2023 work plan including developing a brand, a heritage app, website, tourist offer and more events.

The National Glass Centre received 33,019 visitors in Quarter 3.

There were 45,316 library issues (including physical books, eBooks / e-Audio and e-Magazine) with 236 new adult members in Quarter 2. There were 28,267 digital subscriptions and the Books at Home delivery service saw 335 interactions.

ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

Good organisational health – strong financial management – productive and innovative working – a council ready for the future



Good organisational health and strong financial management

At the end of Quarter 3, there were 2,673 directly employed staff, 75 fewer than in Quarter 3 of 2021/22. Although the monthly sickness absence per FTE for the month of December 2022 (shown in the chart) was higher than the previous year, overall the sickness absence rate, based on a 12-month forecast (to account for seasonal trends) was lower than the previous year (11.1 days per FTE December 2022, 12 days December 2022).

In previous periods the impact of Covid-19 became evident in Business Rates and Council Tax collection levels, and in Quarter 3 both are below target. Business Rates collection was 81.6% (target 97.6%) and Council Tax collection 76.2% (target 95.9%).

We are committed to maximising external funding and financing opportunities. In Quarter 3, £21,049,251 has been secured through funding bids for approved projects and programmes supported by the following funding initiatives: £14,936,161 for Sunderland's UK Shared Prosperity Fund Investment Plan (DLUHC); £1,943,657 for remediation of the Sunderland Civic Centre Site (Brownfield Land Release Fund/DLUHC/One Public Estate); £182,143 for the

Create Growth Programme (DCMS) - a £1.275m regional project involving all LA7 partners and led by North of Tyne Combined Authority; £85,000 from the LUF Parks Fund for the regeneration of Barley Mow Park (DLUHC); £60,000 from the Woodland Creation Accelerator Fund (DEFRA) - a regional project led by the North East Community Forest team. £2,994,061 for the Sunderland Advanced Mobility Shuttle (Innovate UK - CCAV programme); £299,425 for the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens - Development Phase (National Lottery Heritage Fund); £478,804 for the Sunderland - Supported Housing Improvement Programme (DLUHC - SHIP) and a £70,000 award as part of a wider bid by the North-East Community Forest partnership to the Local Authority Treescape Fund (DEFRA).

The largest award outlined above, relates to confirmation of the approval of Sunderland's UKSPF Investment Plan (submitted in July 2022) and approved by government in December 2022. This enables the council to proceed with calls for projects and contracting under the 3 key investment priorities of UKSPF: (1) Communities and Place; (2) Supporting Local Business; (3) People and Skills.

There were no reports to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) by the Council in Quarter 3.

Productive and innovative working and a council ready for the future

As a council we continue to deliver on the organisational changes required to optimise productive and innovative working, to counteract financial uncertainty and ensure we are a council ready for the future. We are committed to thinking differently to embrace new ways of working, with our values at the heart of everything we do: We innovate, We enable, We respect.

We want our employees to be as healthy and happy as they can be, and therefore able to be their most productive and innovative in delivering services to the communities of Sunderland. Through our Employee Wellness Programme, employees are able to access advice and support on health and wellbeing and participate in a range of workplace-based health and wellbeing activities. Just as Covid-19, and now the cost of living, has impacted on our communities, we understand this has impacted our workforce too. We previously carried out a workforce health survey and a workforce cost of living survey to understand key concerns – particularly where these relate to working life. From these we are developing and delivering targeted communications and support, aimed at enabling our employees to be as resilient as possible, with knowledge of how to access support where needed. In Quarter 3, over 400 employees participated in a Teams Live event on cost of living and there have been over 510 unique views of the cost-of-living support page on the Hub.

We continue to develop a new operating model to ensure that the council is as customer focused and effective as it can be. Alongside this, the adoption and enhancement of digital technologies continues, for smart working focused on efficient and effective customer outcomes. In Quarter 2, 59.9% (217,713) of our Customer Service Network customers accessed services through self-serve – exceeding the target of 46%.

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

6 APRIL 2023

ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To approve the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2022/23 that is to be presented to Council.

2. Background

- 2.1 As in the previous 2021/22 municipal year the annual report will be a single combined report of four scrutiny committees. The annual report will outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide snapshots of the outcomes achieved during the last 12 months.

3. Current position

- 3.1 The proposed Scrutiny Coordinating Committee report is attached at **appendix 1** for member's consideration. The report provides a very brief snapshot of some of the main work undertaken by the committee during 2022/23. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.
- 3.2 Some of the main themes covered in the annual report revolve around the following issues:
 - Council Finance;
 - Performance Management;
 - City Plan Refresh;
 - Residents Survey 2021;
 - Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol.
- 3.3 A final version of the Scrutiny Annual Report in its entirety will be presented to this Committee at its first meeting in the new municipal year. It will then be submitted to the next available Council meeting for approval.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee has once again developed and carried out an extensive work programme. The Committee has continued to work well with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver on this work programme. There are a

number of issues that will carry over into the next municipal year and the Committee will hold work programming development sessions with a number of key stakeholders for 2023/24.

5 Recommendation

- 5.1 That Members approve the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee report for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2022/23.

6. Glossary

n/a

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SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Chair: Cllr Dianne Snowdon

Vice-Chair: Cllr Susan Watson

Committee Members: Malcolm Bond, Michael Butler, Allen Curtis, James Doyle, Paul Edgeworth, Michael Hartnack, Katherine Mason-Gage, Antony Mullen, Pat Smith, David Snowdon, Melanie Thornton and Harry Trueman.

Once again it gives me great pleasure to present the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's annual report. As is usual the summary provides a brief overview of the work of the Committee during the previous 12 months, and it is good to see that Members have remained fully engaged in activities and the following summary identifies some of these issues that the committee has undertaken.

One of the fundamental remits of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is to scrutinise and provide comment on a range of financial and budgetary reports including the Council's budget proposals. A number of detailed reports are presented to the Committee over the municipal year including around the Capital Programme, Treasury Management, Revenue Budget and the Budget Planning Framework. As always there continues to be insightful discussions and Members did comment on the importance of limiting any rises in Council Tax given the current financial pressures facing residents of the City. The Committee was pleased to note that the proposed rise in Council Tax will be one of the lowest in the Country.

Performance management also remains an integral part of the Committee's workload through monitoring of the Council's performance, achievements and progress against the key themes of Dynamic City, Healthy City and Vibrant City. Members of the Committee remain committed to challenging performance, and consideration of these reports has led to further updates on a number of issues including the delivery of affordable housing, environmental enforcement, social prescribing, fly tipping and events in the City. The Committee also continues to look at ways to improve the report by the inclusion of additional information or suggestions on the way information is presented.

The City Plan has also been updated and refreshed this year and the Committee has again been involved in the process. Members held a workshop in December to look at the proposals for the refresh of the plan and provided some useful feedback around the wording and layout of the draft plan. The Committee also received a further update on the City Plan and its indicative timeline at its January meeting where Members again provided some useful comments around the plan and its contents. This included highlighting that the plan was truly city wide, conveyed a sense of pride in the city, developing thriving businesses in the city and the importance of good integration with the university. The Plan was also presented back to Committee for a final time in February as part of the budget papers with a new design and layout. The Committee's suggestions from the previous meeting had been taken on board and incorporated into this final version of the plan.

The Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report remains an important update for the Committee, and we were pleased this year to also have a senior officer from Northumbria Police in attendance to answer and provide context to Member queries. As always there was a good level of discussion around a number of key issues

including anti-social behaviour, the community trigger policy and policing resources. The Committee continues to look to enhance the data provided and requested if future reports could provide more detail of the extent to which children and young people were being employed and/or exploited in relation to the drugs trade in the city.

An overview of the Residents Survey 2021 was also submitted to the Committee and as well as the Council's Communications Manager the Committee welcomed one of the Ipsos Research Managers to the meeting. Members were provided with a summary analysis of the outcome of the survey highlighting where satisfaction had both increased and decreased in a number of areas relating to the Council, its services and the locality. The Committee highlighted a number of key points for improvement including looking at how sometimes ward names in the survey were not always how residents identified their local areas, if the survey could be also accessible online and if there was a similar survey for young people.

The Committee also established a task and finish working group during the year to develop and draft a Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol. During the development of the protocol Members looked at a number of examples from other local authorities, as well as considering what would be important to include from our Scrutiny Members perspective and experience. The Committee also held a session with the Deputy Leader of the Council and the Cabinet Secretary to discuss their draft proposals for the protocol. The final Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol was agreed by the Scrutiny Committee and then approved by Cabinet and we look to use and fully implement this protocol in the coming year.

Members of the Committee held a productive workshop session to look at the Council's Report It tool and Member Portal. The session provided an opportunity for Members to share their experiences and suggestions for the tool and portal in terms of function and useability. Members and officers had a productive session, and the Committee would hope to see developments to both the Report it tool and Member Portal based on some these discussions.

Finally, and as scrutiny remains a member-led function, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Members of the Committee for their support, involvement and cooperation throughout this year. I would also like to put on record the Committee's gratitude to council officers and partners for their continued contribution to the work of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon
Chair of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the thematic Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2022/23 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2022/23.

2. Background

- 2.1 The role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is two-fold, firstly it has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the Scrutiny Committees and manage the overall Scrutiny Work Programme and secondly to consider the Council's corporate policies, performance and financial issues.
- 2.2 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.
- 2.3 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).

3. Thematic Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for the Children, Education and Skills, Economic Prosperity and Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committees respectively.

4. Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's Work Programme

- 4.1 **Appendix 2** outlines this Committee's full work programme for the year, updated to reflect new additions and amendments requested by Committee as the year has progressed.
- 4.2 Topics for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme will vary from single issue items for consideration such as policy and performance reports through to regular updates on issues that the committee have adopted a more focused monitoring role.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the work programme is a 'living' document and can be amended throughout the course of the municipal year. Any Elected Member can add an item of business to an agenda for consideration (Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook outlines this process).

5. Report It Session - Update

- 5.1 A further update has been circulated to all Members of the Committee detailing progress around the key actions arising from the session on the Members Portal and Report It tool. The actions are now tabulated for ease in updating and progress will be provided at regular intervals to the Committee in relation to this work.
- 5.2 The presentation and update responses have been circulated to Members of the Committee for information.

6. Dedicated Scrutiny Budget

- 6.1 A small budgetary provision of £15,000 per annum is available to the Scrutiny Committees to deliver the agreed Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes.
- 6.2 As of 27 March 2023 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

Description	£
Scrutiny Development	Nil
Member Development	Nil
Policy Review Development	Nil
Total Expenditure to Date	£0.00
Budget	£15,000.00
Remaining Budget	£15,000.00

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:
- (a) notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2022/23 and to its own work programme; and
 - (b) notes the current scrutiny budget position for 2022/23.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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REASON FOR INCLUSION	9 JUNE 22 (INFORMAL MEETING)	7 JULY 22	8 SEPT 22	6 OCT 22	3 NOV 22	1 DEC 22	5 JAN 23	2 FEB 23	2 MARCH 23	30 MARCH 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										Scrutiny Annual Report – 22/23
Scrutiny Business	Work Programme 2022/23	Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community	Corporate Parenting (Majella McCarthy) SEND – Update (Pamela Robertson) Performance Report (Jill Colbert)	SEND – Areas for Deep Dive (Pamela Robertson) Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community - Feedback on Visit (Members)	Asylum Seekers - support available for children and their families (Tracy Jeffs/Sharon Willis/Karen Dunn) Mental Health Charter Mark Award (Catherine Barnett)	Speech Disorder and Language Disorder in Early Years (Kimm Lawson) Holiday and Activities Food Programme (Jane Wheeler) Ofsted Fostering Inspection – Feedback (Tracy Jelfs)	Early Help Annual Report for 2021/22 and update on Family Hubs.(Karen Davison) YOS Review – Outcome (Karen Davison/Linda Mason)	Child Obesity – (Lorraine Hughes) Prevention Bus – Feedback (Jane Wheeler) - Deferred	Schools Update (Simon Marshall)	Training and Apprenticeship Access for Care Experienced Young People (Simon Marshall) The measures to reduce the number of young people not in education or training (Jane Wheeler)
Performance / Service Improvement		TfC Self – Evaluation (Jill Colbert) Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)		TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report – Areas Deep Dive (Jill Colbert/Stacey Hodgkinson)		Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)			TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report (Stacey Hodgkinson)	
Consultation / Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme	

Items to Programme Next Year:

- School Place Sufficiency (Alan Rowan)
- Visit to Sunnigdale School (tbc)
- Cared for Children – Deep Dive (Social Care)

REASON FOR INCLUSION	14 JUNE 22 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	12 JULY 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 (REARRANGED)	11 OCTOBER 22	8 NOVEMBER 22	6 DECEMBER 22	10 JANUARY 23	7 FEBRUARY 23	7 MARCH 23	4 APRIL 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses			Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licence Policy (Steve Waring)							Scrutiny Annual Report
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Refugee Provision (Graham Scanlan) Port Visit – Arrangements (Matthew Hunt)	Housing Strategy/ Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy – Consultation (Graham Scanlan) Visit to the Port of Sunderland – Cancelled and Rescheduled to December)	Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby) Events (Stephen Savage)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld) Environmental Services Update (Marc Morley) Visit to the Port of Sunderland (Matthew Hunt)	Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball) Housing Strategy (Graham Scanlan)	Housing Provider Consultation (Gentoo) (Other Housing Providers)	UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland) Screen Industries – Update (Catherine Auld)	Siglion (Neil Guthrie) Future High Street Fund Programme (Anthony Crabb) Sunniside WG - Report
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22

City Heat Network Projects – Update (Peter Graham) - TBC
E Scooter – Update (June 23)
Annual Road Safety Report (Paul Muir) (June 23)
Public Transport Update (Mark Wilson) (June 23)
Accessibility (Stephen Dixon) (June 23)

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		5 JULY 22 D/L:24 JUNE 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L:2 SEPT 22	4 OCTOBER 22 D/L: 23 SEPT 22	1 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 21 OCT 22	29 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 19 NOV 22	3 JANUARY 23 D/L: 23 DEC 23	31 JANUARY 23 D/L: 20 JAN 23	28 FEBRUARY 23 D/L: 17 FEB 23	28 MARCH 23 D/L: 17 MAR 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Public Health – Annual Report (Gerry Taylor) Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement)	Task and Finish Working (Nigel Cummings)	Winter Planning (ATB/ICB) SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board) Social Care Health Check (Graham King/Ann Dingwall)	Elective Surgery – Update (NHS FT) Integrated Care System Update (Scott Watson – ICB)	Health Protection Arrangements incl. Flu Immunisation Update (Public Health) Maternity Services Assurance Update (NHS FT)	ICB Sunderland Update (Scott Watson)	Housing Conditions and Standards & the impact on Health and Wellbeing (Graham Scanlon) Alcohol Strategy (Gerry Taylor)	MH Strategy Update (Sunderland ICB) North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton)	GP Access Review Update (Sunderland ICB) Annual Report (Nigel Cummings)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		14 JULY 22 D/L 4 JULY 22	26 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L 5 SEPT 22	13 OCTOBER 22 D/L 3 OCTOBER 22	10 NOVEMBER 22 D/L 31 OCT 22	8 DECEMBER 22 D/L 28 NOV 22	12 JANUARY 23 D/L 3 JAN 23	9 FEBRUARY 23 D/L 30 JAN 23	9 MARCH 23 D/L 27 FEB 23	6 APRIL 23 D/L 27 MARCH 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses		First Revenue Budget Review 21/22 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson) Capital Programme First Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson) First Revenue Budget Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)		Budget Planning Framework 2022/23 and Financial Strategy (Paul Wilson) Capital Programme Second Review 2021/22 (Paul Wilson)		Capital Programme Planning 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson) Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson)	City Plan Refresh (Beverly Poulter/Jon Beaney)	Collection Fund (Council Tax) 2022/23 (Paul Wilson) Capital Programme 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2023/2024, including Prudential Indicators for 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson) Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2023/2024 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/2024 to 2026/2027 (Paul Wilson)		
Scrutiny Business		Review of Scrutiny (Gillian Robinson)		Residents Survey Summary (Lucy Nicholson) Task and Finish Working Group (Nigel Cummings) Review of Scrutiny – Action Plan (Gillian Robinson/Nigel Cummings)	Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report (Stephen Laverton)		Smart Cities Update (Liz St Louis)		Council's Risk Register (Paul Davies)	Annual Report (N Cummings)
Performance / Service Improvement		Performance Management Q4 (Beverly Poulter)	Performance Management Q1 (Beverly Poulter)			Performance Management Q2 (Beverly Poulter)				Performance Management Q3 (Beverly Poulter)
Consultation / Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR****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 for the 28-day period from 15 March 2023.

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 and supplementals for the 28-day period from 15 March 2023 is attached marked in attached appendices.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee 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 for the 28-day period from 15 March 2023 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
221121/734	To provide an update and to seek approval for the change in delivery approach in respect of the Sunderland Heat Network.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220822/736	To update Cabinet on progress of the New Wear Footbridge ("the Scheme") and seek approval to award the main works contract for the Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221101/750	To consider the outcome of the review of the governance and contract arrangements for Together for Children Sunderland Limited and approve the recommended next steps.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221123/754	To seek approval to procure a contractor and negotiate and enter into a build contract for the delivery of 13 one bed apartments at James William Street.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221216/767	To seek approval to acquire St. Cuthbert's Methodist Church and associated land to enable the build of 6 specialist supported bungalows and approval to procure a contractor and enter into a build contract for the delivery of the bungalows.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221216/768	To seek approval to acquire the former Halfway House Public House and, negotiate and enter into a build contract with Bright Ideas in the delivery of 8nos. 1-bed apartments for supported accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221220/769	To approve the 2023 Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230117/772	Changing Places Toilets Programme – Approval of Grant Agreement to enable funding and installation of CPTs in key leisure venues across the city.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230123/773	To approve The Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy – Updates and Amendments	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230127/776	To approve a Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 – 2028.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230201/779	To Seek approval for the acquisition of a Property on John Street, Sunnyside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230207/781	To approve the Highway Maintenance (Including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2023-2024.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230208/782	To apply uplift to Public Health contracts where staff are employed on NHS Agenda for Change terms and conditions, in line with Public Health Grant conditions for 2022/23.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230213/784	To approve the disposal of land at Farrington Row, Sunderland for a proposed residential scheme.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230215/786	To seek approval for the realignment of property interests at Keel Square.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221006/744	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	16 March to 30 June 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230215/785	To approve the payment of financial assistance to a company locating in Sunderland in relation to the company's own investment plans.	Cabinet	Y	16 March to 30 June 2023 (published on the Notice dated 15 February 2023).	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA 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	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221018/747	To consider a disposal of land at Silksworth Road, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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221130/756	To seek approval to procure a contractor and, negotiate and enter into a build contract in the delivery of 55 nos. bungalows and apartments for over 55s at land at St Luke Road.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
221220/770	To approve the carrying out of a procurement exercise in order to establish a framework for ground investigation works and geotechnical services. To delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to conclude the contractual arrangements.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230123/774	To update Cabinet on progress on the Riverside Infrastructure Project ("the Scheme") and seek approval to commit funds to a programme of projects under this Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230125/775	To receive a progress update in relation to the Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy and approve the proposed next steps	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230130/777	To approve the Housing Delivery Investment Plan future strategic approach.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230130/778	To approve the Financial and Lease Agreement details for the New Sunderland Eye Infirmary on Riverside.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230213/783	To make a decision relating to an exchange of land to facilitate to rebuild of St Patrick's RC Primary School (Ryhope)	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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230309/787	To consider the purchase of 1 Marlow Drive, Moorside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 30 th June 2023.	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 City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
230313/788	To seek approval of five Area Committee Area Plans for 2023-2026.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 st to 31 st July 2023.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Note; Some of the documents listed may not be available if they are subject to an exemption, prohibition or restriction on disclosure.

Further documents relevant to the matters to be decided can be submitted to the decision-maker. If you wish to request details of those documents (if any) as they become available, or to submit representations about a proposal to hold a meeting in private, you should contact Governance Services at the address below.

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 & Clean Green City; 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

15 March 2023