

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 1) on Thursday, 12th March, 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

Membership

Cllrs D. Dixon, Francis, Heron, Hodson, Hunt (Vice Chairman), Jenkins, D. MacKnight (Chairman), F. Miller, Oliver, P. Smith, Speding, D. Trueman, Turner and Watson.

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No items.

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No items.

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

4th March, 2020.

At a meeting of the SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE held in the CIVIC CENTRE, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2020 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor Hunt in the Chair

Councillors D. Dixon, Heron, Hodson, F. Miller, Oliver, P. Smith and Turner.

Also in attendance:-

Mr James Harrison, Local Democracy Reporter

Mr Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Ms Marie Johnston, Complaints Manager, Complaints and Feedback Team, Corporate Services Directorate

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Mrs Christine Tilley, Community Governance Services Team Leader, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Francis, Jenkins, D. MacKnight, Speding, D. Trueman and Watson.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16th January, 2020

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 16th January, 2020 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

There were no declarations of interest made.

Variation of Agenda

The Chairman proposed and it was agreed that the order of business be changed so that the item on Compliments, Complaints and Feedback be considered next on the agenda in order to allow Ms Johnston to leave the meeting.

Compliments, Complaints and Feedback

The Executive Director of Corporate Services submitted a report (copy circulated) providing the Committee with information regarding complaints and feedback received by the Council.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Ms Marie Johnston, Complaints Manager, briefed the Committee on the quarterly report which covered Quarter 3, October - December of the financial year April 2019 – March 2020.

Ms Johnston highlighted that there had been a slight increase in compliments received for the quarter which was pleasing. There had been 6 complaints to the Ombudsman for the quarter which was comparable with the same quarter for the previous year. There was a slight increase in the number of corporate complaints at stage 1 in comparison with the same quarter the previous year, however this was a decrease from Quarter 2 for this year. The number of complaints this year appeared to be finding a level and were stabilising around the 700 mark. There had been 20 complaints received in Quarter 3 of 2019-2020 regarding Adult Social Care Services. This represented an overall dissatisfaction rate of 0.3% as there were a total of 6252 open cases in Adult Social Care at the end of the quarter. In summary, overall compliments were up and complaints were down and therefore this represented a pleasing report for the Council.

Councillor Oliver enquired about the complaints which had been upheld by the Ombudsman in relation to Together for Children, as to how they had been remedied and how things would be improved as the information in the report was vague.

Councillor Dixon queried why one of the cases had not gone to Stage 2.

Ms Johnston advised that the complaints were dealt with on an individual basis and by way of a personal letter and therefore there had been very little which could be included in the report. One of the complaints was about lack of communication and this would be picked up going forward. This was the case which in hindsight, should have gone to Stage 2. However, the lines had been blurred. There had been issues at Court and therefore some issues could have been picked up and others not. If an investigation was at court, it was fair to say that it was for the Judge to make a decision. The other had requested an increased compensation. However, the Ombudsman had considered that the injustice had been remedied and had not recommended the Council to pay more.

In response to Councillor Hodson, Ms Johnston explained how a grave had been dug in a different section of the cemetery and confirmed that internal procedures were now in place to prevent this occurring again.

Councillor Hodson referred to another complaint relating to Bereavement Services which he had been involved in on behalf of a resident in his role as Councillor and commented that there was a need to look at cases where residents were on a single point of contact, as it had been frustrating for them and him in this particular case.

Councillor Hodson referred to the complaints about the parking service which had been logged as complaints when they should have been logged as an appeal against a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

Ms Johnston advised that colleagues in the Parking Team and Customer Services were going to meet to look at how issues were recorded so that they were correctly recorded in future and did not go down as complaints.

Full consideration having been given to the report and there being no further questions for Ms Johnston, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the report providing information on the compliments, complaints and feedback received by the Council be received and noted.

Reference from Cabinet – 11 February 2020 – Budget and Service Reports:

(A) Collection Fund (Council Tax) 2019/2020

(B) (i) Capital Programme 2020/2021 to 2023/2024 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 2020/2021, including Prudential Indicators for 2020/2021 to 2023/2024

(ii) Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 2020/2021 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2020/2021 to 2023/2024

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) setting out for the advice and consideration of the Committee, a number of reports which were considered by Cabinet on the 11 February 2020, on the Revenue Budget and Capital Programme 2020/2021. An addendum report recommending to Council a proposal to set a council tax requirement which would require a 3.99% increase to the council tax for 2020/2021 (including an increase of 2% in respect of the ringfenced social care precept), was also considered by Cabinet at the meeting on 11 February 2020 and was subsequently circulated to the Committee, prior to the meeting, for Members' consideration.

(For copy reports – see original minutes.)

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services briefed the Committee on the reports highlighting section 4 of the report on the Capital Programme, which provided a summary of the proposed programme by Portfolio and expenditure for 2020/2021 to 2023/2024. Mr Ritchie drew attention to paragraph 4.6 which provided details of the individual new starts including the Smart Cities Project of £10m for 5G, Clinton Place Car Park project spend £2.2m and referred to the £59m Housing Delivery and Investment Plan.

Mr Ritchie referred the Committee to the report on the Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax 2020/21 and advised that the Budget was predicated on an increase of 3.99%.

Mr Ritchie highlighted the Spending Pressures and Commitments taken into account when the Budget Planning Framework was approved in October 2019 and the cost pressures such as inflationary increases and pay awards as well as the proposal around the reduction in charge in bulky waste collection, the Deep Clean of the city centre, investment in housing enforcement and carbon reduction.

Mr Ritchie advised that the budget included prudent provision of £6m in Health and Social Care to provide for increases in demand and cost for 2020/2021. Mr Ritchie highlighted that as part of the previous year's budget process, an initial suite of savings plans for 2020/2021 to 2022/2023 were approved by Council. The previously approved plans had been subject to stringent review and verification to ensure continued deliverability and adjusted where no longer considered deliverable as originally envisaged.

Mr Ritchie pointed out that the overall budget position was set out at paragraph 8.1 of the report, taking into account Government funding changes, cost pressures and proposals to meet the funding gap. This showed a balanced budget position for 2020/2021 taking into account proposed council tax and social care precept increases and use of reserves. He pointed out that there remained a budget gap of £24.72m for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024. Mr Ritchie referred Members to the statement detailed at paragraph 13.6 which he had made stating that the Budget was considered robust and the level of reserves considered to be adequate for 2020/2021 after an assessment of the financial risks and future plans of the Council had been taken into account.

Councillor Heron welcomed the proposed extension to Newbottle Primary School which would be very beneficial to the area in view of the new house building which was taking place there.

Councillor P. Smith commented that she was pleased to see that the Council was still investing in Derwent Hill Outdoor Centre which had been an enormous success, not only benefitting children in the city but those of other areas also.

Councillor Turner referred to the investment in Herrington Country Park and expressed disappointment that there was no mention of Hetton Lyons Country Park to receive capital investment.

Mr Ritchie advised that it was not possible to do everything and an assessment had been made of the project to invest in Herrington Country Park. Hetton Lyons Country Park might be considered for future investment.

Councillor D. Dixon enquired how secure the proposals were as there remained a budget gap of £24.72m for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024.

Mr Ritchie advised that as a large organisation there was an impact on the budget of inflation and pay awards pressures to even standstill. Over the coming months, some of the efficiencies would start to come through. There was a balanced budget position for 2020/2021. There remained a budget gap of £24.72m for 2021/2022 to 2023/2024 which they were working towards and trying to identify efficiencies. The Government Budget was set for 11th March when more of an indication on Local Government finance would be provided and certainty.

Councillor Oliver commented that the Old Pier had been closed a very long time and there had been proposals to make it safe. He enquired whether there were any proposals to re-open the Old Pier and provide access to it for the general public.

Mr Ritchie advised that this was linked to the Environment Agency and that he would seek a response.

Councillor Oliver asked whether the extension to the Bridges Shopping Centre at the Crowtree site was aimed at a particular type of retail, or was it going to be similar to what was there now in the Shopping Centre.

Mr Ritchie commented that there were commercial sensitivities, however the overall approach was a mixed offer with national high street brands together with independent retailers. This was linked to the Council's bid for the Future High Streets Fund. He added that the City Centre needed to create an environment where companies and people wanted to come to. Things like 5G WIFI in High Street West would add to the offer and attract more people and as footfall increased the city would become more attractive to businesses.

Councillor Hodson enquired about the extent of the works planned for Jacky Whites Market as there was a funding proposal included in the budget for £400,000 and asked at what point Members would have more clarification as to what the works would be.

Councillor Hodson commented that the Council was building/reburbishing a lot of car parks including at the Vaux site, Holmside and Park Lane, as well as renewing parking meters and enquired whether there was a pre-existing study about parking in the city centre or a strategy and whether Mr Ritchie could provide some background to this.

Mr Ritchie advised that plans were being developed for Jacky Whites Market however Mr Peter McIntyre, Executive Director of City Development was the appropriate officer to ask for details of the works to be carried out.

With regards to car parks this was a capital investment and did not add any costs to the revenue budget as the income generated was used to carry out the improvements. There was a Car Parking Strategy and there was a rolling programme to look at the car parks in the city and the nature of car parking. There were car parking initiatives to attract visitors to the city such as 'Free after 3' and special initiatives at Christmastime to encourage people to shop in the city. The Chief Officers Group had received a presentation earlier that week providing a space by space analysis of car parks in the city. There was also money being put into a sustainable travel hub and thought being given to an environmental green policy. There was a need to get the right balance between the two and Mr Mark Jackson was continually updating the Strategy to take on board the different needs.

Mr Ritchie advised that as part of the investment on the Vaux site, Legal and General expected a certain level of car parking spaces. Park Lane Bus Station was linked in with the transport interchange and traffic flows were monitored so as to provide appropriate parking provision.

Councillor Oliver enquired about the proposal relating to improvement works in respect of the Sunderland Museum and Winter Gardens and whether the Council was aiming for something different/a particular theme, if the bid for external funding was successful.

Mr Ritchie advised that this was being worked on at the moment and the Council was seeking to improve the offer and not rest on its laurels in respect of the Winter Gardens.

Councillor Oliver commented that the city boundary signs were faded and scruffy and were not a great way to enter the city. He was pleased to see that new ones were planned.

Mr Ritchie stated that he was able to advise that the city boundary signs would be a combination of traditional and electronic signs. Mr Mark Jackson, Assistant Director of Infrastructure, Planning and Transportation would be able to provide further information if needed. Mr Ritchie agreed that first impressions of the city were important.

In response to Councillor P. Smith, Mr Ritchie advised that there was only a certain amount of information available at the moment in respect of the Fair Funding Review and how the formula was expected to work and was only in relation to Adult Social Care. He needed to see what this meant which would be later in the year. A lot would depend on whether the factors favoured rural or urban/deprived authorities as to how Sunderland would fair.

Councillor Hodson referred to the increase in funding for the Museums and Archives Service.

Mr Ritchie advised that there had been some joint working with Sunderland Culture to drive out efficiencies, however this had not happened so the budget had been corrected to what they would realistically expect to spend on the service and therefore the budget had increased by over £500,000.

Councillor Hodson enquired why the savings had not come about and Mr Ritchie advised that he would ask the relevant Service Area to provide the detail on this to Councillor Hodson.

Full consideration having been given to the report and there being no further questions for Mr Ritchie, it was:-

3. RESOLVED that the Cabinet be advised that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee welcomed the detailed budget report, noted the contents and was satisfied with the information as presented. The Committee would also like to put on record its thanks to the various departments, Officers and Members who have contributed to the finance report.

Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2019/20

The Scrutiny and Members' Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) attaching for Members' information, the variations to the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2019/20 and providing an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2019/20.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2019/20 and to its own work programme, be noted; and
- (b) the current expenditure and remaining scrutiny budget for 2019/20 be noted.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny and Members' 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 13th January, 2020.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

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

The Chairman closed the meeting having thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) P. HUNT,
Chairman.

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE – QUARTER THREE

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 2019/2020.
- 1.2 The Assistant Director of Digital and Customer Service and Chief Officers (or their senior representatives) 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 2019 – 2030. This Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 3 of 2019/2020 provides a summary towards the achievement of the themes and commitments as set out in the Plan.
- 2.3 The City Plan 2019-2030 covers:
 - A Vision for the city and Values for the council which provide the focus for the council's activity
 - Three Key Themes – Dynamic City, Healthy City and Vibrant City - which are used to organise the council's aims
 - Five 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 for the years 2019-2020 to 2024-2025 and the five-year period 2025-2030
- 2.4 The Corporate Performance Report is aligned to the three key themes of the City Plan (*Dynamic City*, *Healthy City* and *Vibrant 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 early progress made in the third quarter of 2019/2020, against a City Plan that spans an eleven-year period through to 2030.
- 2.4 It should be noted that detailed performance indicators for Children's Service are separately reported and discussed at the Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee.

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 CITY

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

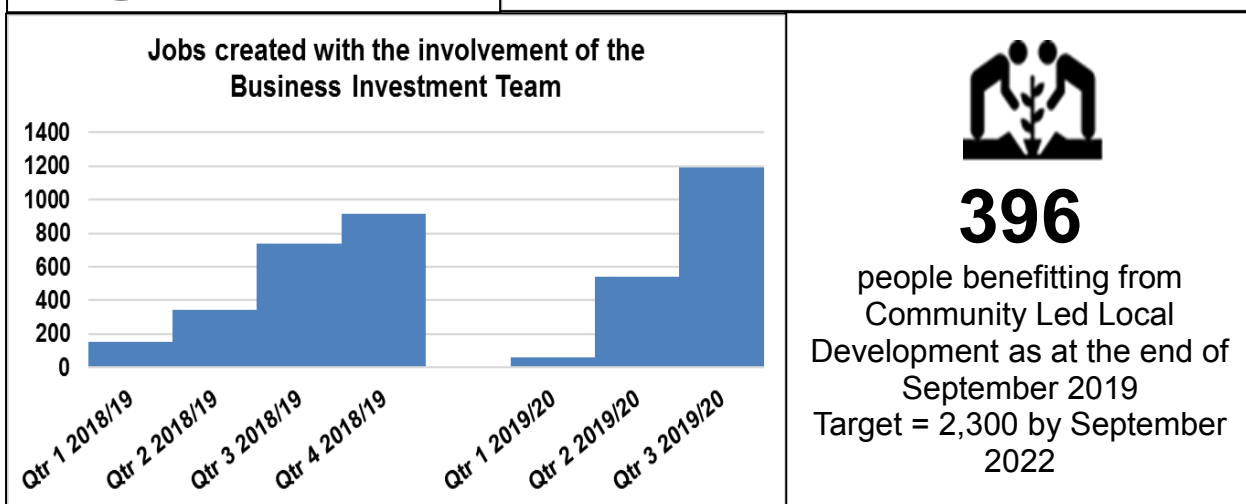
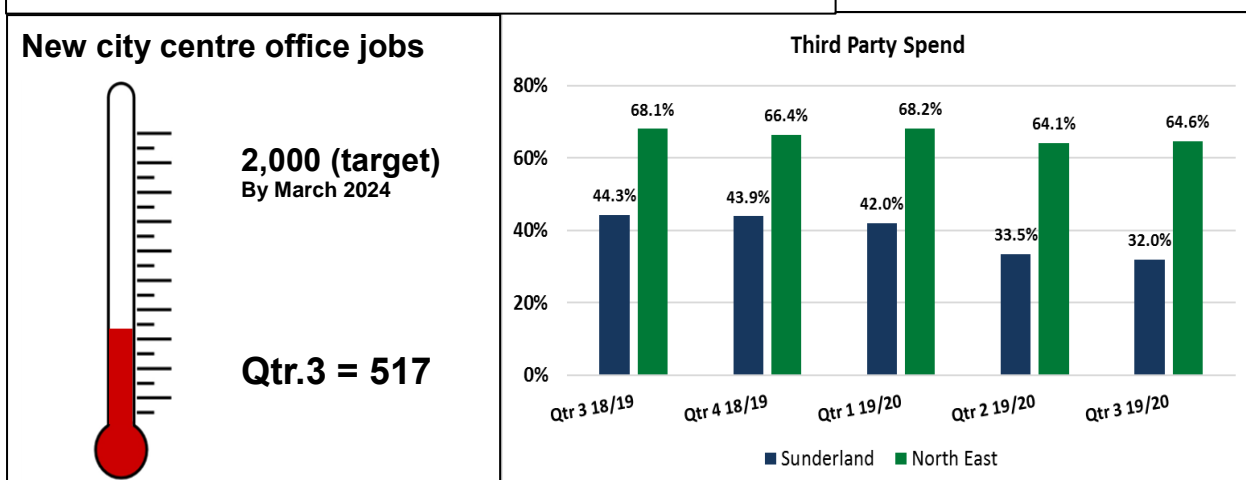
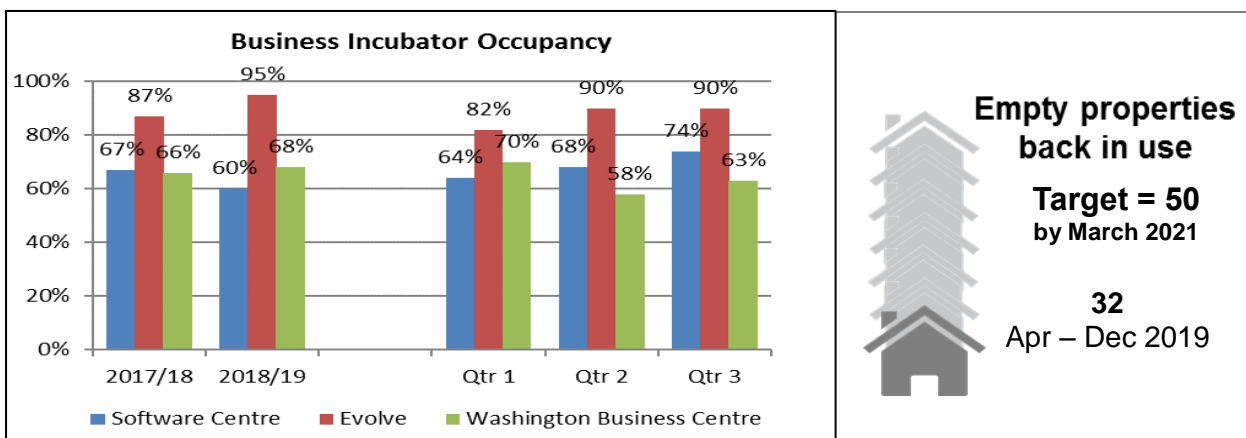


CITY CONTEXT

	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Employment rate Oct 2018 – Sept 2019: Sunderland 69.3%	NE 71.2%, GB 75.7%	Declining (Oct 2017- Sept 2018: 70.9%)
Median Wage workers 2019: Sunderland £526.80	NE £533 GB £586.50	Improving (2016: £480)
Population of the City (mid-year estimate 2018): 277,417	N/A	Increasing (2017 mid-year: 277,249)
Number of people employed in the City Centre 2018: 11,890	N/A	Improving (2015: 11,874)
Annual Net Internal Migration 2018: -722	N/A	Improving (2014: -880)
New homes built Qtr. 3 2019/20: 196	N/A	Improving (Qtr. 3 2018/19: 144)
New homes built in the City Centre Dec 2019: 0	N/A	No change (Dec 2018: 0)
Number of completed affordable homes Apr - Dec 2019: 100	N/A	Improving (Apr - Dec 2018: 61)
% Population NVQ Level 4 qualification 2018/19: 25%	NE 31.1% GB 39.3%	Improving (2014/15: 23.2%)
% of residents with no qualification 2018/19: 9.2%	NE 9.5% GB 7.8%	Improving (2014/15: 10.9%)
% of properties with ultrafast broadband Jan 2019: 58.5%	UK 59.2%	Improving (Jan 2019: 56.2%)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2019/20 Timeline	Status
Digital Ambition in place for the city	Completed
1 st drive-thru rapid charging facility for electric cars	Completed
1 st Building on Vaux site	Completed
Empty properties strategy published	On track
1 st building on IAMP operational	On track



More and better jobs – Our focus remains on increasing the number of well paid jobs in the city through promoting growth in target sectors including advanced manufacturing, Port activity, digital and software sector, professional sector in the City Centre (office jobs) alongside more creative and cultural businesses in relation to vibrancy. 589 jobs will be created by businesses following support to those businesses by the Council's Business Investment Team in Quarter 3. 65% of all Council third party spend was within the regional economy (32% in Sunderland) and £12,962,331 of social value was secured through our procurement projects.

More and better housing – Our focus under this City Plan commitment is to enable the delivery of more housing, including more large, family and high-status homes to stem outward migration from the city (at -722 latest figures). This will be achieved through the delivery of key housing sites. Alongside this, we are committed to ensuring that the housing we have is of quality by bringing empty homes back into use, reducing properties with a category 1 hazard and ensuring sufficient affordable housing. At the end of Quarter 3 of 2019-2020 there are 511 additional properties in the city compared with the end of 2018/2019, of which 299 are in council tax bands C-G. There have been 100 completed affordable homes.

More local people with better qualifications and skills – The City Plan sets out the challenge that the qualifications that residents have don't match the needs of industry in the city. Sunderland residents, therefore, are less able to access all the employment opportunities that are created in the city, with the weekly median wage for Sunderland residents being £29.80 lower than that for workers. Our plans focus on tackling the barriers for those least able to access employment and ensuring that more local people benefit from a stronger economy through initiatives such as Community Local Led Development. We will also support and enable apprenticeship and work experience opportunities focused on skills and experience for the local economy.

A stronger city centre with more business, housing and cultural opportunities – The City Plan sets out the challenge that Sunderland City Centre is not functioning as the economic motor of the city. There is a need to attract new jobs (office jobs in particular) to the city to increase the number of people employed there (at 11,890 in 2018) and for new homes to be built for city centre living. This in turn will encourage footfall into the retail centre and increase overall vibrancy. Our plans focus on a range of physical developments such as the onsite development of Sunderland Station, new hotels and development of key sites to promote regeneration. In Quarter 3 construction has started on the New City Hall on the Riverside Sunderland site and progress has been made in respect of planning and development for a new hotel. Through our everyday planning responsibilities, we continue to work to promote a desirable and vibrant retail and leisure offer ensuring no more food take-away premises.

A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all - A focus of this commitment is the physical aspects of digital connectivity for both residents and business. High speed and resilient digital connectivity will support the City Plan ambitions under the commitment of more and better jobs by attracting digital companies, supporting the momentum in the software sector and enabling employment growth. There is also a focus on reducing overall emissions, with transport known to be a significant factor in emission levels. With the approval in Quarter 3 of the Sunderland Smart City Outline Business Case and the Digital Strategy, alongside the delivery of the first 5G ready operational network in the city centre providing ultrafast wi-fi to key locations, the Digital Ambition for the city is now in place. Over half of all properties in the city have ultrafast broadband and this continues to increase. The Low Carbon Strategy is expected to be in place by March 2020.

HEALTHY CITY

Access to the same opportunities and life chances – more people living healthier longer lives – people enjoying independent lives – cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods – a city with great transport links.



CITY CONTEXT

	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Healthy Life Expectancy at birth 2016-2018 as at 2018/19:		
Female: 56.5 yrs.	England 63.9 yrs. NE 59.7 yrs.	Declining (2012-2014: 58.6 yrs.)
Male: 57.9 yrs.	England 63.4 yrs. NE 59.4 yrs.	Declining (2012-2014: 58.7 yrs.)
Women who smoke at time of delivery Qtr. 2 2019/20: 17.8%	England 10.4% NE 14.6%	Improving (Qtr. 2 2018/19: 17.9%)
EYFSP Good level of development 2018/19: 72.6%	England 71.5%, NE 71.5%	Improving (2013/14: 60%)
Teenage pregnancy (under 18 conception rate) rolling year Qtr. 2 2018/19: 29.6	England 16.8, NE 24.5	Declining (Qtr. 2 2017/18: 28.4)
Admission episodes for alcohol-related (Broad) (Persons) 2017/18: 3,012 (per 100,000 pop)	England 2,224, NE 2,738	Declining (2013/14: 2,523)
Smoking prevalence: 2017/18: 20.2%	England 14.4%, NE 16%	Improving (2013/14: 22.1%)
The proportion of adults who are overweight or obese 2017/18: 69.2%	England 62%, NE 66.5%	Declining (2013/14: 68.9%)
Prevalence of overweight (incl. obese) among children in Year 6 2018/19: 39.2%	England 34.3%. NE 37.5%	Improving (2015/16: 39.8%)
% of people fairly active/active (Active Lives) 2017/18: 72%	England 74.8%, T&W 71.9%	Improving (May 2017/18: 70.2%)
Litter - % of relevant land & highways with deposits that fall below an acceptable level Qtr. 3 2019/20: 6.33%	N/A	Improving (Qtr. 3 2018/19: 32.94%)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

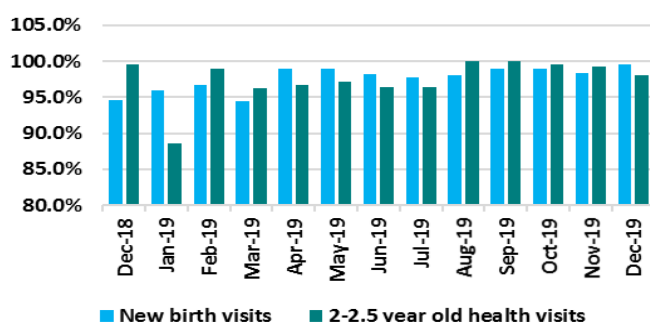
2019/20 Timeline	Status
100% schools engaged with Active Charter	On track
University Medical School Opens	Completed
£20m investment in sports facilities	On track
Launch Step-Up Sunderland	Completed

4,079

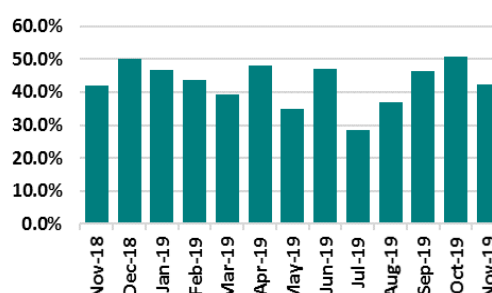
Individuals have taken part in Active Sunderland BIG events in the year to December 2019, an increase on 2,931 seen in the same period last year.



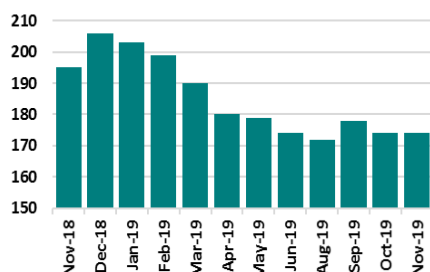
New birth and 2-2.5 yr old visits



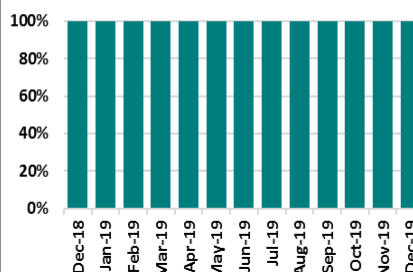
% smokers setting a quit date who successfully quit at 4 weeks



Successful completions - alcohol users (Adults)



% successful completions - alcohol users (YDAP)



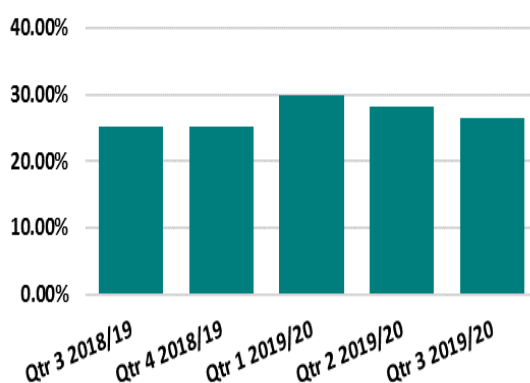
265 homes with assisted technology supporting independent living.
Target = 120



Target 32% by April 2021



Household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting



New adopted roads, footpaths and improved cycleways

105m Footpaths
18.8m Roads
1,424m Cycleways
Year to date



Access to the same opportunities and life chances – This commitment is about all children having the best start in life and equal life chances through early years to teens. Local monthly figures for new birth and two to two and a half year-old health visits continue to be better than target supporting good life chances. The latest national figures show Sunderland is performing considerably better than both the North East and England. Progress has been made on a new primary school within the city with the design completion and planning approval being submitted. We are committed to residents across the city having equality of opportunity - with a focus on neighbourhood strategies, addressing locality-based issues. In Quarter 3, Crowd Funded (a platform for making local spaces better) has progressed with priorities and activities identified.

More people living healthier longer lives – One of the key challenges for the City, is that health outcomes in Sunderland are still poor and health behaviours haven't yet changed sufficiently. Healthy life expectancy at birth in Sunderland (at 57.9 years for males and 56.5 years for females) remains lower than the North East and England and is in decline. We know we need to impact on levels of smoking prevalence, harmful alcohol consumption, obesity and inactivity. Our plans focus on areas where we can support people to make healthy choices. By the end of December 4,079 individuals had taken part in Active Sunderland BIG events and sports festivals since April 2019 and a plan has been agreed with Pulse Soccer to deliver wider social outcome priorities. In Quarter 3, the schools Active Charter was implemented and accreditation completed, making progress towards our goal of 100% of schools in Sunderland engaged in the Charter. Three new multi-sport hubs have been developed through an £18m project to transform sporting facilities across the city. The first hub, located at Northern Area Playing Fields Washington, had attracted 16,000 registrations by the end of December 2019 (with 723 games played and 50,947 people through turnstiles). The other hubs are located at Downhill and Ford Quarry. In Quarter 3, Sunderland City Council successfully maintained North East Better Health at Work Award excellence status.

People enjoying independent lives – Although 99% of people 18+ in the city live independently (without social care services) based on mid-year estimates, we remain committed to ensuring people in the city can enjoy independent lives. Working with our partners, we aspire to reduce the number of emergency hospital admissions due to falls (in people aged 65+). As at the end of Quarter 3 we've identified and engaged 265 cases in a pilot of assisted technology in the home and completed an evaluation of the scheme.

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. With the current level of household waste sent for reuse, recycling and composting at 26.5%, we aim to improve this to 32%, or better, by April 2021. We are encouraging communities to take greater responsibility for their environments through a community responsibility communication plan and we are issuing sanctions where appropriate following enforcement investigations. In Quarter 3, these were: 40 Fixed Penalty Notices relating to litter in the city centre, 1 vehicle seized in relation to dumping of waste, 21 Fixed Penalty Notices for offences in cemeteries, 1 shop alcohol licence revoked following test purchase and 4 Hygiene Prohibition Notices served following food hygiene inspections. 25 frontline staff in Neighbourhood Services have been trained in the reporting of issues that can have an environmental impact. In Quarter 3, the percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level has improved to 6.33% (from 32.94% in Quarter 2 of 2018/19). In Quarter 3 Green Flag Status has been maintained in parks across the city (i.e. Herrington Country Park, Mowbray Park, Roker Park, Barnes Park & Hetton Lyons Country Park).

A City with great transport and travel links – Our emphasis within this City Plan is about ensuring that people can move around the city with ease through improved transport routes - enabling access to key employment sites. It is also about active travel within the city by having in place the necessary infrastructure of sufficient and appropriate cycle routes and walkways. In Quarter 3 there has been 230m of improved cycleways. We continue to promote activity through Step-Up Sunderland. The Step-Up Sunderland initiative has engaged people across all wards in the City and all age ranges across the city with 2,067 people signed up and 4,324,000,680 steps recorded since the launch.

VIBRANT CITY

More creative and cultural businesses - More residents participating in their communities - More visitors visiting Sunderland and more residents participating in cultural events and activities - More people feel safe in their neighbourhoods and homes - More resilient people.

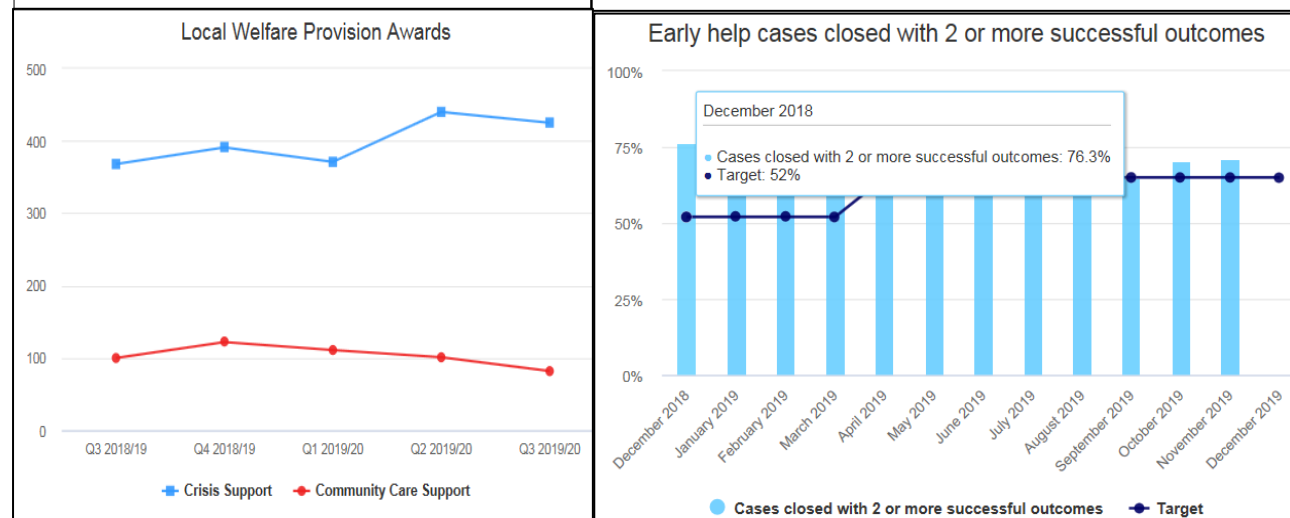
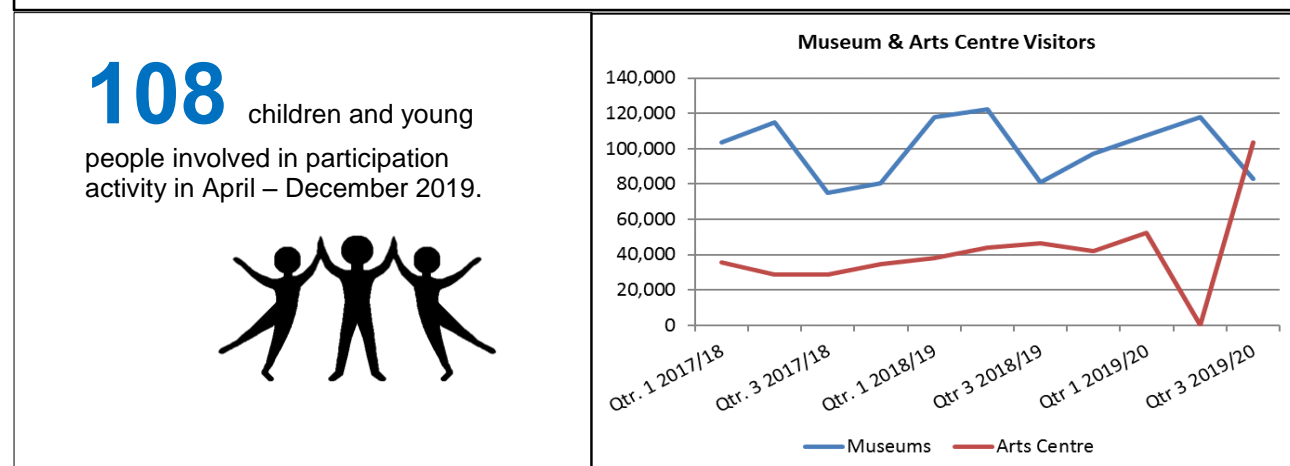
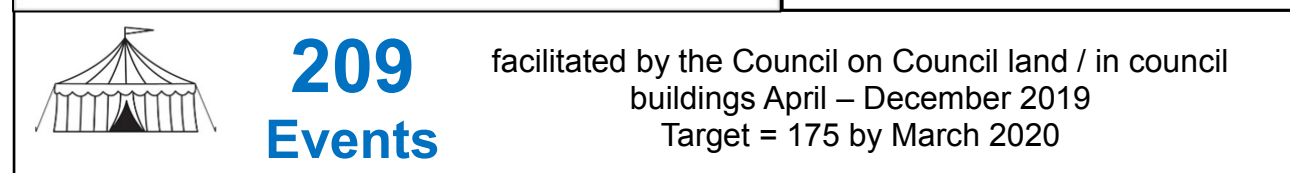
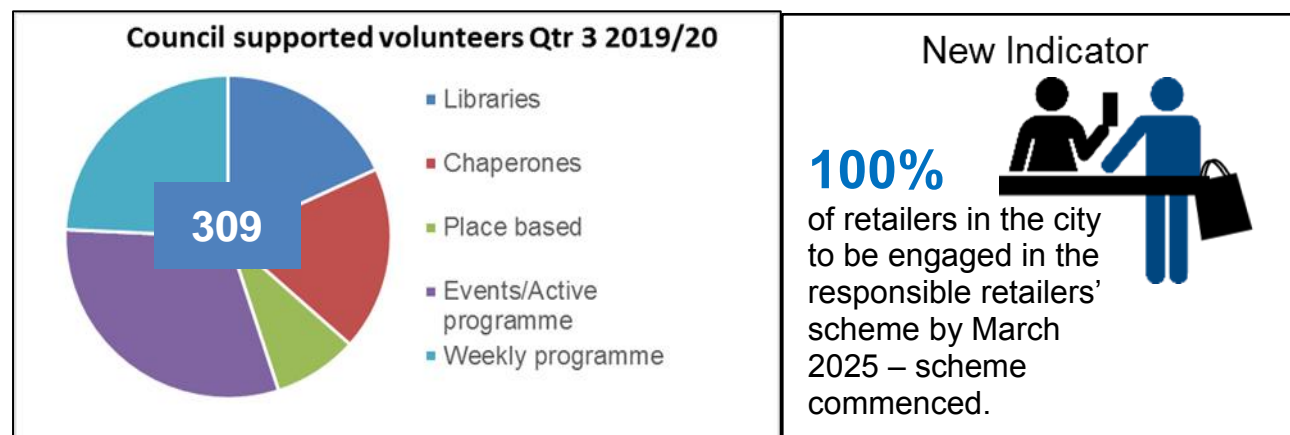


CITY CONTEXT

	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Number of visitors to the City 2018/19: 9,180,000	N/A	Improving (2014/15: 8,303,000)
Overall spend of visitors to the City 2018/19: £475m	N/A	Improving (2014/15: £384m)
Crime (recorded incidents): (cumulative to Dec 2019): 22,729	N/A	Improving (cumulative to Dec 2018: 25,666)
Residents feelings of safety (local) Qtr. 3 2019/20: 96%	N/A	Maintaining (Qtr 3 2018/19: 96%)
The proportion of people who use services who feel safe who use ASC 2018/19: 79.3%	N/A	Improving (2017/18: 78.6%)
Households affected by the benefits cap Dec 2019: 131	N/A	Improving (Dec 2018: 206)
Under occupancy: no of claim cases affected Dec 2019: 2,985	N/A	Improving (Dec 2018: 3,754)
Residents supported by foodbanks Qtr. 3 2019/20: 1,420	N/A	-
Rate of children looked after (per 10k) Dec 2019: 104.6	England 65, NE 101, SN 99.8	Improving (Dec 2018: 113)
Rate of CYP subject to a child protection plan (per 10k) Dec 2019: 70.7	England 43.7, NE 63.1 SN 56.22	Improving (Dec 2018: 79.7)
Rate of Children in Need (per 10k) Dec 2019: 424.6	England 334.2, NE 445.1 SN 436.55	Improving (Dec 2018: 466.5)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2019/20 Timeline	Status
World Transplant Games take place	Completed



N.B December data for Early Help unavailable due to a change in procedures

More creative and cultural businesses – To create vibrancy within the city one of the employment sectors we will focus on is the creative industries. National statistics show that the UK's creative industries are developing jobs faster than other sectors, however, as these statistics are not available at a local level, our creative industries action plan will include the development of local growth measures. Our action plan will set out key activity to develop a regeneration programme to facilitate creative businesses in key geographic areas and support individual creative and cultural businesses to set up and grow. This will be in place by March 2020.

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. We have been widening our volunteering opportunities to support more people to volunteer in a more diverse range of volunteering activities, building on a strong programme of opportunities in our events and weekly programme of activities and a new volunteering platform. In Quarter 3 we supported 309 people to volunteer with a further 5 volunteers recruited. The 'Let's Talk' programme was launched in Quarter 2 to engage residents, involving a range of partners and as at the end of Quarter 3 there were 155,233 engagements in the programme.

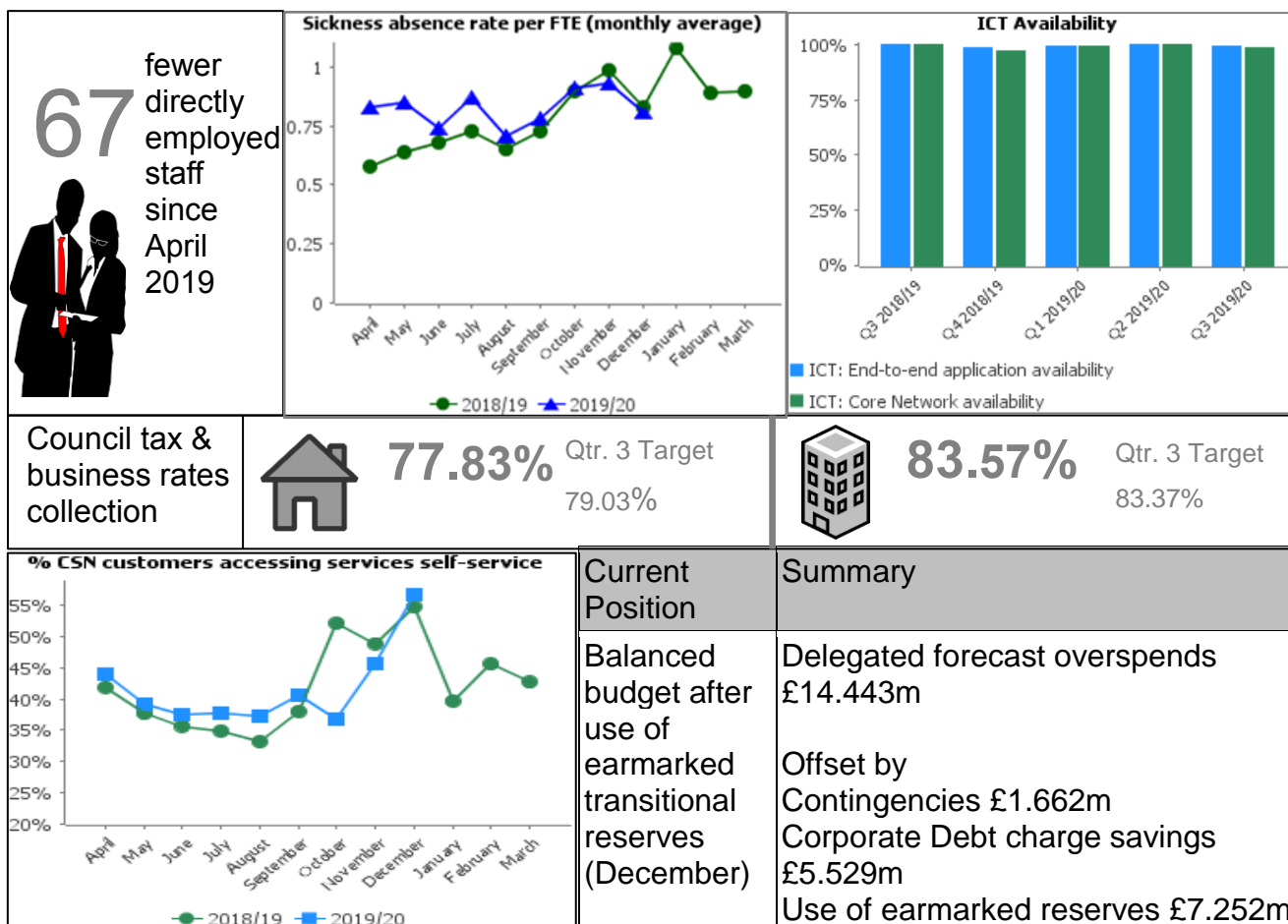
More visitors visiting Sunderland and more residents participating in cultural events and activities – Over the last four years the number of visitors to the city has increased year on year with increased associated spend. In Quarter 3 there were 57 events facilitated by the council on council land / in council buildings, taking the total for April to December 2019 to 209 – thereby already exceeding the year-end target of 175. Alongside this there were 99,441 visits to the Empire Theatre, 82,882 visits to Museums and the Winter Gardens and 155,624 visits to Arts Centre Washington. Progress continues to be made on delivering additional cultural events for our residents and visitors. In Quarter 3 events included the Houghton Feast, Halloween event, Festival of Light and Winter Wonderland.

More people feel safe in their neighbourhoods and homes – This commitment relates both to people feeling safe from crime and also vulnerable adults who use our services feeling safe. Overall, our residents feel safe in their local area, with the percentage consistently at 96% or above since 2012/13 based on the Northumbria Police Survey. Furthermore, recorded crime for April to December 2019 has reduced when compared with the same period in the previous year. We are committed to disrupting criminal and anti-social behaviour through intervention and enforcement. In Quarter 3, two weeks of action took place under *Operation Justice*. The combined results were: 41 stops with advice provided and 12 stop searches, 80 dispersals, 65 arrests / summons and 43 additional incidents attended. Businesses reported a marked improvement in feeling safer and a 16% decrease in crime was seen when compared with Operation Kraken for the same period in 2018. We hope to engage 100% of retailers in the city in our new Responsible Retailers Scheme and in Quarter 3 we have been drafting the scheme guidelines and implementation plan.

More resilient people - We will support our people to be more resilient by supporting families that require early help, where children are subject to Child Protection or are Looked After. We are committed to continuing the progress we have made through the delivery of the Together for Children Learning and Improvement Plan. We will seek to build resilient communities through mitigating the impact of welfare reform and hardship where possible. In December 2019 there was a reduction in the number of households affected by the benefits cap and claim cases affected by under-occupancy as well as a lower use of foodbanks when compared to the same period in the previous year. We plan to develop a Poverty Strategy to be in place by March 2020.

ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

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



Council – As an organisation, we have a challenging but exciting cultural change journey ahead. The council needs to continually improve and be innovative in our approach to counteract austerity and financial uncertainty. Directly employed people figures (excluding schools) enables an understanding of how the organisation has changed as the Council has moved to new delivery models and reduced costs. At the end of Quarter 3, there were 67 fewer directly employed staff. We are committed to ensuring that we have a productive and healthy workforce, maintaining lower levels of sickness absence. Following an assessment in Quarter 3, we are developing a new operating model to ensure that the council is as effective as it can be. We continue to enable more agile and paperless working through the adoption of digital technologies. At the end of Quarter 3, there are 3,600 IT users with access to Office 365 and Windows 10 laptops are being deployed to enable agile working. We will also continue to enable more digital interaction with our customers, thereby promoting self-serve. The collection of Business Rates is on-track at the end of Quarter 3, with Council Tax collection just slightly under (less than 1.5%) target collection rate. The council made 2 reports to the Information Commissioner's Office in Quarter 3, with investigations completed.

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2019

Report of the Director of Public Health, Sunderland City Council

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the findings of the Director of Public Health's Annual Report to members of the scrutiny coordinating committee.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Health and Social Care Act, 2012 states that "The director of public health for a local authority must prepare an annual report on the health of the people in the area of the local authority." In addition, "The local authority must publish the report."
- 2.2 The Director of Public Health's Annual Report is also the core document that is built upon to produce the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.

3.0 Production of the 2019 Report

- 3.1 The report presents the findings of a series of engagement and learning activities that have taken place during the Autumn of 2019, including a residents' survey, a series of workshops and two conferences, all under the banner of "Working together to improve our health".
- 3.2 This report is the result of a wide range of engagement activities through which we have gained the views of as many residents and stakeholders as possible. Given the scale of some of the inequalities experienced by the population, it's of key importance that local people are aware of these issues and can be involved in developing ways to influence them.
- 3.3 We started by producing a survey asking people how they feel about their own health, what helps or hinders them in keeping healthy and seeking their views on what they have done, or would like to do, to improve health. Around 600 people responded, ranging from age 13 to 86, with the average age of 49. 74% were residents, with the remainder working or volunteering in the city. Key information from the survey is used throughout this report.
- 3.4 Alongside the survey, a series of five workshops took place with one in each of the following localities:
- Coalfield
 - East
 - North
 - Washington
 - West
- 3.5 Key public health data for each locality was presented, with workshop discussions about ways to improve health and engage effectively with communities about health. In total, 12 focus groups took place involving a

total of 53 participants, 77% were resident in Sunderland. Information from these sessions has been thematically analysed and used to inform the content of the report.

- 3.6 Following this, a conference of the Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance took place on 16 October 2019 with 77 attendees from 46 businesses and organisations. Workshops were used to gain views on how to improve health at work, with outputs included in the report. We also engaged with the Health and Wellbeing Board through a development session and the council's corporate strategic management team.
- 3.7 Finally, the Sunderland Health Summit entitled *Working together to improve our health* took place on 04 November 2019. 170 delegates attended, ranging from residents, senior public sector and business leaders, representatives of the voluntary and community sector and elected members. Presentations covered Sunderland's City Plan; Population Health in Sunderland; Involving Children and Young People; Workplace Health; Helping Children and Young People Achieve Their Potential; and Making Good Food Affordable, Accessible and Appealing. Again, the output from this event has been used throughout this report.

4.0 Overview of the 2019 Report

- 4.1 The report provides an overview of the health of people in Sunderland and discusses the influences on population health. It also identifies the key themes that have been identified from the engagement activities described above.
- 4.2 An inequalities and prevention framework has been developed for the city in response to the stark inequalities in health outcomes both between Sunderland and the rest of the country and within the city itself. The causes vary in how immediately they impact on health and can be thought of as having either an "upstream" or "downstream" effect. Intervening "upstream" means that we are preventing poor health developing, whereas when we focus "downstream" we are less likely to impact on peoples' health in the long term. The framework consists of a number of domains including social inequalities, the role of "anchor institutions", people's living conditions, their mental wellbeing and resilience, unhealthy behaviours and poor health. This was a key focus of the Health and Wellbeing Board development session and will be taken forward through the Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
- 4.3 The issue of mental wellbeing came up in a number of our engagement activities. Residents who completed our survey predominantly felt that they take care of their own health. However, those that didn't indicated that there are often many pressures on their mental wellbeing. For example, one resident said that the thing which would help most to improve their health was, "Less stress at work and at home, lots of demands on my time. No solution to that." (East Area Resident). The five ways to wellbeing are highlighted as a practical approach to improve mental wellbeing for individuals and communities.
- 4.4 Another key theme was good employment and healthy workplaces. Key to this is not employment alone, but also the quality of employment. Good quality employment should enable people to have greater choice about how they live their lives and support them to be healthy. Participants consistently

identified that for Sunderland to be a really healthy place, it must offer good quality employment. They also noted that having a good job provides many tools that are needed to help them live healthy lives like social connections, a sense of purpose and resources. Again, this was highlighted in the responses to the survey with one person responding to the question on what would be good for their health as follows. “Being happier at work - miserable job and bullying encourages me to drink, smoke, stay up late, sleeplessness, and lack of motivation to exercise. I know this because my lifestyle was much healthier when I had a nicer job.” (East Area Resident). Some of our engagement activities also identified how we can work together to address these issues and these are detailed in the report.

- 4.5 The importance of making good food affordable, accessible and appealing was also highlighted as an important issue to tackle to improve health in the city. Poor diet is no longer commonly characterised by a lack of food, but access to food that leads to excess weight and a wide range of health problems that result from it. That said, there is an issue of food poverty nationally with food banks are now a common and enduring presence throughout England and in Sunderland we have a network of food banks to help those that need them. A range of solutions to some of the issues relating to a healthy diet were identified through our engagement activities ranging from education, community initiatives and broader policies such as those relating to hot food takeaways.
- 4.6 The core purpose of this report has been to involve communities in Sunderland in thinking about how the health of the local population can be improved. To prepare it, a range of different methods were used to reach people and actively listen to them. In doing so, we have also learned a great deal about the importance of involvement and engagement in reducing health inequalities. We know that some communities are not receiving and responding to health messages, and we see prevalence of some unhealthy behaviours varying dramatically from area to area in the city. In some cases, people told us they may want to be involved, but feel excluded: “[you can] feel a bit outside looking in when you are from another country or feel isolated. [You need to be] inspired by others – meet people through people – need an introduction.” (East Area Resident). Commonly, people recognised the need to make involvement meaningful for children and young people, for example via co-design activities. Attendees at the Health Summit were asked to consider how the children and young people can best be involved: “Bringing young people together. Listening to their voices and being involved [in] the systems [so they are part of decision making].” (Table 7- Health Summit). *Let’s Talk Sunderland* is an opportunity for individuals, communities and anchor institutions to come together to improve health in the City.

5.0 Next steps

- 5.1 The 2019 report will be published on the council website and will be circulated to key partners in the City.

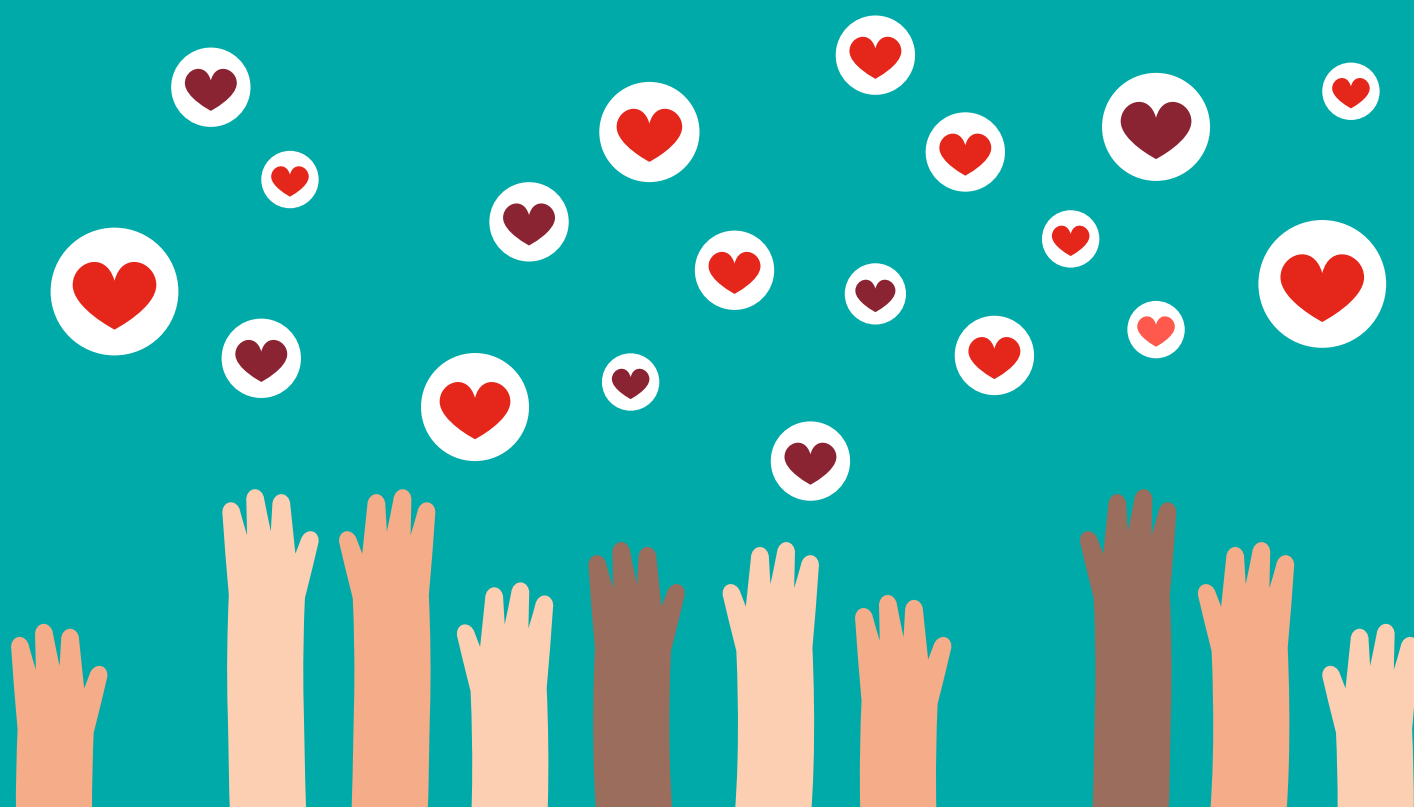
6.0 Recommendations

- 6.1 It is recommended that the committee notes the findings of the Director of Public Health’s Annual Report.

Director of Public Health

Annual Report

2019



Welcome

Health is the single most important thing for us all in Sunderland and is fundamental to our residents fulfilling their massive potential.

The health of the city's people continues to be heavily impacted by the economic and social inequalities that individuals and communities experience. We know that 38% of the population are amongst the most disadvantaged in England and one in five of our children live in poverty.

These inequalities influence the way local people are born, grow up, work and age. Through the delivery of the City Plan 2019-30, our vision is to create a connected, international city with opportunities for all, addressing the interlinked challenges that exist, including a range of health outcomes that are poorer than national averages.

Central to achieving a dynamic, healthy and vibrant city, is the need to ensure that people and communities are resilient and enabled to look after their own health. We particularly need to ensure that children and young people are actively involved in shaping and delivering plans and initiatives and are given the resources and skills they need to make good choices about their future.

The City Plan is already being delivered, at pace, with significant investment and developments recently announced, with more to come. By working in strong and innovative, cross-sector partnerships, we are committed to creating the conditions - including the provision of good jobs and housing, and skills and social opportunities - that will impact positively on residents' health and wellbeing, supporting them to flourish, be happy and age well, remaining independent and continuing to contribute to city-life.

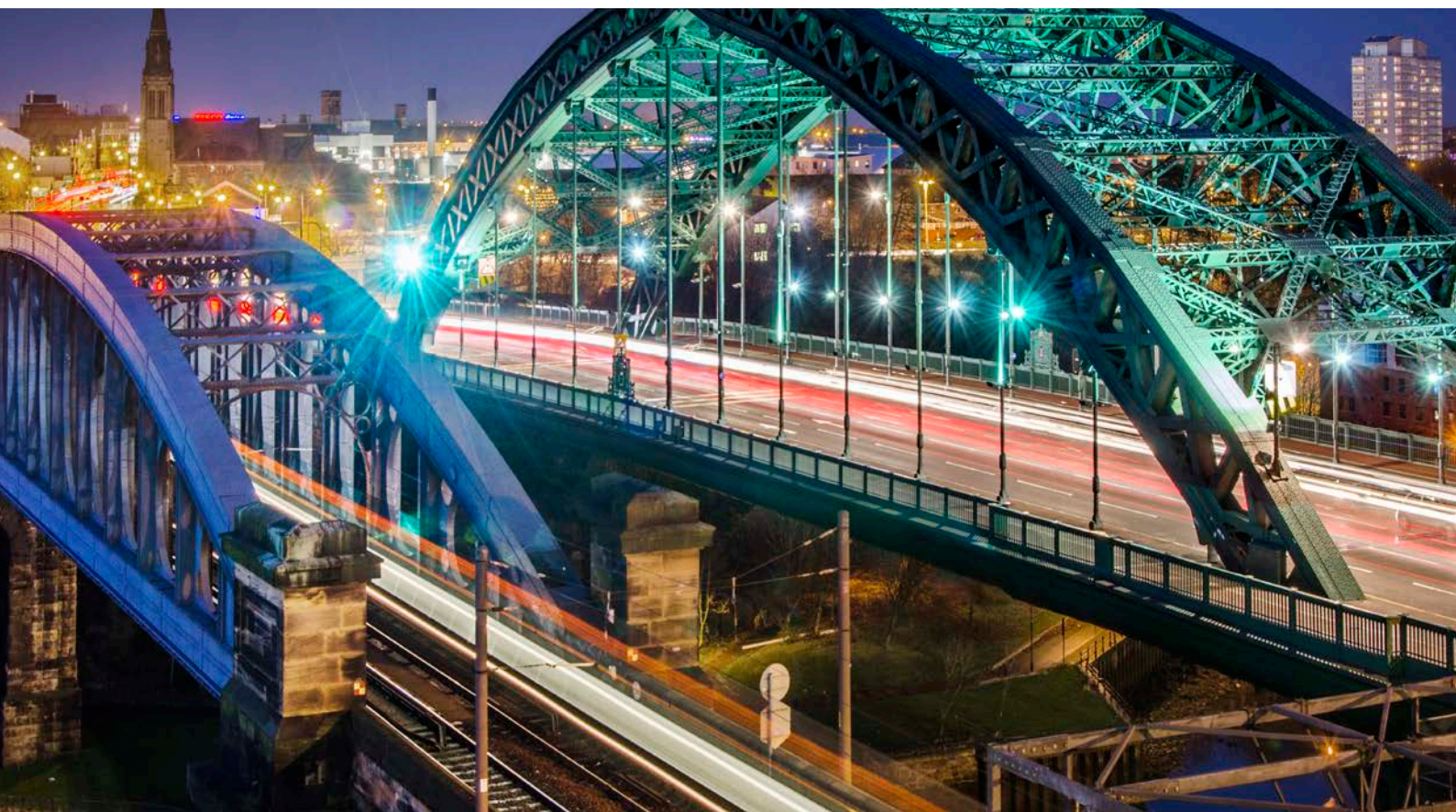


**Councillor Graeme Miller -
Leader, Sunderland City Council**

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Introduction



Sunderland is changing. Modern homes and workplaces are being built, access to the city is being improved and historic buildings are being restored and re-imagined for the future.

All of these things will help Sunderland to be a healthier place. However, as I have reported in previous years, we continue to face many challenges.

We know that many people here live in poverty and they have to deal with comparatively high levels of ill-health. We know that residents are likely to be healthy for less of their lives than those in other parts of the country.

Children and young people make up around a fifth of the population and represent the future of the city. I am concerned that many have told us that they are struggling. There is evidence that our environment leads them towards unhealthy behaviours, for example in the way fast food and alcohol are made widely present and available. These disadvantages mean they are less resilient to the challenges they face as they grow up.

However, children and young people are our greatest asset and we must involve them effectively in developing the future of Sunderland.

Evidence shows that many of the health issues experienced here can be prevented. They are influenced by a wide range of factors that can span from an individual's social context to the schools they attend and jobs they work in.

The information provided in my report shows some of the differences that people experience with their health in Sunderland. I believe that by working together to improve our health in the city, we can truly narrow the gaps in health outcomes across our communities. By preventing our population from becoming unhealthy and supporting them to make the right choices we will all be able to look forward to a happy, healthy future.



**Gillian Gibson -
Director of Public Health**

How this report has been produced

This report is the result of a wide range of engagement activities through which we have gained the views of as many residents and stakeholders as possible. Given the scale of some of the inequalities experienced by the population, it is of key importance that local people are aware of these issues and can be involved in developing ways to influence them.

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Presentations at the event covered:

- Sunderland's City Plan
- Population health in Sunderland
- Involving children and young people
- Workplace health
- Helping children and young people achieve their potential
- Eating well and access to good food.

Again, the output from this event has been used throughout this report.

I would like to thank everybody that has given their views as this report has developed and I hope that they will recognise their input in the range of recommendations, examples of good practice and key lines of enquiry for the future that are contained here.

Sunderland's future

Sunderland's children and young people make up 20% of the population. However they represent all of its future. They will become its parents, workers and carers in the coming years. As a result, we must ensure that they have every chance to succeed and prosper.



One in five people in Sunderland are aged 19 or under

Currently evidence shows us that they face many challenges that may lead them to experience poor outcomes in later life. For example, we know that the diet people eat has a strong relationship with the preventable causes of death. A poor diet can lead to excess weight, which in turn influences how likely people are to develop a range of cancers and other diseases.

When children enter primary school in Sunderland, the proportion of them that are obese (meaning that they have significant excess weight) is quite similar to the proportion across England as a whole. However, by the time they have passed through primary school, 25% are obese. This compares to only 20% across England; so, as they are growing up, inequalities are beginning to emerge.



One in ten children are obese when they enter primary school. This increases to one in four by the time they leave.

There is also significant evidence that inequalities like this persist as children and young people in the city grow up. Teenage pregnancy is significantly more common in Sunderland than in England as a whole. Whilst it does not always lead to poor outcomes, it is strongly associated with factors such as disadvantages in educational attainment, unemployment and engagement in unhealthy behaviours such as smoking and alcohol misuse.



Sunderland has twice as many teenage mothers as the England average.

We also know that children and young people here are more likely to drink alcohol than elsewhere in the country. Evidence shows they can suffer the associated harms of alcohol misuse from an early age.

3x

Under 18s in Sunderland are 3 times more likely to be admitted to hospital for alcohol related issues than the national average.

There is a clear need to actively listen to children and young people in Sunderland. They must be meaningfully involved to help develop a better understanding of the influences that may make them susceptible to risky behaviours.

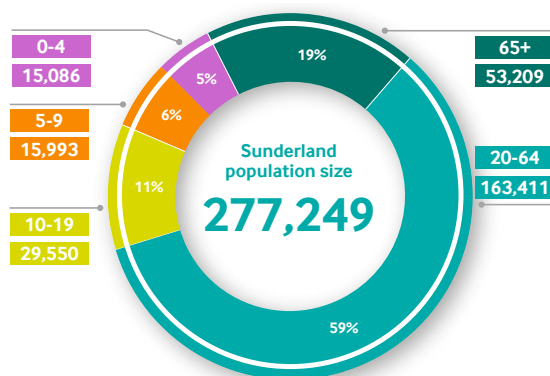


The health of the people of Sunderland

Sunderland currently has a population of just over 277,000. For a number of years, the population decreased - mainly due to people leaving to live elsewhere. However, it has now stabilised and is predicted to grow slightly to around 278,000 by 2030.

This represents a 1% increase; in comparison, the population of England as a whole is predicted to grow by around 8%.

Age



Over 65s represent around one in five people in Sunderland. In the future the overall population of Sunderland is predicted to age.



One in five people in Sunderland are over 65.

This will be one in four by 2030.

Life expectancy and healthy life expectancy

When compared to people in the areas of England with the highest levels of life expectancy, both men and women in Sunderland are likely to live up to six years less.



Sunderland males 77 years
Highest in England 83 years

Gap 6 years



Sunderland females 81 years
Highest in England 87 years

Gap 6 years

Residents of Sunderland are also likely to spend more of their lives in ill-health with both men and women living with illness or disability for up to 12 years more than those in other areas of England.



Sunderland males 58 years
Highest in England 70 years

Gap 12 years



Sunderland females 59 years
Highest in England 71 years

Gap 12 years

The combination of the increasing age of the population with high levels of ill-health in later life predicts significant pressure on the health and social care system in Sunderland in the future.

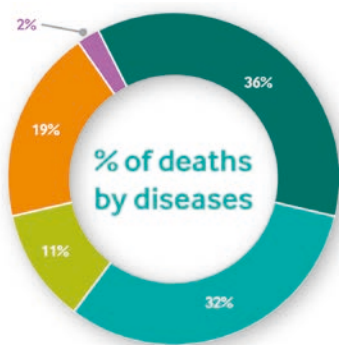
What is different?

A significant number of the people that die in Sunderland are known to have died from preventable causes. This can be as many as 630 people each year.

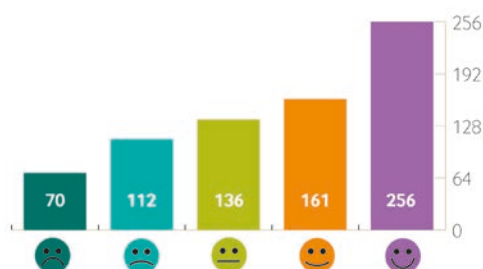
These deaths are considered preventable because they are caused by diseases that are known to be associated with behaviours that people may or may not engage in. Examples are smoking, regularly eating unhealthy foods, drinking too much alcohol and being physically inactive. If these behaviours can be changed or replaced with more healthy ones, people will be less likely to develop diseases like cancer or heart disease.



One in five deaths are considered preventable.



People need to be resilient to unhealthy behaviours. Resilience is normally associated with factors such as good living standards, better educational attainment, good quality employment and good mental wellbeing. In 2017, our Adult Lifestyle Survey demonstrated a clear link between good mental wellbeing and resilience to unhealthy lifestyle behaviours.



People that reported that they had no unhealthy lifestyle behaviours also had better mental wellbeing. Crucially, in Sunderland, there continues to be many more people experiencing poverty and income deprivation than in other areas of England:

Income deprivation (all)

21% Sunderland

15% England

Gap 6 %

This means



One in five people in Sunderland

Income deprivation (older people)

25% Sunderland

16% England

Gap 9 %

This means



One in four older people in Sunderland

Children in poverty

26% Sunderland

20% England

Gap 6 %

This means



One in four children in Sunderland

As a result, those people are more likely to take up the unhealthy behaviours that can cause disease and shorten their lives. For example, areas that experience high levels of deprivation also often have more residents that smoke tobacco. In fact, within Sunderland, around 26% of the population living in the most deprived ward smoke tobacco. This compares to only 7% in the least deprived ward.

This means not only are people here likely to live shorter lives than many other people in England, but within the boundaries of the city, those that experience greater levels of poverty will live shorter lives.



Sunderland least deprived 83
Sunderland most deprived 71

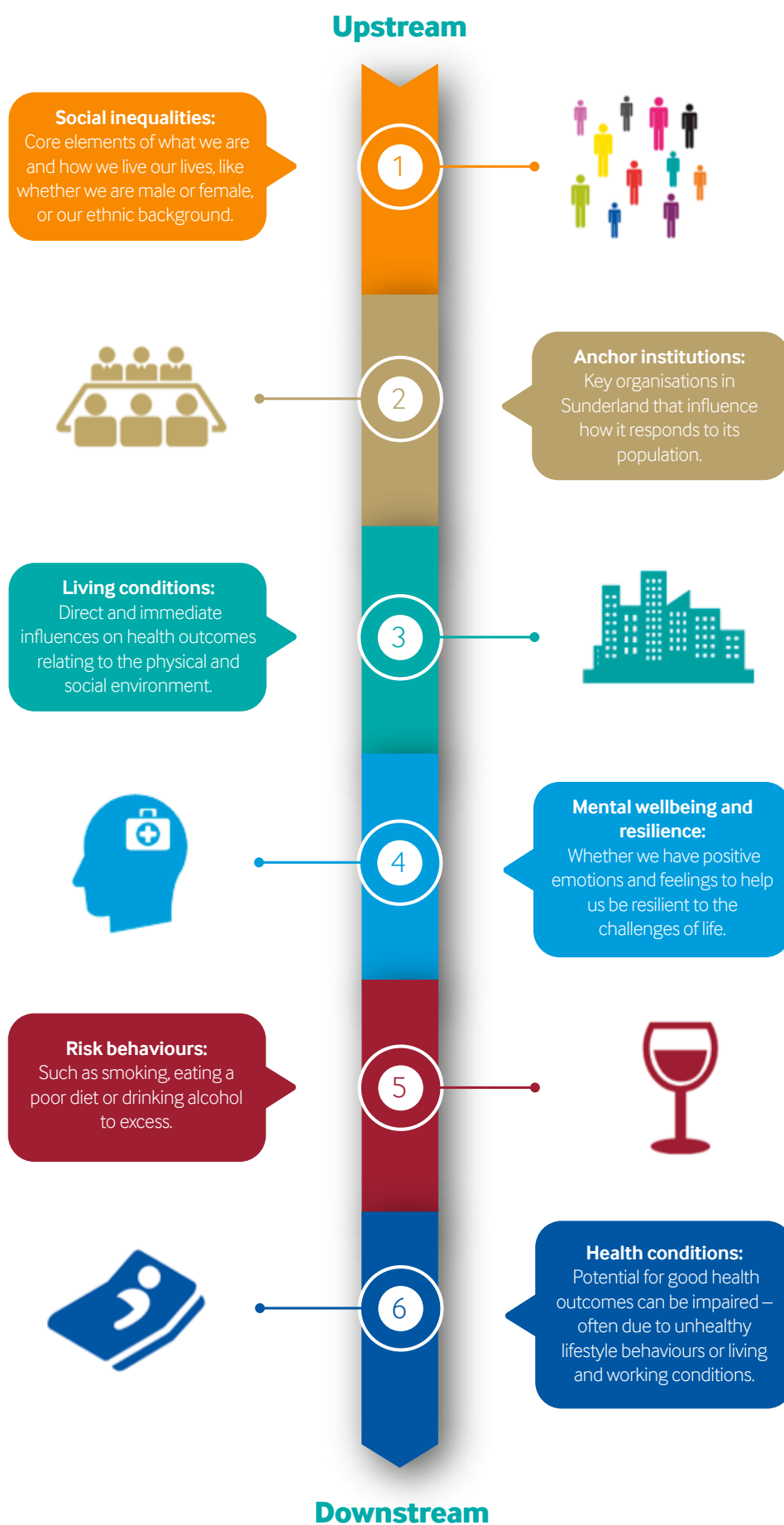
Gap 12 years



Sunderland least deprived 85
Sunderland most deprived 77

Gap 8 years

Inequalities and prevention framework



There are stark inequalities in health outcomes both between Sunderland and the rest of the country and within the city itself. The causes vary in the way they impact on health and can be thought of as having either an “upstream” or “downstream” effect. Intervening “upstream” means that we are preventing poor health developing, whereas when we focus “downstream” we are less likely to impact on peoples’ health in the long term.

1 Social inequalities

These are the core elements of what we are and how we live our lives. Things like whether we are male or female, have a disability or are a member of a minority ethnic group. Ultimately, these things can have a huge impact on health behaviours and outcomes.

Our Adult Lifestyle Survey of 2017 found that those with physical or learning disabilities were significantly more likely to have poor levels of mental wellbeing and to engage in multiple unhealthy behaviours.

We often treat people differently purely because of their age; in particular children and young people. This can be mitigated through active listening and involvement.

2 Anchor institutions

These are the key organisations that are part of the fabric of Sunderland and influence how it responds to its population. They can be all kinds of organisations, such as the NHS, the council, local businesses, schools, colleges and universities and the emergency services.

Anchor institutions can ensure that their policies prevent discrimination against particular social groups. They can use policies to support increased wealth within the city, for example by promoting the employment of local people or buying from local businesses.

These institutions have significant influence over the local population. For example, the local hospital provides good quality employment for local people and significant input to the local economy to help more people prosper.

3 Living conditions

These have a more direct and immediate influence on health outcomes and include issues relating to the physical and social environment such as whether we have a safe, secure and warm home, skills and work and services to access.

For example, areas which have poor air quality because of heavy traffic are likely to have more people who suffer from respiratory illnesses. Alternatively, if the social environment offers people opportunities to connect with their communities they are more likely to experience positive mental wellbeing.

Access to services is also important to prevent ill-health. These include health services that provide equitable access to screening and immunisation and access to parenting programmes to ensure our children and young people have a healthy start to their lives.

4 Mental wellbeing and resilience

Mental wellbeing is made up from factors such as having purpose and meaning in life and positive emotions and feelings to help us be resilient to the challenges of life.

The social inequalities people experience can often lead to poorer mental wellbeing, for example through problems like bullying and harassment.

Good mental wellbeing helps people to maintain their health and be less susceptible to unhealthy behaviours. As we have seen earlier in this report, people who don’t engage in unhealthy behaviours are more likely to have good mental wellbeing.

5 Risk behaviours

These are behaviours that we know to be unhealthy, such as smoking, eating a poor diet or drinking alcohol to excess. They may also include involvement in violence and abuse.

These can have very immediate impacts on health; smoking is the major behavioural cause of lung cancer for example. As we have seen, smoking is also strongly related to deprivation which is a key measure of social inequality.

6 Health conditions

These factors indicate that, for some, the potential for good health outcomes are already impaired – often due to unhealthy lifestyle behaviours or living and working conditions. They include problems like high blood pressure and chronic conditions like cancer or dementia.

They can be managed through care that is high quality, sensitive to what is important to people and gives them control over their own lives. As we have seen many health conditions have their root cause in the social situation in which people were born and have lived their lives.

The importance of mental wellbeing

The Inequalities and Prevention Framework recognises mental wellbeing as a pivotal factor that influences our resilience to unhealthy behaviours. It also shows that it is shaped by our place in society and the environment we live in.

Residents who completed our survey predominantly felt that they take care of their own health. However, those that didn't indicated that there are often many pressures on their mental wellbeing:

It is perhaps unsurprising then, that when asked what they would like to achieve by being healthier, people said they would like to have more energy and better sleep. Alongside lack of sleep, many said they experience stress on a daily basis, with less than 20% of people indicating they felt calm.

This is telling us that although many people find ways and motivations to maintain good health, a significant proportion experience a range of pressures in modern life that can combine to adversely impact their mental wellbeing. As a result, we may expect that they are more susceptible to unhealthy behaviours.

Alongside this, our data shows that children and young people in Sunderland can experience significant challenges to their mental wellbeing.

% of Children experiencing low levels of self esteem 2019

23.9% Primary school

26.2% Secondary school

Workshop participants wanted to ensure that children and young people don't engage in unhealthy behaviours as a result of this. The pressures of modern, strictly assessed schooling, issues with bullying and the sedentary nature of modern forms of play were all highlighted as potentially damaging.

This report deals predominantly with the importance of good work, a healthy diet and being listened to. Each of these things can have a positive effect on mental wellbeing and a range of examples are provided that illustrate how they do so.

The importance of social connection has been demonstrated in many ways through the process of involving and engaging with the many people that have contributed to the report. This has been through sharing ideas, experiences and opinions:

Q: "What single thing would make it easier for you to take care of yourself?"

A: "Time for me as I have lots of care responsibilities (I work in a health profession, have a disabled daughter, elderly parents, one who has dementia, and even an epileptic cat!!!)." – West Area Resident

A: "Less stress at work and at home, lots of demands on my time. No solution to that."
– East Area Resident

"If it wasn't for Mind and the connections I've made, I wouldn't be the person I am today. I wouldn't have met these lovely people I've met today." – Washington Area Resident

What can we all do about mental wellbeing?

The Five Ways to Wellbeing are a number of key behaviours that are known to help people to be happier and healthier.

Most of the activities that we care about and enjoy involve one or more of these behaviours. If we are deprived of ways to experience them regularly we are likely to be less happy and therefore

susceptible to unhealthy lifestyle behaviours.

As you read this report, you will see many examples of how people use the Five Way to Wellbeing to improve their health and the health of others.

You will also see evidence of the ways in which the challenges of modern living can leave people finding it difficult to do things like connect with others, be as active as they should or spend time doing things that they enjoy.

Be Active

Do what you can, enjoy what you do, move your mood.

Connect

Talk, listen, be there, feel connected.

Give

Your time, your words, your presence.

Keep Learning

Embrace new experiences, see opportunities, surprise yourself.

Take Notice

Remember the simple things that give you joy.



Good employment and healthy workplaces

The population of Sunderland is significantly impacted by socio-economic disadvantage; this is evidenced by stark differences in life expectancy between the most and least disadvantaged areas of the city.

Clearly the level of access to employment is a factor in this, though increasingly the quality of employment is also significant. Good quality employment should support people to be healthy by enabling them to have greater choice about how they live their lives.

It is widely understood that employment rates in England are at historically high levels, having increased steadily since 2011. However, it is also common for employees to experience difficult working conditions. For example, zero-hour contracts are now commonplace; these offer employees limited job security and often do not provide the certainty that people need to maintain their wellbeing.

Nationally, there have been efforts to improve working conditions. Importantly, the living wage has helped to make work worthwhile for many. However, many continue to struggle to manage the pressures of modern working life:

Q: "What single thing would make it easier for you to take care of yourself?"

A: "I can't afford not to work two jobs right now." – East Area Resident

A: "Less stress at work and at home, lots of demands on my time. No solution to that." – East Area Resident

There are also clearly understood health inequalities amongst those who work in less well-paid jobs; for example, it is estimated that one in four people in routine and manual occupations smoke tobacco.

Similarly, the level of fulfilment and enjoyment that people get from their work helps them to maintain their resilience to unhealthy lifestyle behaviours:

Q: "What single thing would make it easier for you to take care of yourself?"

A: "Being happier at work - miserable job and bullying encourages me to drink, smoke, stay up late, sleeplessness, and lack of motivation to exercise. I know this because my lifestyle was much healthier when I had a nicer job." – East Area Resident

However, there are many ways to provide better employment and a better experience of working life for people in Sunderland.

How to improve health in workplaces

The Office for National Statistics (ONS) reported that in 2017, 131 million working days were lost to sickness absence. Musculoskeletal conditions and mental

health problems accounted for 32% of these.

When we asked people about how employee health can be improved, they commonly highlighted that employees need to feel valued by their employer. This sense of value can be developed through a wide range of approaches, though should be underpinned by an effective approach to employee engagement:

Q: "What makes a happy and healthy workforce?"

A: "Staff feeling valued, giving them a voice about what they think a healthy workforce would look like in their workplace." – Feedback from table 19, Sunderland Health Summit

What can we do?

- Prioritise local employment to keep the Sunderland £ in Sunderland and give local people the skills to get good jobs.
- Work together to support people with health conditions to stay in work.
- Continue supporting networks amongst employers to share good practice.
- Continue to advise and support employers in finding ways to help their staff to remain resilient and be more productive employees.
- Communicate standards for workplace mental wellbeing through the Better Health at Work Award and Workplace Health Alliance.
- Develop commissioning standards so that health services reflect the needs of working people.



Understandably, owing to the nature of paid work, both employees and employers can find it difficult to make time for activities to improve health in the workplace. As a result, it is widely acknowledged that high level leadership and managerial buy-in is required to provide the conditions that people need to be healthy at work.

Case study: Workplace health initiatives at Liebherr Sunderland Works Ltd.

The Liebherr Group is a global manufacturing business with a current annual turnover of over 10bn Euros.

Liebherr have had a strong presence in Sunderland since 1989 when they began producing maritime cranes and cargo handling equipment from their facility in the Deptford area.

Employing 200 people, including 28 apprentices, they have a strong commitment to the health of their workforce, recognising that healthy and resilient workers are an asset to any company.

As a heavy engineering working environment, the Liebherr workforce is predominantly male and is getting older. Since 2008, the company has participated in the North East Better Health at Work Award, winning a Gold Award and Continuing Excellence accreditations for the work they have done to improve the health of their employees.

Key initiatives include:

- Health advocates, particularly on the shop floor, offering advice and information.
- Stop smoking events to help employees quit.
- Physical activity events and introduction of a cycle to work scheme.
- Mental health first aiders within the workforce.
- Provision of annual health checks.

Benefits:

- Reduction in sickness levels from 4% to an average of 2.5%.
- Positive responses from staff.
- Health advocates become a motivated part of the workforce, providing a crucial asset in improving health.

Learning:

- Ensure objectives, aims and purpose are clear.
- Secure management buy-in and resources.
- Benchmark your planned activities to ensure that you engage staff in the process.
- Make outputs measurable and linked to initiatives to improve health in the workplace.

Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance

Managing Director of Liebherr Sunderland, Ralph Saelzer has worked alongside Sunderland City Council to develop the Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance.

As a network of businesses across Sunderland, it works collaboratively to develop initiatives and share practice to improve the health and wellbeing of workers.



Activities

- Providing practical help and advice to businesses on how they can improve the health of their employees.
- Sharing good practice between businesses.
- Ensuring that businesses are aware of opportunities that are available in the city to support them.

The alliance has grown significantly in 2019 and now has participation from 94 local organisations. The following summarises the leadership approaches identified by members to help improve workplace health.

Key leadership approaches for workplace health

- Allocation of resource and capacity.
- Enabling meaningful engagement with workers so planned responses meet their needs.
- Taking measures to improve the working environment.
- Stimulating cultural changes to improve employee wellbeing, like reducing excess stress and managing bullying and blame cultures.
- Establishing effective metrics for monitoring health at work initiatives and implementing management arrangements.

If you would like to find out more about the Sunderland Workplace Health Alliance, email: workplacehealth@sunderland.gov.uk

Making good food affordable, accessible and appealing

As we have seen, good employment is central to both prosperity and health and wellbeing; its absence is a dominant characteristic of social inequality and contributes to poor health outcomes. There are also clear links between deprivation and poor diet.

Poor diet is no longer characterised by a lack of food, but access to food that leads to excess weight and a range of associated health problems.

These are foods high in sugars, saturated fats and salts. Research shows it is three times more expensive to get the energy from healthy foods than unhealthy foods.

For a healthy diet, people should eat five or more portions of fruit and/or vegetables per day. From our Adult Lifestyle Survey of 2017, we know less than half of the population in Sunderland reported they regularly do so; more starkly, only 37% of year six children responding to our local Health Related Behaviour Survey in 2019 reported eating vegetables on most days.



Food and poverty

Food banks are now a common and enduring presence throughout England. Sunderland has a network of food banks to help people that need them. This is positive in supporting those that are unable to afford food, yet also underlines the entrenched inequalities that exist in our society.

The Trussell Trust supports a UK wide network of Food Banks and gathers key information about those who use them. Worryingly, recent data indicates between September 2018 to September 2019, demand for emergency food supplies from food banks rose by 23%.

This is consistent with reports from participants in our local workshops:

"My vision of health in Sunderland goes a long way – there would be no need for food banks. This month there were 60-70 food parcels provided, more than twice the amount of the month before." - Coalfield Resident

The Trussell Trust also identified that 36% of its users were collecting food because of low income, rather than unemployment or access to benefits. Consistently with themes seen earlier in this report, many people are in work but not able to afford the basic commodities of life.

In a wider sense, there was broad agreement from participants in our workshops that it is seen to be cheaper to eat unhealthy foods: *"...to eat healthy is expensive... [people need] incentives to get cheaper food."* - School Nurse

Education

Participants highlighted the importance of education on healthy eating and cooking for children and adults. This was the most commonly discussed area at the Sunderland Health Summit: *"Start with kids - de-stigmatise the basics of how to cook and eat healthy - [help people learn] what is healthy food."* – Table 12, Sunderland Health Summit.

A number of people also felt that parents may no longer have the knowledge of healthy eating to enable them to educate their children: *"Some parents are just not aware of what is healthy and what is not."* - North Area Resident

The availability of education about food and healthy eating is linked to people eating well. Historically,



parents would pass on knowledge and model behaviours around food and healthy eating, but if they do not have that knowledge themselves, it's likely to fall to education and other social systems to help develop knowledge amongst children and young people:

"We need more collaboration across the city reaching everyone so that parents are aware of nutrition and physical activity." – Representative of Keep Active

Many solutions were suggested at our workshops, such as green space initiatives that could be used to educate at the same time as producing healthy foods, development of better coverage of healthy food and cooking education in schools and combining supply of healthy food via food banks with opportunities to develop healthy cooking skills.



Food and the built environment

Alongside pressures of poverty and lack of knowledge about healthy eating, many pointed to problems with the built environment that may lead people to eat unhealthy foods. Typically, this centred on the very visible issue of high numbers of fast food outlets in many areas of Sunderland:

"[People are] surrounded by fast food, but [I] wouldn't use them - it's a choice. Always [the] third option for my child." - West Area Resident

Others visualised alternatives: "[If we were the healthiest city] the high street would be totally different, there would be no takeaways, rather healthy eating cafes." – Representative of Keep Active

Participants recognised the success of regulatory measures, such as the progress of the 'sugar tax' in reducing the availability of unhealthy products:

"Soft Drinks Industry Levy data shows a 28.8% reduction per 100ml in retailer own-brand and manufacturer brand-branded products." – Public Health England

There were also suggestions of other forms of regulatory influence to try to reduce the availability of unhealthy food:

"Reducing access to unhealthy food outlets. Increase healthy offer, e.g. takeaways, cafes, workplaces, leisure facilities." – Table 13, Sunderland Health Summit

"Fat tax on rubbish food." – East Area Resident

Policy in progress

Sunderland has a rate of 137.8 fast food outlets per 100,000 of population. This is not one of the highest in England, but some areas of the city are affected more than others.

Measures to enable planning applications to open fast food outlets to be refused have been drafted into the council's emerging Core Strategy and Development Plan in the form of a Hot Food Takeaway Policy. While the plan as a whole is still progressing through a process of examination, the policy has so far influenced two decisions to refuse applications.

What can we do?

- Ensure strong links between support services and food banks to help those that are in greatest need.
- Work with schools to understand education provided on healthy foods and cooking skills and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Ensure schools provide a healthy environment for both students and teachers.
- Stimulate projects to raise the profile of healthy food like green space initiatives involving growing healthy foods or opportunities for adult education in communities.
- Continue with local planning policies to limit the number of fast food outlets; in particular targeting areas with high levels of child obesity and existing saturation of outlets.





Case study: Gardening, green exercise and learning

Hutton Street Allotments are a key project run by local charity Hetton New Dawn. The charity aims to support volunteers to take part in a range of activities that given them skills and training and improve their confidence.

The allotments are used by local people for 'green exercise' as they tend to all types of fruit, vegetables and herbs. These activities keep them fit and are particularly helpful for those who don't have gardens of their own.

Kids are also involved so they can plant, grow and harvest throughout the seasons. This has been such a great success that a barn has been set up to allow teachers to hold lessons with primary school children on the site.

Graham Hesketh who gardens and looks after the volunteers said:

"I just love being outside and being able to help grow fruit and veg for the community. It makes me feel very useful and gives me a real sense of achievement."

There are plans to build an 'eco loo' and introduce wind, solar and hybrid power to the site so it can have carbon-free power to become more efficient, produce even more and have a bigger impact on the local community.

Produce goes directly to the local community in the following ways:

- Taken home by people that help out.
- Supporting the Places of Welcome Scheme which is run by Hetton New Dawn and provides meals for those on a low income.
- Providing the local volunteer-run foodbank in Easington Lane with fresh fruit and vegetables.
- Used in the local weekly lunch club for older people in the local community.

If you would like to get involved, please get in touch with Graham by visiting:
www.hettonnewdawn.org.uk

Involving communities in improving health

The core purpose of this report has been to involve communities in Sunderland in thinking about how the health of the local population can be improved. To prepare it, a range of different methods were used to reach people and actively listen to them.

In doing so, we have also learned a great deal about the importance of involvement and engagement in reducing health inequalities. We know that some communities are not receiving and responding to health messages, and we see prevalence of some unhealthy behaviours varying dramatically from area to area in the city. Alongside that we see poorer health outcomes from place to place.

In some cases, people told us they may want to be involved, but feel excluded:

“[you can] feel a bit outside looking in when you are from another country or feel isolated. [You need to be] inspired by others – meet people through people – need an introduction.” – East Area Resident

If our anchor institutions fail to involve communities in a meaningful way and therefore do not address the barriers that some people may experience in accessing them, they will inevitably widen health inequalities.

How we involve and engage

Common practices of hosting focus groups, distributing surveys and holding conferences are all useful in gaining the views of communities; we can see from the volume of people that contributed their views that many are willing (and able) to give their time in this way. However, it should be noted that these techniques may effectively exclude some of the very people that you need to reach:

“Working people won’t come to things like this – you need to go to their workplace!” – North Area Resident

A common theme from our engagement activities was the need to find routes into communities, through a range of different means. This might be by using others that are willing to help, or through use of links to communities like health advocates within organisations or community leaders:

“Health is the most important thing going for us, as humans. Ask partner organisations, schools [to help]. [There are] hundreds of charities [and it’s not a] big stretch to hand out leaflets.” – East Area Resident

“You have to go to them – getting to them through existing networks.” – North Area Resident.

By applying a more tailored model to engaging communities, it is likely more diverse and valuable insights will emerge that help develop a richer understanding of the needs of local people.

Coordinating efforts

As all local organisations seek to become more mindful of how they gain the views of local communities, there can be some risk of people being repeatedly asked similar questions. Additionally, information may arise via the activities of one organisation that may be of use to another. Therefore, organisations such as Sunderland City Council, Sunderland Clinical Commissioning group and South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust should look to coordinate efforts wherever possible. This will help to make the best use of the time that people give when they take part, ensure that the maximum value is gained and that organisations gain a shared understanding of the issues that are important to local communities.

Effectively involving children and young people

It is clear from the information we’ve seen in this report that children and young people are central to how we plan for the future. However, it should be noted that much of the information that has been collected has come from adults.

Commonly, people recognised the need to make involvement meaningful for children and young people, for example via co-design activities. Attendees at the Sunderland Health Summit were asked to consider how the children and young people can best be involved:

“Bringing young people together. Listening to their voices and being involved [in] the systems (so they are part of decision making). Table 7- Sunderland Health Summit

The case study provided here shows how children and young people have worked on a project to communicate their views about alcohol. It provides a good example of how their views can be sought as well as demonstrating an approach to meaningful involvement:



Case study - What do young people in Sunderland think about alcohol?

How does it impact on their everyday lives? What action do they think needs to be taken to reduce the harm it does? These were just some of the questions posed to a group of 12-17 year olds in the city.

The workshop was led by Balance, the North East Alcohol office, and formed part of a wider project around a vision for an Alcohol Free Childhood.

Eight young people from Sunderland's Young Inspectors and Commissioners, a group supported by Together for Children, took part in the workshop to discuss the role of the alcohol industry, the role alcohol has in young people's lives and the harms it causes.

Discussions were frank, honest and valuable. It served as a reminder of the many challenges, pressures and decisions young people (and the adults they live with) are faced with when it comes to alcohol. The young people provided lots of really important messages to consider – that even if they don't drink themselves, alcohol is often seen as an incredibly normal part of their lives and the information they obtain about it comes from a number of sources.

They see alcohol in the fridge at home and it can be a big part of going out for dinner with family. It pops up in the palm of their hands as they scroll through their mobile phones on social media or when they watch TV or play computer games in their bedrooms. It's all around them when they play sport, go shopping or to the cinema as they see celebrities, sponsorship deals, merchandise and films promoting big-name alcohol brands and products:

"On social media posts as people show themselves drinking and at parties or 'seshes' – people want to be part of the crowd and fit in."

"We know about the products and what they are before we even taste them."

The young people also talked about how they feel concerned, exposed, worried and often confused by the different information they see and hear about alcohol and they want this to change. They'd like more consistent messages and to learn more about the wider facts on alcohol so they're empowered to understand the impact of alcohol marketing.

"I think we should change the type of education. So, tell us more on the wider marketing, not just the harms. If you know the negative role alcohol can play, you're more wary."

"I think we should have more adverts like the TV advert with the tumour in and show that after an alcohol drink advert."

They were also asked about some practical ways to help overcome the challenges they face and make an Alcohol Free Childhood become a reality. They chose to focus on two key areas; proxy purchasing and accessibility of alcohol and changing branding on alcohol products.

Over the coming months, we'll continue to work with Balance and the children and young people to develop these ideas. In the meantime, to ensure their voices are heard now, they've created a short video about the workshop to share their insight and ideas. The video has been widely shared and you can view it at: www.whatstheharm.co.uk

Case study: Ladies only swim

Through our engagement we found out about how a local community group has discovered a solution with local leisure services that enables them to exercise and connect with each other. Without this inventive approach, they would not be able to benefit from the facilities that are there for the population.

Local Muslim women have created a group where they meet for an hour a week and enjoy a swim and a chat. Muslim women would prefer to come along to a women-only session with a female lifeguard.

Mahima Ali and Riza Khaled are friends who started the group. Mahima said, "I wanted to do a bit of activity every week, something fun and enjoyable, so we agreed with Castletown Sport Centre to hire out the pool, make sure there was a female lifeguard and encourage other women who want to join in to come along. They can bring their children, although the age restriction for boys is under ten."

This is a really positive step in making light exercise accessible to everyone. Between 15 and 25 women regularly attend some with

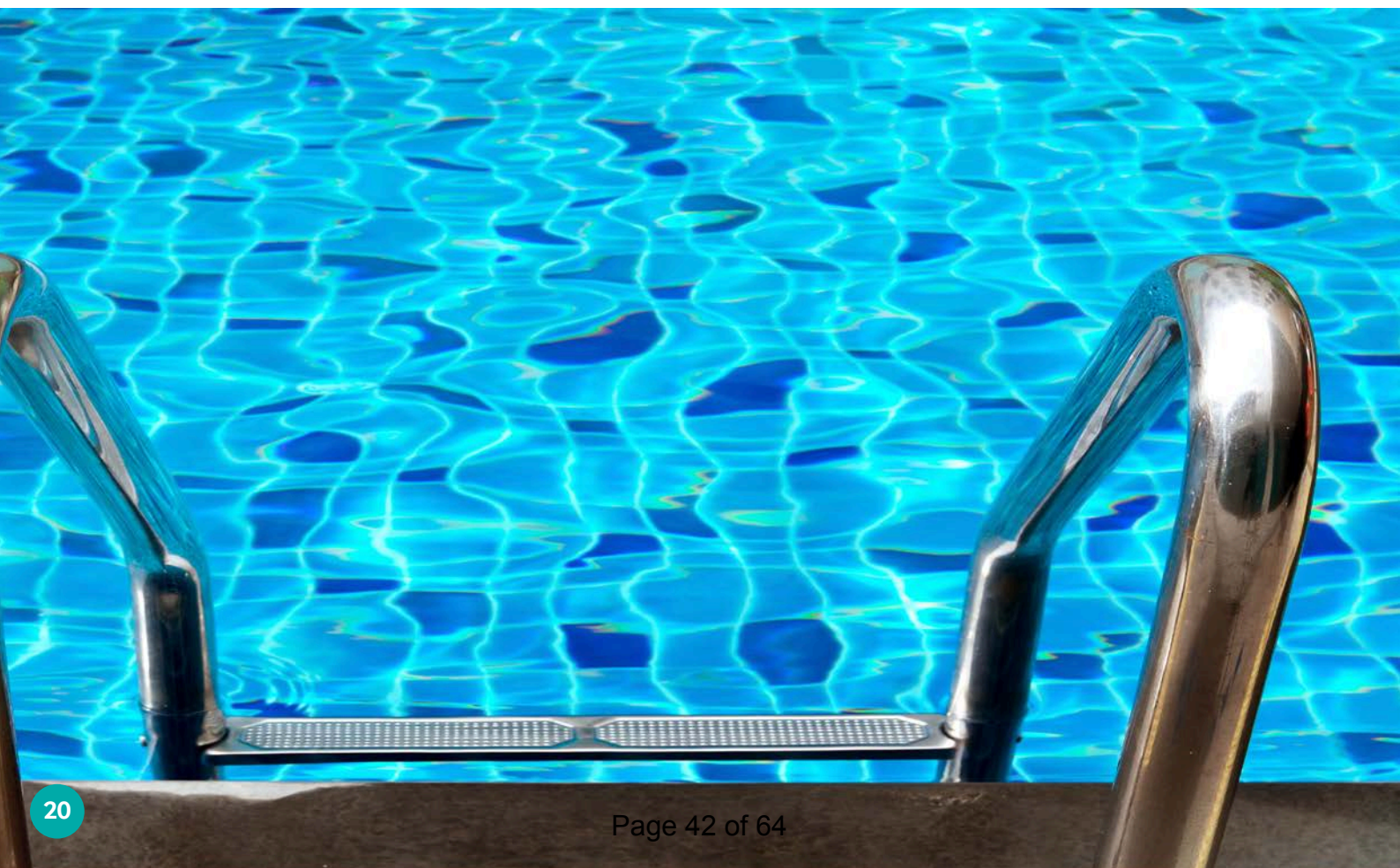
children as young as two. Some of the members are in their 70s, allowing people to participate whatever their generation.

They pay a small fee to swim covering the hire of the pool and the group have recently introduced a loyalty card scheme where each time they swim they get a stamp and their ninth swim is free.

The benefits have been huge, as well as helping the women stay fit, the sessions also mean that they can get together for a chat ensuring they don't feel so isolated. They share lifts and stories in a place where they can feel comfortable and enjoy some light physical activity.

Activities like this are so important in making sure everyone is included and has access to what is available in the community. The group are now looking into more activities, such as yoga, so they can make more of the benefits that physical activity is having on their minds and bodies.

Women who normally wear a hijab are encouraged to come along in whatever they feel comfortable in.



Let's Talk Sunderland

What can we do?

- Ensuring involvement activities use opportunities to reach population groups by going to them, rather than expecting them to attend groups and other activities.
- Make use of appropriate digital media where required.
- Anchor institutions can work together to develop coordinated approaches to engagement and involvement in Sunderland which utilise opportunities to reach communities and specific groups.
- Identify opportunities to actively involve children and young people in developmental work, such as co-designing service offers and forms of delivery.
- Understand the needs of different groups in the city to ensure that no-one is left behind.

Share your views about your neighbourhood

Engagement with residents is ongoing and at the moment, Sunderland City Council is seeking feedback from Sunderland residents through its Let's Talk Sunderland campaign. We want to directly involve residents and communities in making Sunderland a great place to live with the power to influence matters that affect them.

Complete the short survey here
<https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/letstalk>.

Your views will help shape neighbourhoods across the city and inform Neighbourhood Investment plans for Sunderland's five areas – East, West, North, Coalfields and Washington. The Neighbourhood Investment Plans will be launched in 2020 following public consultation.



Summary

The process of producing this year's report has helped me connect with many people in Sunderland and I would like to extend my thanks to everybody that has taken part.

People have provided us with many examples of inspiring and achievable ways to improve their own health and the health of others in the city. We have included as many as possible here, though many other great ideas have been shared which will help us to make changes for the better in the future. These have shown how people can overcome some of the social inequalities that could impact on their health.

We know from what we have been told that the pressures of modern life can often weigh heavily on people. However, we also know that assets such as good work and active social networks can help them cope with these; so, we need to strengthen and develop these assets and provide opportunities for people to connect.

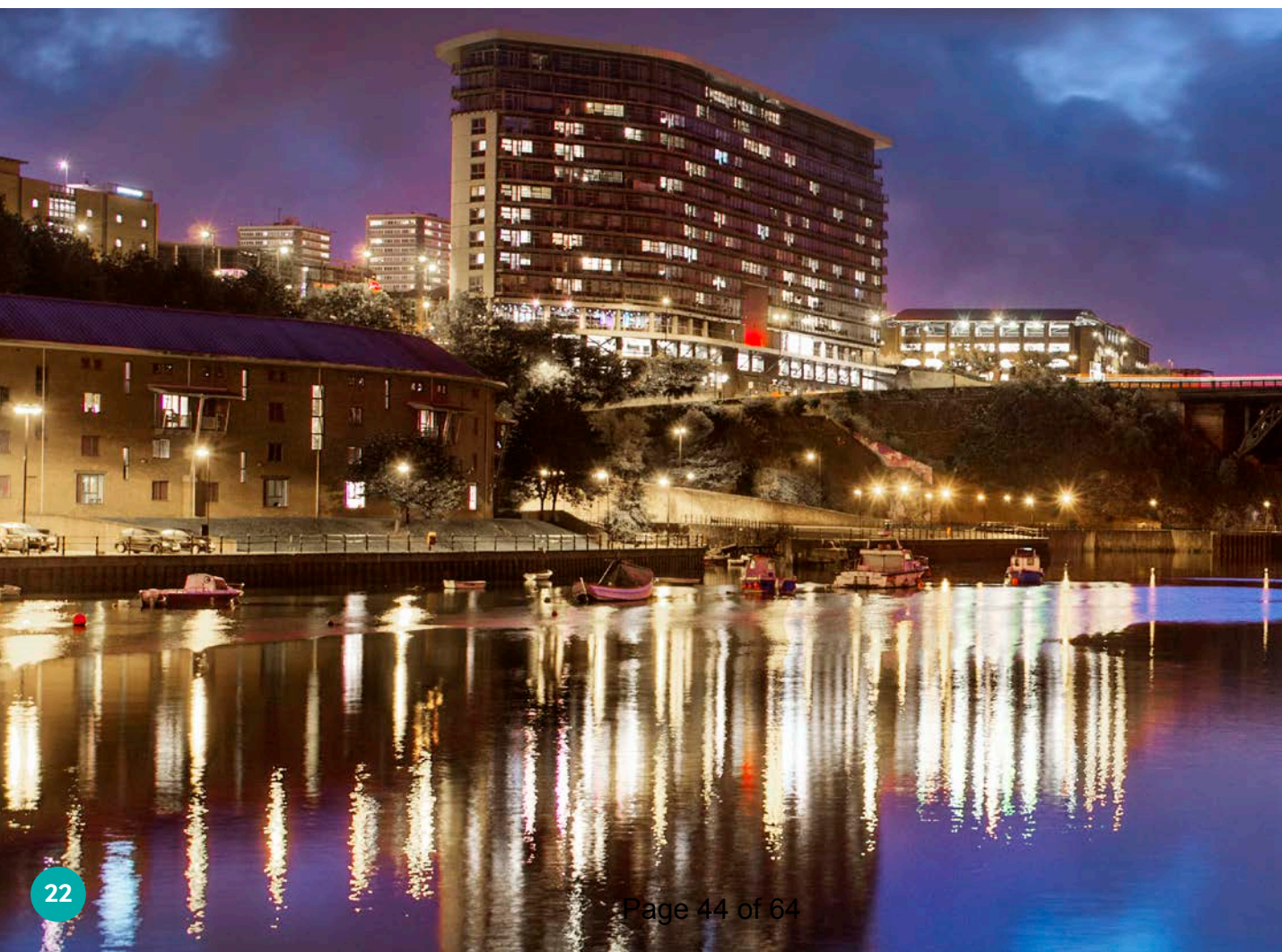
As I said earlier in this report, the children and young people of Sunderland are its greatest asset. We have seen how their insights can help us reflect

on key health issues and make a difference. We should continue to develop meaningful ways to involve them in the development of the city's future to ensure that it enables them to reach their full potential. We must see them as providing the solutions to problems rather than just identifying needs.

Throughout the development of this report we have engaged with a number of our anchor institutions who are committed to working together to improve health in Sunderland. They have a key role in addressing many of the social inequalities that exist here and by working consistently through partnerships and networks will help build a healthier and more resilient city.

The positive engagement I have encountered in recent months has been inspiring. I truly believe that by individuals, communities and organisations coming together we can build a happier, healthier Sunderland.

**Gillian Gibson -
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I would also like to thank everybody for sharing the things that are being done and could be done to improve health in Sunderland. Here are some of the things people told us:

"Educate and get trained so that I can pass information onto others." – Bethany City Church

"Deliver Mental health awareness training to all managers in the council." – Sunderland City Council

"We will develop a more regular programme of "get healthy" activities." – Sunderland College

"Encouraging people to take breaks by doing something that relaxes you." – Change Council

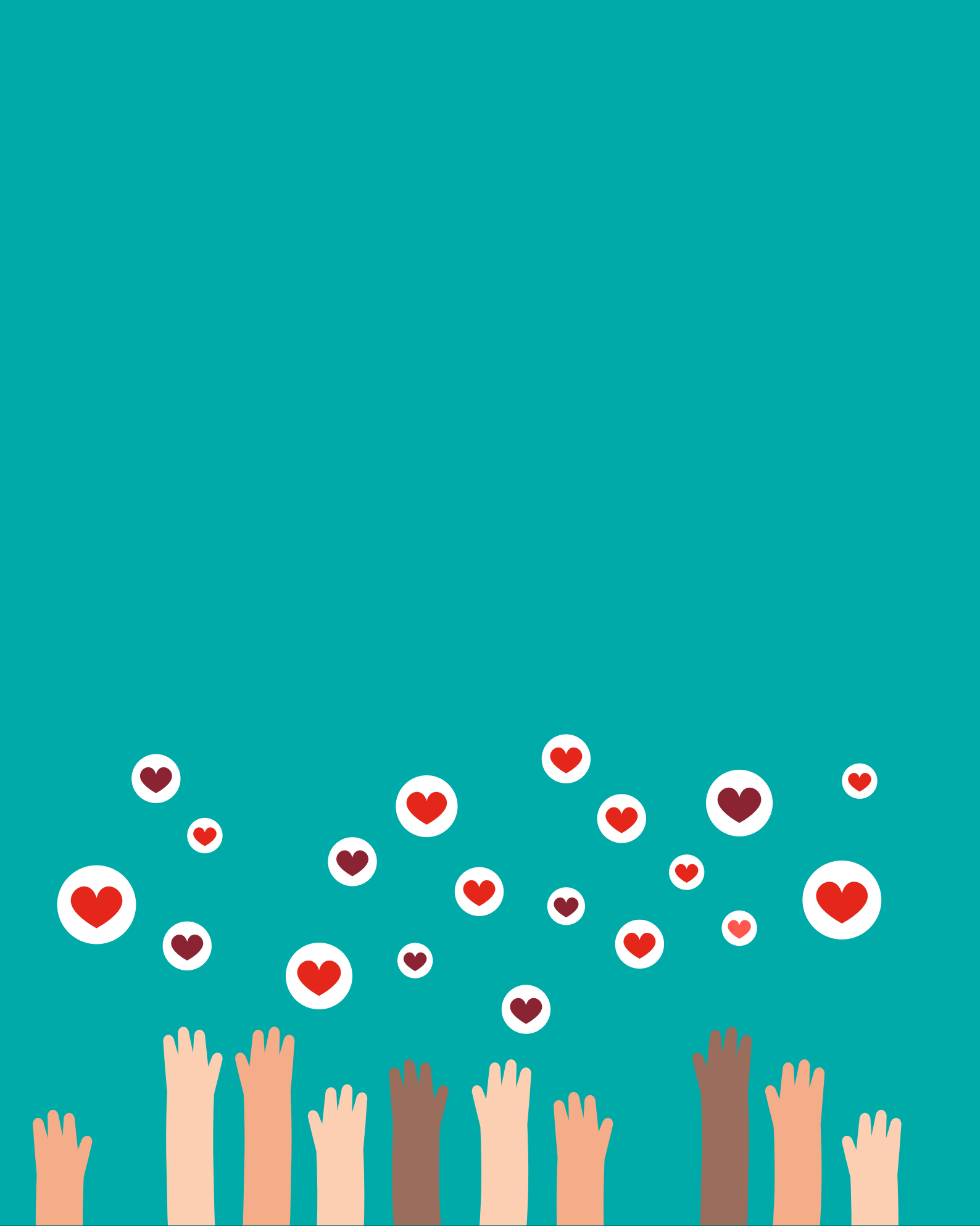
"Ask my colleagues 'are you okay?'" – FRESH and BALANCE

"Giving advice on reducing food wastage by suggesting 'left over' recipes. Signposting to foodbanks and practical eating." – Department of Work and Pensions

"Trying to get my friends and family to spend more time off social media and cooking more healthy foods instead of takeaways" – Change Council

"Challenging and supporting schools to be lead organisations in tackling inequalities and creating an improved health culture." – Together for Children

"Spreading information about healthy options and leading by my own example." – Local Councillor



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SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMMES FOR 2019-20

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the variations to the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2019/20 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2019/20.
- 1.2 In delivering its work programme, the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee will support the council in achieving its Corporate Outcomes.

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 The aim of its co-ordinating role is to avoid duplication, make best use of resources and to provide a corporate overview of the scrutiny function. As such the remainder of this report outlines the current work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees.

3. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMMES

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

4. SCRUTINY 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.

5. DEDICATED SCRUTINY BUDGET

- 5.1 A small budgetary provision of £15,000 per annum is available to the Scrutiny Committees to deliver the agreed Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes.

- 5.2 As of 28 February 2020 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

Description	£
Scrutiny Development	£229.90
Member Development	Nil
Policy Review Development	Nil
Total Expenditure to Date	£229.90
Budget	£15,000.00
Remaining Budget	£14,770.10

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:

- (a) notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2019/20 and to its own work programme;
- (b) notes the current expenditure and remaining scrutiny budget for 2019/20.

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REASON FOR INCLUSION	6 JUNE 19	4 JULY 19	5 SEPT 19	3 OCT 19	31 OCT 19 - CANCELLED	28 NOV 19	9 JAN 20	6 FEB 20	5 MARCH 20	2 APRIL 20
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										Scrutiny Annual Report (JD)
Scrutiny Business	Together for Children Business Plan (Jill Colbert)		Theme: Cross Cutting Ofsted Monitoring Visit Feedback (Jill Colbert)	Theme: Cross Cutting Domestic Abuse Services & Impact on Children and Families (Karen Davison)		Theme: Cross Cutting Early Help Parenting Provision (Karen Davison)	Theme: Pre School Years Children's social care improvement activity and updates (Sunderland Children Safeguarding Partnership – (Sir Paul Ennals)	Theme: Post 16 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEET • SEND Strategy/16-25 SEND Outcomes • Emotional Health and Mental Well Being 	Theme: Cross Cutting Health outcomes (Lorraine Hughes) Voice of Child (Jane Wheeler)	Theme: Cross Cutting/Partnership Early Help Parenting Provision (Karen Davison) Child Sexual Exploitation/ Missing Children (Abbey Adair)
Performance / Service Improvement		Ofsted Improvement Plan – Update (Karen Davison) Children's Services Complaints (Simon Marshall)	Ofsted Improvement Plan – Detailed Update (Jill Colbert) Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert)	Portfolio Holder Update		Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report (Jill Colbert) Children's Services Complaints Report (Jill Colbert)	Ofsted Monitoring Feedback (Jill Colbert) Operation of Front Door WG – Feedback (JD)	Ofsted Improvement Plan – Update (Jill Colbert)		Together for Children – Performance Monitoring Report
Consultation / Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE –WORK PROGRAMME 2019-20

REASON FOR INCLUSION	11 JUNE 19	9 JULY 19	10 SEPTEMBER 19	8 OCTOBER 19	5 NOVEMBER 19	3 DECEMBER 19	14 JANUARY 20	11 FEBRUARY 20	10 MARCH 20	7 APRIL 20
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses						Coastal Communities Round 5 Project (Dan Hattle)	Food Law Report (Marion Dixon) Local Plan – Core Strategy (Louise Sloan)	Supplementary Planning Documents (Louise Sloan)		
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee Sunderland Cultural Strategy (Rebecca Ball)	Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy (Marion Dixon) Cross Border Taxi Licensing Enforcement (Marion Dixon)	Siglion Update (Jon Ritchie/Peter McIntyre)	Sunderland Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby)	Industrial Strategy (Richard Baker/Vince Taylor)	North East England Chamber of Commerce (Jonathan Walker)		Business Centres – Update (Catherine Auld)	Arrangements for Visit to CESAM Major Events (Victoria French) Housing Services - Update (Graham Scanlan)	Annual Report (Jim Diamond) Siglion Update (Peter McIntyre) International Advanced Manufacturing Park/ Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor – Update (Mark Jackson) Sunderland Rail Station – Update (Mark Jackson)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 18-19

Northumbria Road Safety Partnership (Paul Lewins)
Recycling/Enforcement – Public Engagement (Colin Curtis)
International Strategy (Catherine Auld)
Public Space Protection Orders

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2019-20

REASON FOR INCLUSION	5 JUNE 19 D/L:28 May 19	3 JULY 19 D/L:21 June 19	4 SEPTEMBER 19 D/L:23 August 19	2 OCTOBER 19 D/L:20 Sept 19	30 OCTOBER 19 D/L:18 Oct 19	27 NOVEMBER 19 D/L:15 Nov 19	8 JANUARY 20 D/L:23 Dec 19	5 FEBRUARY 20 D/L:24 Jan 20	11 MARCH 20 D/L:28 Feb 20	8 APRIL 20 D/L:27 March 20
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses		Scoping Report (N Cummings)		Policy Review Update (N Cummings)	Policy Review Update (N Cummings)	Policy Review Update (N Cummings)	Draft Review Report (N Cummings)			
Scrutiny Business	Managing the Market (G King) Annual Work Programme 19/20 (N Cummings)	CQC GP Inspection Annual Report (Sunderland CCG) CCG Operational Plan 19/20 (Sunderland CCG)	Refresh of GP Strategy (Sunderland CCG) NHS Performance Update (Sunderland CCG) Adult Safeguarding Board Annual Report (P Weightman) Healthwatch Annual Report 18/19 (Margaret Curtis – Healthwatch)	Managing the Market (G King)	All Together Better Alliance (Sunderland CCG) Urgent Care Mobilisation Update (Sunderland CCG)	Maternity Services (City Hospitals)	Managing the Market (G King) Integrated Care System/Partnership Update (Sunderland CCG) Care and Support Annual Report (Sunderland Care and Support)	North East Ambulance Service (M Cotton) End of Life Care (Sunderland CCG)	Annual Report (N Cummings) Urgent Care Mobilisation Update (Sunderland CCG)	Managing the Market (G King)
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 19-20

Items to be scheduled

Joint Engagement Strategy (Sunderland CCG)

REASON FOR INCLUSION	13 JUNE 19 D/L 3 JUNE 19	11 JULY 19 D/L 1 JULY 19	12 SEPTEMBER 19 D/L 2 SEPT 19	10 OCTOBER 19 D/L 30 SEPT 19	7 NOVEMBER 19 D/L 28 OCT 19	5 DECEMBER 19 D/L 25 NOV 19	16 JANUARY 20 D/L 6 JAN 20	13 FEBRUARY 20 D/L 3 FEB 20	12 MARCH 20 D/L 2 MARCH 20	9 APRIL 20 D/L 30 MARCH 20
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses			City Plan (Jon Beaney)	City Plan Update (Jon Beaney)	Budget Planning Framework 2020/21 and Financial Strategy (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)		Revenue Budget update and provisional revenue support settlement (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)	Collection Fund (Council Tax) 19/20 (Jon Ritchie) Capital Programme 20/21 to 23/24 and Treasury Management Policy and Strategy 20/21, including Prudential Indicators for 20/21 to 23/24 (Jon Ritchie) Revenue Budget and Proposed Council Tax for 20/21 and Medium-Term Financial Plan 20/21 to 23/24 (Jon Ritchie)		
Scrutiny Business		Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report (Stuart Douglass) Recorded Crime Stats – Sunderland (Northumbria Police) Ofsted Inspection TWCA & FACL – Update (Sandra Mitchell)	Procurement Strategy update (Paul Davies)	Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Statutory Guidance (Nigel Cummings)					Public Health Annual Report (Gillian Gibson)	Hate Crime (Jessica May) Scrutiny Annual Report (N Cummings)
Performance / Service Improvement	Compliments, Complaints & Feedback Annual Report (Marie Johnston) Performance Management Update Q4 (Liz St Louis)		Compliments, Complaints & Feedback Report (Marie Johnston) Performance Management Q1 (Liz St Louis)			Performance Management Q2 (Liz St Louis) Compliments, Complaints & Feedback Report (Marie Johnston)		Compliments, Complaints & Feedback Report (Marie Johnston)	Performance Management Q3 (Liz St Louis)	
Consultation / Information & Awareness Raising	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2019/20

NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY 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 24 February 2020.

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 for the 28-day period from 24 February 2020 is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee 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 24 February 2020 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
190813/380	To seek approval to progressing our Community Wealth Building agenda to support the development of more resilient communities.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 11 February to 30 March 2020.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force Area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 24 March to 30 April 2020.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
181024/312	To receive an update report on the Regional Adoption Agency proposals and to agree the next steps	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 11 February to 31 March 2020.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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190906/402	To consider expansion proposals by an existing Council tenant in respect of a strategic property and the associated capital funding and revised lease term proposals.	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 11 February to 31 March 2020.	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
190823/385	To approve the proposed Governance Arrangements for the Centre of Excellence for Sustainable Advanced Manufacturing (CESAM) and related matters.	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 11 February to 30 April 2020	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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191213/439	To approve the updated business plan for Siglion LLP and related matters.	Cabinet	Y	During the period from 11 February to 30 March 2020.	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
191105/421	To approve Sunderland's Empty Homes Strategy.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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191220/441	To approve Five Neighbourhood Investment Plans.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report Investment Plans	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200107/442	To consider the continuation of integrated delivery of vision screening for children aged 4-5 year alongside the local delivery of ophthalmology services.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200110/447	To authorise Sunderland City Council's participation in the ERDF North East Business and Innovation Growth Fund project led by Gateshead Council. This will involve obtaining Cabinet approval to enter into a Funding / Partnership Agreement with Gateshead Council should the ERDF grant be secured.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200122/448	To seek approval to procure and award contracts for feasibility and design works for a number of capital schemes.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200128/449	To consider the variation of a contract for the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor Phase 3 (SSTC3) to include ducting works to support 5G installation.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200203/450	To consider the disposal of land at North Moor Lane.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200210/452	To consider the strategic acquisition of property interests at High Street West, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200212/453	To seek agreement with Siglion for the development of new car park on Dykelands Road	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200213/454	To consider a proposal to enlarge Willow Fields Primary School from a capacity of 140 places to a capacity of 315 places	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020 (published on a separate notice on 14 February 2020).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200213/455	To consider a proposal to enlarge St Paul's CE VC Primary School from a capacity of 210 places to a capacity of 315 places	School Organisation Committee of Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020 (published on a separate notice on 14 February 2020).	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200213/456	To seek approval to the planned Highway Maintenance (including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Programme for 2020-2021 and approve amendments (additions/deferrals) to the 2019-2020 Programme.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200217/457	To seek approval for the proposed maintained school admission arrangements for the academic year September 2020-21 and to describe proposed amendments to published admission numbers (PANs) for the academic year 2019/20, where it is necessary to provide additional places.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200217/458	To authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods to procure and appoint an architect-led design team to develop a masterplan for Sunderland Museum and Winter Garden.	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200217/459	To vary contract for management of Household Waste and Recycling Centre	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200217/460	To seek approval for the annual procurement process by which funding from the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) will be awarded to providers for the delivery of Family, Adult and Community Learning (FACL) training courses in the academic year 2020 – 2021 to support the city's strategic priorities	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200220/461	To approve the development of a potential Community Shop delivery model for Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk
200220/462	To seek approval of a Procurement Strategy	Cabinet	Y	24 March 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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200205/451	To seek approval for policies with the Housing Services Policy Framework	Cabinet	Y	16 to 30 June 2020	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN 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 PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to committees@sunderland.gov.uk

Who will decide;

Cabinet; Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Michael Mordey – Deputy Leader; Councillor Paul Stewart – Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Geoffrey Walker – Health and Social Care; Councillor John Kelly – Communities and Culture; Councillor Amy Wilson – Environment and Transport; Councillor Rebecca Atkinson – Housing and Regeneration.

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

24 February 2020