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## **Record of Executive Decisions Published: 22/Mar/2022**

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Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Scrutiny Coordinating Committee

**Date decision in force:**

22 March 2022

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

Performance Report – Quarter 3 of 2021/22 – Report of the Chief Executive

**Full description of decision:**

To note and accept the performance information in relation to Quarter 3 performance of 2021/22.

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure Cabinet is informed of the current performance position for the council against the City Plan 2019-2030.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no alternative options recommended.

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**Is this a key decision:**

No

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

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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

Award of grant funding to the Moorsley and District Community Interest Company  
– Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services

**Full description of decision:**

To authorise the Executive Director of Corporate Services to accept a grant award of £65,000 from SCCG and award a subsequent grant of the same amount to the MDCIC, on terms to be agreed by the Executive Director of Corporate Services in consultation with the Cabinet Secretary.

**Reasons for decision:**

The proposed passporting of £65,000 of external grant funding to MDCIC will supplement the funding already secured by the Community Interest Company for the development of “The Hut”, a community enterprise facility for local residents. SCCG is to make a funding contribution to the Council of £65,000 on this basis. Given that the funding to be subsequently passported to the MDCIC exceeds £50,000, Cabinet approval is required.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option is not to accept and award the respective grants, which would reduce the funding available to the MDCIC and put the local community scheme at risk of delay. Consequently, this alternative option is not recommended.

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1 April 2022

**Date of decision:**

22 March 2022

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

New Wear Footbridge – Project Update and Advance Orders – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- 1) Note the progress update provided;
- 2) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder, to place advance orders for materials and/or works in connection with the Scheme, where considered appropriate; and
- 3) Agree to receive a further report prior to the award of the main works contract for the delivery of the Scheme.

**Reasons for decision:**

The delivery of the Scheme will play a significant role in the regeneration of Sunderland Riverside and provide a key connection between Vaux and Sheepfolds.

Prior to the completion of the PCSA period and the award of the main works contract, the ability to place orders for advance works and materials in a timely manner will allow the necessary flexibility to react to adjacent Riverside Sunderland Schemes and volatile market conditions, in particular steel, in order to obtain cost and time benefits for the Scheme. This approach would minimise the cost risk associated with raw materials and managing the interface with adjacent projects.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

One alternative option was considered and is recommended to be rejected:

Do Nothing: It is considered likely that not authorising the placing orders for advance works and materials prior to the award of the main works contract would lead to an increase in the costs of the Scheme and could also delay the programme.

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1 April 2022

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22 March 2022

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

North East Screen Industries Partnership – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:-

- (i) Approve a financial contribution of £158,481 to be made via the North East Combined Authority (NECA) in respect of the development programme to be implemented during the 2022/23 financial year pursuant to the MoU from the provision for economic development within the approved capital programme;
- (ii) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to agree the associated Business Case and delivery arrangements relating to the MoU on the terms set out in this report in conjunction with NECA and its constituent local authorities, the North of Tyne Combined Authority (NTCA) and the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA); and
- (iii) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to approve the terms of a Grant Funding Agreement with Northern Film and Media (as the regional screen agency) in respect of the 2022/2023 financial contribution alongside the equivalent contributions of the constituent local authorities within NECA.

**Reasons for decision:**

A MoU was signed between the BBC and the North East authorities in September 2021. This sets out a partnership vision and mutual investment targets by BBC and the North East authorities over the next five years to promote the development of region's cultural and creative industries, through the strategic development of the local TV and screen industry and skills. In order to deliver the required step-change in the growth of the screen industries sector across the North East it is essential that investment is committed by all of the North East authorities as a whole to deliver a sustainable eco-system.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option would be to not support the regional funding proposal. However, this would be contrary to the strategic objectives and targets of the North East authorities and the BBC through the MoU to promote the region's TV and screen industry and skills.

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

Link Together Project – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:-

- (i) Subject to the award of the relevant external funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF), authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to take all necessary steps to deliver the Project, including to agree and enter into Funding Agreements with the NLHF and a Partnership Agreement with Durham Wildlife Trust (DWT) and the Wear Rivers Trust (WRT) in respect of the Project; and
- (ii) Approve the proposed funding arrangements for the delivery of the Project as set out in this report (subject to the award of the relevant external funding) and approve the resultant variation to the Capital Programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

Funding for delivery of the Link Together Project has been sought in partnership with DWT and the WRT from the National Lottery Heritage Fund (NLHF) through a competitive bidding process. Subject to the award of the relevant external funding, the Project will deliver a range of significant greenspace improvements across communities in the Coalfield area of the city with associated engagement activity. Whilst some level of greenspace improvements would still be delivered in isolation through funding received via Section 106 Agreements, the scale and scope of the works would be significantly reduced without the external grant from the NLHF.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option would be to not progress the Project. However, the opportunity to secure substantial external funding to deliver significant greenspace improvements in the Coalfield area (and the resulting benefits as set out in this report) would be lost.

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22 March 2022

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

Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund and Warm Homes Fund – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:-

- (i) Approve the delivery of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) Wave 1 project and receipt of £1,236,513 from the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS);
- (ii) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to take all necessary steps to deliver the SHDF Wave 1 project, including to agree and enter into an Agreement with Gentoo Group Ltd ('Gentoo') for the delivery of the project;
- (iii) Approve delivery of the Warm Homes Fund (WHF) projects;
- (iv) Authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader and Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City, to take all necessary steps to deliver the WHF projects, including the procurement and appointment of a contractor to deliver the proposed installation works, and to agree and enter into a Partnership Agreement with Groundwork North East and the Citizens Advice Bureau as delivery partners; and
- (v) Approve the proposed funding arrangements for delivery of the SHDF Wave 1 and WHF projects as set out in this report and approve the resultant variation to the Capital Programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

Funding for delivery of the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund Wave 1 project has been secured through a competitive bidding programme. In partnership with Gentoo, the project will comprise the decarbonisation upgrading works to 604 social rented homes located across Sunderland. The project will support delivery of the city-wide Low Carbon Framework and target for the city to become carbon neutral by 2040, contributing to one of the Framework's seven strategic priorities.

Two applications for £948,143 of funding from the Warm Homes Fund have been submitted through a competitive bidding programme. If successful the projects will comprise decarbonisation upgrading works for up to 135 private sector homes and, through partnership working with Groundwork North East and the Citizens Advice Bureau, provide advice to homeowners and private landlords on the decarbonisation options and benefits for their residential properties.

Domestic energy has been identified as an area where significant emissions reductions need to be achieved across the city. Improving energy efficiency is also expected to generate wider benefits in relation to reducing fuel poverty, improving health and wellbeing, as well as supporting the green economy.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative option would be to not progress delivery of the SHDF project and/or the WHF project (subject to the WHF application being successful). In total, £1,236,513 of external grant has been secured from BEIS by the Council in partnership with Gentoo for the SHDF Wave 1 scheme, which would otherwise be lost together with the significant decarbonisation benefits which would be delivered to 604 housing units.

Similarly, subject to a successful outcome to the WHF applications submitted, it is anticipated that £948,143 of external grant will be secured to deliver decarbonisation improvements for up to 135 private properties within the city, which would otherwise be lost together with the associated decarbonisation and wider benefits.

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

Transforming Cities Fund (TCF) Holmeside Bus Rationalisation (Highway Improvement Scheme) - Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

- i) Approve the Council entering into a funding agreement with the North East Joint Transport Committee, on such terms to be approved by the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Corporate Services.
- ii) Approve the funding arrangements for the estimated scheme costs of £2.885m to implement the improvement works.
- iii) Subject to the completion of the relevant funding agreement with the North East Joint Transport committee, authorise the Executive Director of City Development, in consultation with the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Corporate Services, to take all necessary steps to procure the delivery and completion of the scheme.
- iv) Note that cabinet approval will enable the timely progression of the on-site delivery of the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation (Highway Improvement Scheme).
- v) Note that is scheme will support the City Plan objectives of becoming a dynamic and vibrant city with the improved highway infrastructure and driving regional economic growth, job creation and other regeneration benefits to the City to support business, retail for residents and visitors.

**Reasons for decision:**

Approval will enable the timely progression of the on-site delivery of the Holmeside Bus Rationalisation (Highway Improvement Scheme).

This will also support the City Plan objectives of becoming a dynamic and vibrant city with the improved highway infrastructure and driving regional economic growth, job creation and other regeneration benefits to the City to support business, retail for residents and visitors.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Not to progress with the funded TCF project. This option is not recommended as it may result in external funding for these measures being lost to the Council.

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22 March 2022

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

Highway Maintenance (Including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2022-2023 – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- a) approve the schemes to be delivered that are funded from the 2022-2023 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 1;
- b) approve the schemes to be delivered that are funded from the 2022-2023 Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 3;
- c) approve the schemes to be delivered that are funded from the 2022-2023 Integrated Transport Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 5;
- d) approve amendments to the schemes to be delivered that are funded from 2021-2022 Highway Maintenance Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 2;
- e) approve amendments to the schemes to be delivered that are funded from 2021-2022 Bridge Maintenance Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 4;
- f) approve amendments to the schemes to be delivered that are funded from 2021-2022 Integrated Transport Capital Programme allocation as set out in Appendix 6; and
- g) approve the inclusion of the funding for this programme and the resultant variation to the Capital Programme.

**Reasons for decision:**

To establish the planned Highway Maintenance (including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme for 2022-2023 which will enable the necessary design, procurement and construction works on the schemes contained therein to commence.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternatives are proposed as these programmes are considered to be the appropriate option for the Council, as the local highway authority, determined following a detailed review, including through consultations with Local Area Neighbourhood and Community Boards.

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

Housing Service Update - Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- approve the Annual Housing review and agree to this being published on the Council's website and issued to all tenants and partners;
- approve the Key Performance Indicators and agree to receive performance reports every 6 months with quarterly performance monitoring delegated to the Housing Services Monitoring Group (HSMG);
- approve the Complaint and Compliment Policy and Procedure that supports the compliance with the Housing Ombudsman Compliant Handling Code and agree that the self-assessment be published on the Council's website;
- approve the Compliance and Best Practice Action Plans;
- approve the widening of the HSMG membership to include membership of up to two tenants and that the details and arrangements of tenant's membership to be delegated to the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Dynamic City;
- approve the revised outputs for the future HDIP; and
- approve the Homes England audit report

**Reasons for decision:**

To ensure that Cabinet are fully aware of and approve all necessary governance, performance, regulatory and compliance matters in relation to the Council's Housing Service.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No other options were considered as it is necessary that Cabinet are fully informed and updated on all governance, performance, regulatory and compliance matters in relation to the Council's Housing Service.

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

Private Property Acquisitions - Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the widening of the scope of the Housing Delivery Investment Plan to incorporate the acquisition of private properties when:

- it improves neighbourhoods; and
- it supports the health benefits of older people who do not have the finances to improve or maintain their homes to the decent homes' standard

**Reasons for decision:**

This approach would provide enhanced delivery options to support neighbourhood improvements and community benefits as well as health outcomes to older people in poor quality homes.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The option of not widening the scope of the HDIP was considered but rejected as it was felt that the impacts of widening the scope could significantly support local community improvements and health outcomes for older people with poor quality homes.

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22 March 2022

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

Household Waste and Recycling Management arrangements - Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To:-

- i) approve the revised Bin Replacement Policy and;
- ii) authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Leader, to implement the revised Bin Replacement Policy city-wide; and
- iii) note the proposals to develop future Household Waste and Recycling Management arrangements and associated policies

**Reasons for decision:**

The change in policy responds to the growing issue where residents that suffer from stolen or vandalised bins and are unable to afford a replacement.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

1. The option of having a flat reduced rate for all residents was considered and rejected as it was felt that at this time with the financial impact from the Covid pandemic and the recent sure in in the cost of living all residents should be able to access a replacement bin if this is required
2. The option of applying the free replacement bin only to residents/households in receipt of Local Council Tax Support was also considered. This was the basis of the core budget proposal approved by Council on 2 March 2022, although given the inherent uncertainty in demand levels, it was noted that actual usage will need to be monitored closely to assess the adequacy of the relevant reserve set aside for the costs of the scheme. Following consideration of the proposed policy by Cabinet, taking into account the views from Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Sub-Committee, it is felt that the financial pressures currently facing all residents justify the free replacement scheme being introduced for all residents from 1 April 2022. Future policy reviews will take into account the actual demand levels and financial cost of the scheme.

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22 March 2022

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

Procurement of Refuse Bins, Waste Containers and Accessories - Report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To:-

- i) approve the procurement and the award of contracts for the provision of refuse bins, waste containers and accessories; and
- ii) authorise the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Deputy Leader to enter into contractual arrangement for delivery of the supplies.

**Reasons for decision:**

The service area shall utilise an ESPO Framework to ensure that the Council has in place appropriate arrangements for its future provision of refuse bins, waste containers and accessories. In accordance with the Constitution, Cabinet approval is required as the contract value exceeds £500,000 in value.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

No alternatives have been considered as the Council have a statutory duty to provide refuse bins as part of its waste collection service.

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Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

**Date decision in force:**

1 April 2022

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22 March 2022

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

School Admissions Arrangements for the 2023-2024 Academic Year - Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the following for the 2023-2024 academic year;

The admissions policy and procedures associated with the co-ordinated scheme of admissions;

The criteria that will be applied for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools where over-subscription occurs; and

The published admission numbers (PANs).

**Reasons for decision:**

Cabinet approval of the city's maintained school admission arrangements is required prior to submission to the Department for Education (DfE) and publication for parents making applications for primary and secondary school admissions for the September 2023-2024 academic year.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

Given the requirements described above there are no alternative recommendations to consider in relation to the proposed admission arrangements.

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Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

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**Date of decision:**

22 March 2022

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

Grant Funding to Third Sector organisations providing social care related services

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the award of funding for 2022-2023, in the form of a grant to:

- a) Sunderland People First, who are self-advocacy group for people with learning disabilities and autism, and
- b) Washington Mind, who are the lead partner in a consortium with Sunderland Mind and Sunderland Headlight, providing a My Life Support project to people with mental health needs

**Reasons for decision:**

The Council continues to support the important work that Sunderland People First (SPF) does. A lack of continued funding would be detrimental to not only the organisation and those it employs, but to people with learning disabilities and autism, who require a locally based, independent self-advocacy group.

The funding provided by the Council contributes to the sustainability of the My Life Support Project, which is provided by a consortium of local mental health organisations, led by Washington Mind. Without the funding, the project would either need to reduce capacity, meaning less people would benefit from the support or the project would cease, which would impact on the health and well-being of the people it supports.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

**Do not provide funding to SPF** - this option is rejected. Funding from the Council ensures the continued delivery of the organisation's objectives and contributes to the overall sustainability of the organisation.

**Do not provide funding to Washington Mind, who are the lead consortium partner in the My Life Support Project** – this option is rejected. Without continued funding, the My Life Support project would either need to reduce capacity, meaning less people would benefit from the support or the project may cease, which would impact on the health and well-being of the people it supports.

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

Use of Compulsory Purchase Powers and Side Roads Order to Support the Upgrade of the A1290

**Full description of decision:**

- (i) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Cabinet Secretary to take all appropriate actions necessary for the purpose of negotiating and agreeing terms and conditions to acquire the land and new rights over land which are needed to allow the construction operation and maintenance of the Scheme;
- (ii) Authorise the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order (or Orders) pursuant to sections 239, 240, 264, 249, 250 and 260 of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers to be known as "The City of Sunderland Council (A1290 Dualling International Drive to A19 Downhill Lane Junction) Compulsory Purchase Order 2022" ("the CPO") for the compulsory purchase of land and rights required for the Scheme within the area shown on the draft Order Map as set out in Appendix 1;
- (iii) Authorise the making of a Side Roads Order (or Orders) pursuant to Sections 6, 14 and 125 of the Highways Act 1980 and all other enabling powers, to be known as the "The City of Sunderland Council (A1291 Dualling International Drive to A19 Downhill Lane Junction) (classified Roads) Side Roads Order 2022" ("the SRO") to improve or stop up existing highways, to construct new highways and to stop up and provide replacement private means of access as required to deliver the Scheme;
- (iv) Authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to make the CPO and SRO and take all necessary action to achieve confirmation of the orders;
- (v) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) to agree the final draft of the proposed Statement of Reasons set out in Appendix 2 in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Cabinet Secretary;
- (vi) Subject to confirmation of the CPO and SRO, authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to take all necessary action to implement the CPO and SRO and to acquire all land, interests in land and / or new rights over the CPO land and / or possession of the CPO land as necessary, including the service of Notices to Treat and Notices of Entry, or as the case may be, the execution of General Vesting Declarations;
- (vii) Authorise, in the event that any question of compensation is referred to the Upper Tribunal (Lands Chamber) the Assistant Director of Law and Governance to take all steps in connection with the conduct and, if appropriate, settlement of such proceedings;

- (viii) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Cabinet Secretary to seek to acquire the land and rights (or extinguish rights) required for the Scheme by agreement and to take all necessary steps to enable the negotiation of and entering into the agreements necessary to complete such acquisitions;
- (ix) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Cabinet Secretary to take all necessary steps to enable the negotiation and approval of the payment of relevant and reasonable professional fees incurred by the landowners and others with compensatable interests in taking professional advice in connection with the acquisition of their interests required for the Scheme and related compensation claims and also in advancing the development or implementation of the Scheme; and
- (x) Authorise the Development Director (Residential) in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the Cabinet Secretary to enter into an indemnity agreement with IAMP LLP in relation to all costs associated with the Council's promotion of the CPO and SRO.

**Reasons for decision:**

- (i) In order to support the further development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP), including the recently announced Envision AESC battery plant, upgrades are required to highway infrastructure within the local area. IAMP has previously been designated a project of national significance and is a major strategic economic development site in Sunderland and South Tyneside. The comprehensive delivery of IAMP will lead to significant economic, social and environmental benefits to the city.
- (ii) The use of CPO and SRO powers under the Highways Act 1980 is required to acquire the necessary land and/or rights that enable the delivery of the Scheme and facilitate the provision of the necessary highways upgrades that provide highway capacity and road safety improvements to support the further comprehensive delivery of IAMP.
- (iii) In light of the above, it is considered that there is a compelling case in the public interest to support the making of the CPO and SRO to deliver the Scheme.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

The alternative options are:

- (i) Not to progress the delivery of the Scheme - This is likely to prejudice the delivery of the subsequent stages of IAMP and therefore is not recommended given the strategic importance of IAMP as a development site;
- (ii) Not to progress the CPO and rely on IAMP LLP pursuing a Development Consent Order (DCO) to enable the compulsory acquisition of the land required for phase two of IAMP (including the Scheme land) which cannot be acquired by agreement. IAMP LLP has stated its intention not to pursue the DCO process so this alternative is unlikely to be available.
- (iii) Not to progress the CPO and rely on IAMP LLP securing the relevant land interests by negotiation – IAMP LLP has been unable to reach agreement with the relevant known landowners to date and in respect of the unregistered parcels of land it is not clear in whose ownership they fall. In the circumstances the CPO is the only way to achieve certainty that the relevant land can be secured and the Scheme delivered.

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**Is this a key decision:** Yes

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

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

Councillor G. Miller together with Patrick Melia, Chief Executive and Peter McIntyre, Executive Director of City Development declared interests as members of the Board of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP) LLP and withdrew from the meeting during consideration of the report.

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**Decision Taker:**

Cabinet

**Appropriate Scrutiny Committee:**

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

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1 April 2022

**Date of decision:**

22 March 2022

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

Sunniside Regeneration and Levelling Up Fund Update – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the recommendations contained in the report to support the regeneration of Sunniside from the Government's Levelling Up Fund capital grant.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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

Disposal of Penshaw House, Penshaw, Houghton Le Spring, Sunderland –  
Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- i. Agree to the disposal of the Property shown hatched in black on the plan at Appendix 1, as detailed in the report; and
- ii. Authorise the Executive Director of City Development to agree the final terms of the proposed arrangements set out in (i) above in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, Leader and Cabinet Secretary.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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22 March 2022

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

Grant of an Option Agreement over land at Newcastle Road, Sunderland – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the recommendations contained in the report in relation to the grant of an Option Agreement over land at Newcastle Road, Sunderland.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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22 March 2022

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

Letting of Commercial Units at Keel Square Hotel, Keel Square, Sunderland –  
Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To approve recommendations detailed in the report in respect of the letting of the Commercial Units at Keel Square Hotel, Keel Square, Sunderland.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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22 March 2022

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

Fitting Out and Letting of space at The Beam – Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To:

- i. Authorise the procurement and appointment of a contractor to undertake fit out works at The Beam;
- ii. Approve the letting of part of the Second Floor of The Beam to the company detailed in the report on the terms set out in this report or as otherwise agreed by the Executive Director of City Development in consultation with the Executive Director of Corporate Services, Leader of the Council, and Cabinet Secretary.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

Yes

**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None



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22 March 2022

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

The letting of industrial units at Hillthorn Business Park - Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the recommendations detailed in the report in respect of the letting of industrial units at Hillthorn Business Park.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

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22 March 2022

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

Northern Spire Park Development Strategy - Report of the Executive Director of City Development

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the recommendations contained in the report to progress the remediation and development of land edged red on the plan attached to the report referred to as Northern Spire Park, in accordance with the development strategy laid out in the report.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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

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**Declarations of Interest and Dispensations:**

None

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22 March 2022

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

Dilapidations settlement in respect of Unit 6 International Drive, IAMP, Washington  
– Report of the Executive Director of City Development.

**Full description of decision:**

To approve the recommendations contained in the report in relation to the dilapidations settlement in respect of Unit 6 International Drive, IAMP, Washington.

**Reasons for decision:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

As set out in the Cabinet report.

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**Is this a key decision:**

Yes

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None