

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Meeting to be held in the City Hall (Committee Room 1), Plater Way, Sunderland on Thursday 15th September, 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Membership

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

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No items.

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No items.

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

7th September, 2022.

At a meeting of the SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE held in CITY HALL, SUNDERLAND on THURSDAY 14th JULY, 2022 at 5.30 p.m.

Present:-

Councillor D.E. Snowden in the Chair

Councillors Bond, Butler, Curtis, Doyle, Edgeworth, Hartnack, Mason-Gage, P. Smith, D. Snowden and Watson.

Also in attendance:-

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

Mr David Noon, Principal Governance Services Officer, Law and Governance, Corporate Services Directorate

Ms Beverley Poulter, Corporate Strategy Manager

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services

Ms Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator, Corporate Services Directorate

Mr Paul Wilson, Assistant Director of Finance, Corporate Services Directorate

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and in particular those Councillors who were attending their first meeting as members of the Committee.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mullen and Thornton.

Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10th March, 2022

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 10th March, 2022 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)

Item 7 – Notice of Key Decisions

Councillor Doyle made an open declaration in respect of item number 210728/613 due to his employer being involved in land acquisition relating to the matter on the notice regarding Sunnyside Regeneration Scheme.

Reference from Cabinet – 9 June 2022 – Revenue Budget Outturn 2021/2022

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) setting out for the advice and consideration of the Scrutiny Committee, a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, which was considered by Cabinet on 9 June 2022, on the outcome of the Revenue Budget Outturn for 2021/2022 including the budget transfers, contingency and reserves transfers proposed.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services proceeded to brief the Committee on the report and referred Members to paragraph 3.2.2 where a summary of the outturn position was set out in the table showing the final outturn position of a net underspend of £0.037m.

Mr Ritchie drew attention to the earmarking of specific reserves totalling £19.516m as detailed in paragraph 3.7 as a prudent and sensible approach to meet the number of expected pressures listed.

With regard to the Collection Funds detailed in paragraph 6 Mr Ritchie informed that tracking these funds had been difficult over the proceeding years given the impact of covid and the complexity of the relief grants structure.

Councillor Hartnack referred to the overspend in respect of Corporate Affairs and Communications detailed on page 17 of the agenda and asked who the main beneficiaries were? Mr Ritchie replied that they were mainly external firms engaged in respect of branding and promotional work.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Doyle, Mr Wilson confirmed that the shortfall on rental income from the Council's interest in the Bridges was due to the level of vacant units in the shopping centre and that he believed the rental for a unit was on a fixed rate basis rather than tied to turnover.

Councillors Butler, Hartnack and Bond expressed concern regarding the pay and terms and conditions of people employed by firms providing social care on behalf of local authorities. In response in an enquiry from Councillor Butler, Mr Ritchie advised that under the 'fair cost of care', the providers of social care were obliged to tell the Council what they paid their staff. Councillor Butler asked if the Committee could receive details of these rates of pay. Mr Ritchie advised that commercial sensitivities would probably prevent this however he would investigate whether it would be possible to provide an anonymised breakdown. Although the firms were private businesses the Council could seek to influence and secure certain conditions through the procurement and contract monitoring processes. The Chair advised that it was an issue Councillor Butler may wish to pursue via the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

Full consideration having been given to the report, and there being no further questions of Mr Ritchie, the Chairman thanked him for his comprehensive report and, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee notes the content of the report and the overall outturn position of the Council for 2021/2022.

Reference from Cabinet – 14 July 2022 - Capital Programme First Review 2022/2023 (including Treasury Management)

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) setting out for the advice and consideration of the Scrutiny Committee, a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, which was considered by Cabinet on 14 July 2022, on the outcome of the First Capital Review for 2022/2023 and progress in implementing the Treasury Management Borrowing and Investment Strategy for 2022/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services proceeded to brief the Committee on the report and referred Members to paragraph 4.1 where details of the changes to the 2022/2023 Capital Programme both in terms of expenditure and resourcing were set out and paragraph 4.4 which highlighted the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic since March 2020 on the Capital Programme. He also pointed out the Review of the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/2023 set out at paragraph 5.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Doyle, Mr Ritchie explained the reasons for the rate of return on the Council's investments being below the benchmark SONIA rate and the effect rapidly changing rates were having on the benchmark.

Councillor Butler referred to the statement on page 37 of the agenda papers that the upgrade of play areas including at Durham Road, Thompson Park, Low Moorsley and Hetton Lyons Country Park, Sunderland Adventure Centre and St Matthews Field, were fully funded by £0.423m of S106 developer contributions. He asked how the Sec 106 scheme operated? Were all contributions put into a centralised pot and did all areas get their fair share?

Mr Ritchie advised that it differed on a case by case basis. As much flexibility as possible was built into the process to try and ensure that local areas generating the contributions through developments in that area received some benefit however contributions were also allocated on a city wide basis.

Councillor Butler asked if it was possible to receive a breakdown of the allocation of Sec 106 contributions and the reasons for those allocations. Mr Ritchie advised that he would contact the Planning team to see if there was a summary document that could be shared. Councillor D. Snowdon advised that with regard to the allocations process, this had been discussed about 6 years ago. He still had a copy of the flow chart that illustrated the process to be followed which he could share with Councillor Butler.

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

3. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Committee noted the content of the Capital Programme including the information and assurances provided on the Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy. The Committee were also satisfied

with the detailed variations to the capital programme and had no further comment to make.

Reference from Cabinet – 14 July 2022 - First Revenue Budget Review 2022/2023

The Assistant Director of Law and Governance submitted a report (copy circulated) setting out for the advice and consideration of the Scrutiny Committee, a report by the Executive Director of Corporate Services, which was considered by Cabinet on 14 July 2022, on the First Revenue Budget Review 2022/2023.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Mr Jon Ritchie, Executive Director of Corporate Services briefed the Committee on the report highlighting that the budgets for 2022/2023 were as approved by Council in March 2022. A full review had been undertaken for each Portfolio, together with contingency allocations proposed for the first quarter.

Mr Ritchie referred the Committee to the table at 3.1.3 of the report which stated that the overall forecast outturn position for 2022/2023 was a deficit of £3.941m.

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

4. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee noted the contents of the report including the various budget positions, contingency transfers, treasury management savings and collection fund updates. The Committee would also like to thank Members and Officers for the preparation and continued monitoring of the Council's revenue budget position and welcomes further updates at future meetings.

Performance Management Update – Quarter 4 of 2021/22

The Chief Executive submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide the Committee with the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 4 of 2021/22.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Ms Beverley Poulter, Corporate Strategy Manager presented the report and advised that the Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework was aligned to the Sunderland City Plan 2019 – 2030 and to the three key themes of the City Plan, Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City, as well as including the organisational health indicators, productive & innovative working, financial management and a council ready for the future. The report set out the progress made to the end of Quarter 4 of 2021/22, against a City Plan that commenced in 2019 and spanned an eleven-year period through to 2030.

The Committee was informed that following the City Plan's publication in 2019, the first review was undertaken following the conclusion of performance for 2019/20. The refreshed plan was adopted from 1st April 2021. The report before members was aligned to the refreshed plan. A review and assurance process would be undertaken

each year, to ensure that delivery remains focused on achieving the plan commitments.

Analysis of the evidence from the latest assurance process concluded that the plan remained relevant, but given the significant, focus on tackling global climate change, a related challenge to support the council's and city's commitments in respect of carbon neutrality was included.

Ms Poulter took the Committee through the summary for the three key themes of Dynamic City, Healthy City and Vibrant City of the Sunderland City Plan, highlighting commitments, achievements and progress made for each key theme, as well as performance against each of the five aspirations for each theme and against the additional Council indicators for good organisational health, productive and innovative working, strong financial management and a Council ready for the future.

Councillor Hartnack referred to the 'chaos' along Sunderland's seafront during the previous weekend's period of hot weather and in particular the road safety concerns generated by the numerous incidents of obstructive and unlawful parking. He believed that this was exacerbated by the number of vacancies currently being carried by the Council's parking enforcement services. He asked if there was more that could be done to fill the vacancies and if perhaps innovations in operating procedures were possible. He stated that as the skill sets in any enforcement activities were similar, instead of employing separate parking attendants, dog wardens, environmental enforcement officers etc. could they be trained to multi task across all types of Council enforcement activity.

Councillor Doyle referred to the 'More and Better Housing' section of the report detailed on page 66 of the agenda papers and asked if it was possible to receive a breakdown in respect of the 230 privately rented properties inspected for hazards. Ms Poulter confirmed that she would look to provide this.

Councillor Doyle also noted that low carbon featured in both the Dynamic City and Healthy City sections of the report and asked that given the Deputy Leader had low carbon as an element of her portfolio, could it feature as a discreet section in its own right. Ms Poulter confirmed that it should be possible to combine both aspects into a single item. Mr Ritchie advised that Cabinet had received an update on low carbon at its meeting earlier that day and suggested that it could form a template for reporting as part of the performance report.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Bond, Ms Poulter advised that she did not have the national benchmark target figure for recycling to hand, but she would provide it following the meeting. She also confirmed that an exercise was under way to add recycling as a performance indicator in future reports.

Councillor Butler highlighted concerns regarding the experience of a resident applying for a Council vacancy via NE Jobs. Mr Ritchie asked Councillor Butler to forward him the details and he would investigate the matter.

Councillor D. Snowdon asked whether the increased occupancy rates at the Business Incubator was down to Software Centre moving to the building? Ms Poulter replied that she would assume that this was the case but that she would check and get back to Councillor Snowdon.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Smith regarding the cost of living crisis and the impact of the forthcoming winter, Ms Poulter advised that the Sunderland Partnership had signed up to a charter around Community Wealth Building. Discussions were continuing regarding a charter in respect of the cost of living crisis with a view to building in resilience as a priority. This would lead to a declaration and an associated action plan. Councillor D Snowdon and Councillor Mason Gage paid tribute to the work being done to support people in relation to the cost of living crisis and noted that as the crisis deepened it would be inevitable that demand on food banks would increase and donations decline.

Councillor Edgeworth advised that systems for the communication of information from the Council to its members had been excellent during the Covid pandemic and asked it would be possible to replicate this in respect of the cost of living crisis.

Councillor Hartknack contrasted the low carbon approach being taken by Gentoo in respect of the homes it had built in Silkworth compared to properties it was building for the private sector 100 yards away using non carbon neutral materials. He asked if it was possible to enforce the use of low carbon materials through planning conditions. Councillor Doyle replied that part of the issue centred on central Government Planning Policy which currently only encouraged its use rather than mandated it.

In response to an enquiry from Councillor Doyle, Ms Poulter advised that she would investigate the feasibility of incorporating the Council's confirmed list of contaminated land in future reports.

Councillor Doyle referred to the paragraph on page 77 of the report that stated that 'Business Rates Collection (at 96.1%) and Council Tax Collection (at 92.3%) were under the expected levels (of 97.6% and 96%) reflecting the impact of Covid-19 on our businesses and residents'. He asked if these were internal in year collection rates and if so, how did they compare with other Councils? Mr Wilson confirmed that they were internal in year rates and that long term collection rates were being achieved. Sunderland was benchmarked with other Councils. Regionally Gateshead was suffering in respect of the collection business rates given the presence of the Metrocentre.

Councillor Edgeworth referred to the statement on page 78 of the agenda that the City was now fully operational and delivering on the new ways of working and asked if there had been any feedback from residents. Mr Ritchie advised that there was a general shift towards on line contact between the Council and residents however it still tried to maintain face to face points of contact at City Hall for people who really needed it. The Council collected qualitative in addition to quantitative data and he would seek an update from the CSN.

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

5. RESOLVED that the report be received and noted.

Review of Scrutiny Arrangements in Sunderland

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which provided the formal response and findings from the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny on their independent review of scrutiny in Sunderland.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

Ms Gillian Robinson, Scrutiny, Mayoral and Members' Support Co-ordinator advised the Scrutiny Committee that it was being formally asked to accept the report in order to develop an action plan based on the 4 main themes arising from the review.

Councillor Doyle advised that Ed Hammond, Deputy Chief Executive CFGS had previously agreed to submit a short report he had prepared on opposition led scrutiny and asked if it had been received yet. Ms Robinson advised that she would check, however there was the possibility that the Local Authority it was prepared for were not prepared to release it.

Councillors Smith and Butler stressed the importance of the provision of training for members of the Scrutiny Committees and in particular for those newly appointed Members. Councillor Butler stated that it fell on the Group Leaders to hold to account their members who did not attend the training that was provided.

Ms Beverley Poulter, Corporate Strategy Manager, informed the Committee that the following Thursday the LGA would be holding a workshop in City Hall on the role of the modern Councillor. It would be an ideal opportunity for members to seek information and air any frustrations as the session was independently facilitated and no Council Officers would be present.

Mr Cummings advised that the Centre for Public Scrutiny provided video training for members and Ms Robinson added that the LGA also provided very good online Scrutiny training and that she would provide a link for Committee Members.

4. RESOLVED that:-

- (a) the Review of Scrutiny as conducted by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny on behalf of Sunderland City Council be noted and agreed.
- (b) an action plan for recommendations arising from the Review be developed, and,
- (c) the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee continues as the steering group for the development of the actions in terms of the scrutiny review.

Annual Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) providing Members with an opportunity to consider and agree the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2022/23.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

In addition to the items detailed in the report, Mr Nigel Cummings, Scrutiny Officer, advised that it was proposed to establish a task and finish group to look at the development of a Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol with a view to bringing back a draft protocol to a future meeting of the Committee for discussion. With regard to the Safer Sunderland Partnership, the Committee was informed that Superintendent Waring would be present at the September meeting.

Councillor Hartnack highlighted the final item on the table detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report advising that he had raised the possibility of calling in a decision which had resulted in specific concerns being raised by members of the public regarding land deals and whether the correct processes had been followed.

Mr Ritchie informed the Committee that it was not within the purview of Scrutiny to examine a decision made 5 years ago, nor would there be any value even if it was believed that the decision was wrong. Once a decision was made, and concerns were then raised about it, the issue became a matter for the audit function and ultimately the Audit Committee. The point of the 'call in' process within the Scrutiny function was to challenge a key decision before it was made.

Full consideration having been given to the report it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee draft work programme for 2022/23 be approved and that emerging issues be incorporated as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.

Notice of Key Decisions

The Scrutiny, Mayoral and Member Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), providing Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 15th June, 2022.

(For copy report – see original minutes.)

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

The Chair in closing the meeting, thanked everyone for their attendance.

(Signed) D. E. SNOWDON,
Chairman.

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

RESIDENT SURVEY 2021 RESULTS

Report of the Senior Communications Manager (People)

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with information regarding the results from the 2021 residents' survey
- 1.2 Lucy Nicholson (Senior Communications Manager - People) and Vicky Mullis (Research Manager, Ipsos) will be in attendance at the meeting and via teams to provide Members with information

2.0 Background

- 2.1 In 2021 the Council procured Ipsos to develop and undertake its residents' survey over a four year framework.
- 2.2 The survey aims to assess residents' perceptions of, and satisfaction with, their local area and council services, and their general perceptions of Sunderland, to inform the council's policies and priorities.
- 2.3 The fieldwork for the 2021 residents' survey took place between 27 October and the 17 December 2021, almost four months after the formal lifting of the COVID 19 restrictions.
- 2.4 The content of the survey has been designed to ensure that progress towards achieving the vision outlined in the City Plan is measured as well as continuing to collect data relating to key metrics which will provide the Council with robust tracking data and allow comparison to other Local Authorities and relevant population statistics.

3. Current Position

- 3.1 Lucy Nicholson (Senior Communications Manager – People) and Vicky Mullis (Research Manager, Ipsos) will provide a presentation on the results from 2021 fieldwork including demographic breakdown.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment on the contents of the report.

Item 5

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

15 September 2022

PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT UPDATE – QUARTER 1 OF 2022/23

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with the Corporate Performance Report for Quarter 1 of 2022/23.
- 1.2 The Senior Manager – Corporate Strategy will attend the meeting to respond to questions.

2. CORPORATE PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 A key element of the Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework is to present, on a quarterly basis, an update to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on key performance information for consideration and discussion.
- 2.2 The Council's Corporate Performance Management Framework is aligned to the Sunderland City Plan 2019 – 2030.
- 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 Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City - which are used to organise the council's aims
 - A set of Commitments for each Key Theme under which the council's Activities are aligned
 - A Timeline of Activities illustrating the council's actions across all of the Key Themes.
- 2.4 The Corporate Performance Report is aligned to the three key themes of the City Plan (*Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City*) as well as including additional Council indicators for organisational health / productive & innovative working, financial management and a council ready for the future.
- 2.5 The report sets out the progress made to the end of Quarter 1 of 2022/23, against a City Plan that commenced in 2019 and spans an eleven-year period through to 2030.
- 2.6 Following the City Plan's publication in 2019, the first review was undertaken following the conclusion of performance for 2019/20, as the

impacts of Covid-19 started to become apparent. The refreshed plan was adopted from 1st April 2021.

- 2.7 A review and assurance process will be undertaken each year, to ensure that delivery remains focused on achieving the plan commitments, and the vision to create a connected, international city with opportunity for all by 2030.
- 2.8 The performance information in these quarterly reports informed the latest annual assurance. Analysis of the evidence concluded that the plan remained relevant, but given the significant, focus on tackling global climate change, a related challenge to support the council's and city's commitments in respect of carbon neutrality was included. The City Plan's accompanying Indicative Timeline, that articulates a flavour of key delivery projects and programmes, was also updated – for adoption from 1st April 2022. This Quarter 1 of 2022/23 performance report is aligned to the refreshed plan.
- 2.9 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 SMART CITY

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

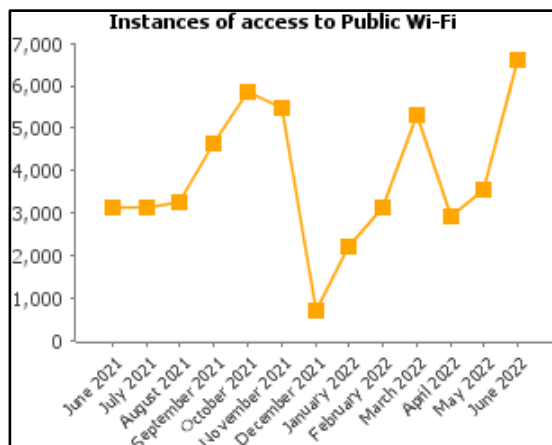


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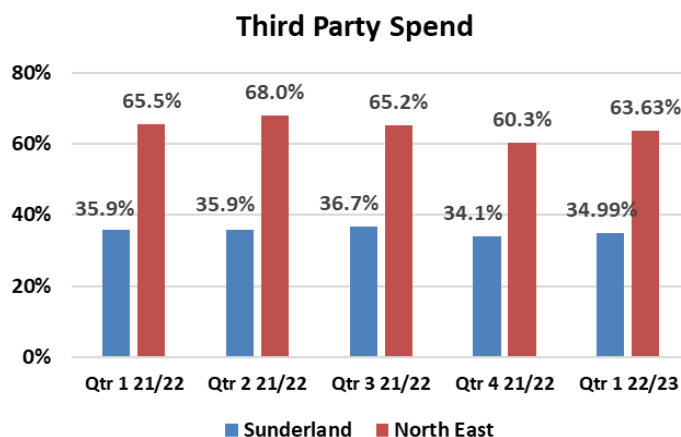
CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE)	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
% Of properties with ultrafast broadband June 2022: 64.9%	UK 69.4%	Declining (June 2021: 65.1)
CO2 emissions estimates for Sunderland (per capita) 2020: 3.7 tonnes	NE 4.7, England 4.3	Improving (2016: 4.7 tonnes)
Employment rate Ap 2021 - Mar 2022: 68.8%	NE 70%, GB 75.2%	No change (Apr 2020 - Mar 2021: 68.8%)
Proportion of workers earning below Living Wage Foundation rates 2020/21: 17.4% (provisional)	NE 19.6%, GB 17.2%	Improving (2016/17: 21.5%)
Median wage workers 2021: £513.10	NE £539 GB £613	Improving (2017: £493)
% Population NVQ Level 4 qualification 2021: 24.7%	NE 34.4% GB 43.5%	Declining (2017: 27.3%)
GCSE - % achieving a grade 4-9 in Maths & English 2020/21 (Teacher Assessed): 69.8%	NE 70.8%, England 67.1%	N/A (Exams & Teacher Assessed not comparable)
Level 3 (A level & equivalent) attainment by age of 19 in 2020/21: 50.3%	NE 53.5% England 59.8%	N/A (Exams & Teacher Assessed not comparable)
City Centre new homes Qtr. 1 2022/23: 0	N/A	No change (Qtr. 1 2021/22: 0)
People employed in the City Centre 2020: 13,348	N/A	Increasing (2016: 11,882)
Population of the City 2021 Census: 274,200	N/A	N/A (Census figure not comparable with 2020 mid-year estimate of 277,846)
Net Internal Migration 2020: -403	N/A	Declining (2016: -381)
New homes-built Qtr.1 2022/23: 231	N/A	Improving (Qtr.1 2021/22: 196)
Completed affordable homes Qtr.1 2022/23: 3	N/A	Declining (Qtr.1 2021/22: 22)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

2022/23 Timeline	Status
Deliver connected, automated logistics project	Completed
Complete development of Hillthorn Business Park	On Track
The Yard Business Hub Opens	On Track
Continued Advanced Digital Infrastructure Deployment	On Track
Sunderland Station South Entrance Open	On Track



*Wi-fi was unavailable for a period in December due to unplanned maintenance



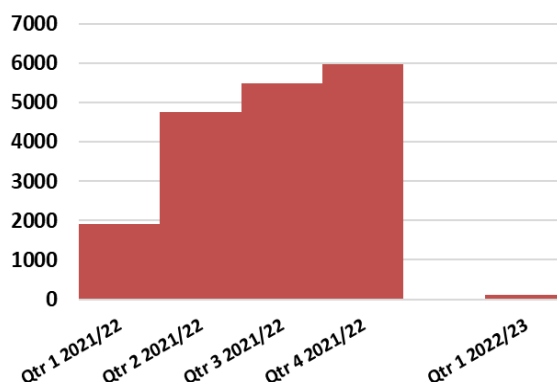
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Small and medium enterprises supported through Low Carbon Projects in Quarter 1

Jobs created with the involvement of the Business Investment team (cumulative)



1,397

people benefitting from Community Led Local Development as at the end of March 2022 (provisional)
Target = 2,300 by June 2023

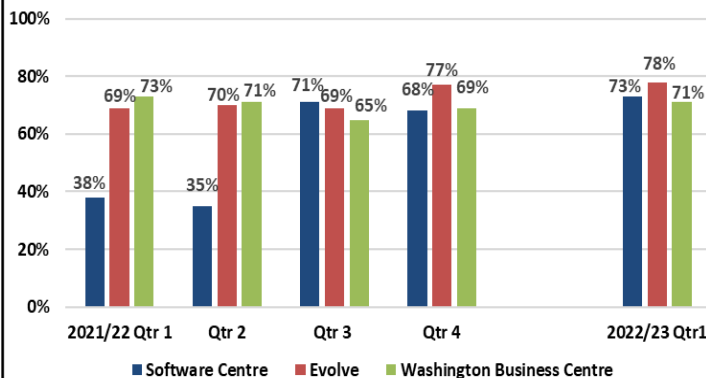
City Centre Office Jobs



2,000
(target)
By March 2024

784
As at end of June 2022

Business Incubator Occupancy



Empty properties back in use



April – June 2022

A lower carbon city with greater digital connectivity for all

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

The proportion of Sunderland properties with ultrafast broadband had been on a continuous upward trend up to June 2021, reaching 65.1%. In August and December 2021, quality checks were undertaken resulting in the figure being reset at both points. The figure was 64.9% as at the end of June 2022.

Since March 2021, instances of access to public Wi-Fi in the City Centre had been rising. A lower figure was recorded in December, due to unplanned maintenance resulting in full figures for the month being unavailable. The figure for June 2022 was 6,620 (more than double the June 2021 position of 3,132 instances).

The Connected Automated Logistics Project (CAL) was completed in Quarter 1. The project has seen the autonomous driving testing of the UK's first automated 40-ton truck, powered by 5G.

With greater digital connectivity there also comes the opportunity to transform our travel patterns, thereby reducing overall emissions. Through our rapid charging station, we continue to support the use of electric vehicles in the city. Transactions were up from 1,693 in Quarter 4 of 2021/22 to 1,872 in Quarter 1 of 2022/23, (and up from 877 transactions in Quarter 1 of 2021/22).

Sunderland City Council is committed to playing its part in tackling the global challenge of climate change. The Council, along with partners across the city, developed and signed up to a Sunderland Low Carbon Framework in December 2020 – working to become a carbon neutral city by 2040. The framework is supported by individual partner Action Plans. Progress is being made based on the latest CO2 emissions estimate for Sunderland per capita (tonnes per resident) at 3.7 for 2020 – reduced from 4.2 in 2019, and over the longer term from 4.7 in 2016. The Sunderland figure is also lower than both the North-East and England (at 4.7 and 4.3 tonnes per resident).

The Council's Action Plan was published in January 2021 and has been updated (published July 2022). The updated Action Plan identifies a series of over-arching objectives under each of the strategic priorities of: Our Behaviour, Policies and Practices, Built Environment, Renewable Energy Generation and Storage, Low Carbon and Active Transport & Reducing Consumption & Waste. The identified actions are wide ranging and align with the City Plan priorities across Dynamic, Healthy & Vibrant. The Council is now committed to becoming net zero as an organisation by 2030, across all greenhouse gases, in addition to becoming carbon neutral. Latest (previously reported) data on tonnes of CO2 emissions from LA operations for 2021/22 at 7,405 tonnes, was up slightly from 7,094 in 2020/21 (during which reductions were likely accelerated due to Covid restrictions). Over the longer term, the figure has been significantly reduced, from 22,000 tonnes (recorded in 2017/18). The Council has carried out significant work to understand city-wide and Council emissions data more fully to facilitate an evidence-based approach going forward (in the delivery of the Action Plan).

We are also supporting increased business take-up of low carbon initiatives through the delivery of the Sunderland City Council (SSC) and Northeast (NE) Low Carbon projects. The SCC project has been extended (to June 2023) with additional funding in the business support strand. Through the Sunderland element, 8 SME's have been supported in Quarter 1.

More and better jobs

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

The latest figure for the employment rate for Sunderland for the period April 2021 to March 2022, is 68.8% (123,700 aged 16+) – static with the same period in the previous year. In the same period the North East rate has declined from 71.2% to 70% whilst the rate for Great Britain has grown from 74.8% to 75.2%.

Through these challenging times for business, we've continued to ensure that our Council activity supports the local economy where possible. In Quarter 1, 63.6% (£62.664m) of all Council third party spend was within the regional economy, and £5.790m of social value was secured through our procurement projects.

The Port continues to focus on increasing its economic activity, with turnover up from £1.831m in Quarter 1 of 2021/2022 to £1.948m in Quarter 1 of 2022/23 (tonnage at 193,322 for Quarter 1 of 2022/23).

The Council and City Partnership Board are keen to see new business development and growth in the city. Work to transform the former Gilbridge Police Station into modern new office space (named The Yard) has progressed with a construction partner appointed and work onsite commenced in May 2022.

More local people with better qualifications and skills

Through the City Plan, the aim is to ensure that residents' skills and qualifications enable them to secure good jobs that match the needs of employers in key sectors - thus reducing the gap in the median wage between Sunderland residents and Sunderland workers (with the weekly median wage for Sunderland residents being £29.30 lower than that for workers as of April 2021).

Previous published data (provisional) shows there has been an increase to 17.4% (in the tax year ending April 2021) in workers living below the Living Wage Foundation rate, when compared with the tax year ending 2020 (at 16.1%). Overall, however, the latest figure still represents an improvement in the long term, with the figure for the tax year ending April 2017 at 17.4%. Local data shows there are 57 accredited real Living Wage employers in the city and 6,227 workers employed by them. Further progress has been made towards a Real Living Wage City, with an action plan developed and agreed by key stakeholders (and submitted to the Real Living Wage Foundation) with a view to Sunderland becoming a Real Living Wage centre by the end of November 2022.

As the city and its residents emerge from the pandemic, we will seek to ensure residents have the skills to be in a strong and competitive position to access employment. We will continue to focus on tackling the barriers for those least able to access employment through initiatives such as Community Local Led Development (CLLD). 1,272 people had benefitted from CLLD as at the end of December 2021. Provisional figures indicate that a further 125 have benefitted in Quarter 4 (taking the total to 1,397), however, this figure is likely to increase when final figures are confirmed.

Previously published data showed that 24.7% of the Sunderland population had a Level 4 qualification in 2021 (compared with the Northeast at 34.4% and Great Britain at 43.5%). In the summer of 2022 pupils will once again have sat exams at GCSE and A-level after Covid disruption resulted in exams being replaced by teacher assessment. Although students will

receive individual results over the summer months, validated results are published at a later date.

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

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

Through Riverside Sunderland we aim to create a vibrant new city centre residential community of 1,000 sustainable new homes, promoting more city centre living (previously published annual figures show the City Centre residential population at 3,089). In Quarter 1 the Section 73 planning application was submitted in respect of Riverside Sunderland housing, and revised planning permission was approved. Alongside the delivery of new homes, the Riverside *Future Living Expo* will provide events and experiences to engage visitors in new and sustainable ways of living.

Riverside Sunderland will also comprise of 1 million square feet of modern offices, commercial premises, and other employment space, creating new sites for businesses to grow. It is home to the Council (City Hall) and works are progressing on the Legal and General (L&G) buildings. Works commenced on site in respect of the of the advance works and substructure works in October 2021 and on the main Building 1 & 2 works in March 2022. Both buildings are being constructed simultaneously and are programmed to complete in Spring 2024. Previously published annual figures (for 2020) show 13,348 people employed in the City Centre. At the end of Quarter 4, 772 new city centre office jobs have been created since April 2019.

Riverside Sunderland, along with the wider City Centre will benefit from a new heat and power network and we continue to progress our plans for a range of physical developments - such as the Sunderland station.

More and better housing

Through our City Plan we seek to ensure that Sunderland offers the opportunities that families and individuals need to achieve their ambitions – with a housing offer that reflects the homes that people aspire to live in. This includes larger family and high-status homes as well as more affordable homes. This will be achieved through the delivery of key housing sites, and in Quarter 1 progress was made on the New Ashbrooke housing site with the commencement of demolition of the former Civic Centre.

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

In Quarter 1, there were 177 additional homes in the city (including new and conversions) - of which 115 are in council tax bands C-G. There have been 3 completed affordable homes in Quarter 1.

Alongside more homes, we are also committed to ensuring that the housing we have is of quality - with 8 empty properties brought back into use in Quarter 1 and 218 privately rented properties inspected for hazards.

HEALTHY SMART CITY

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

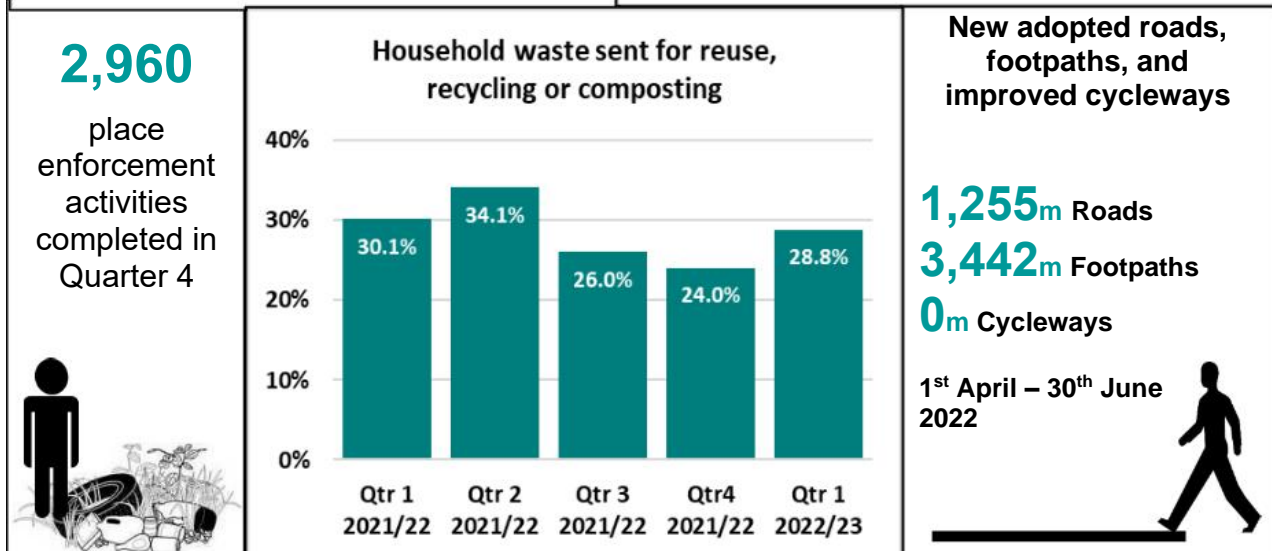
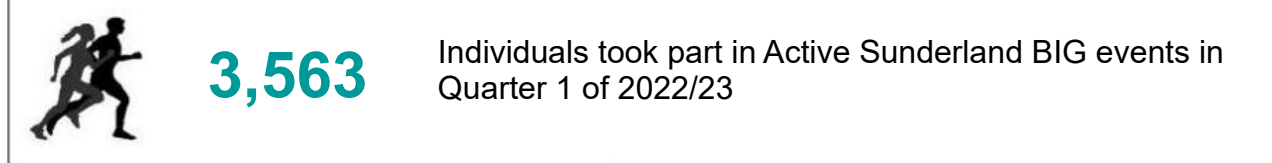
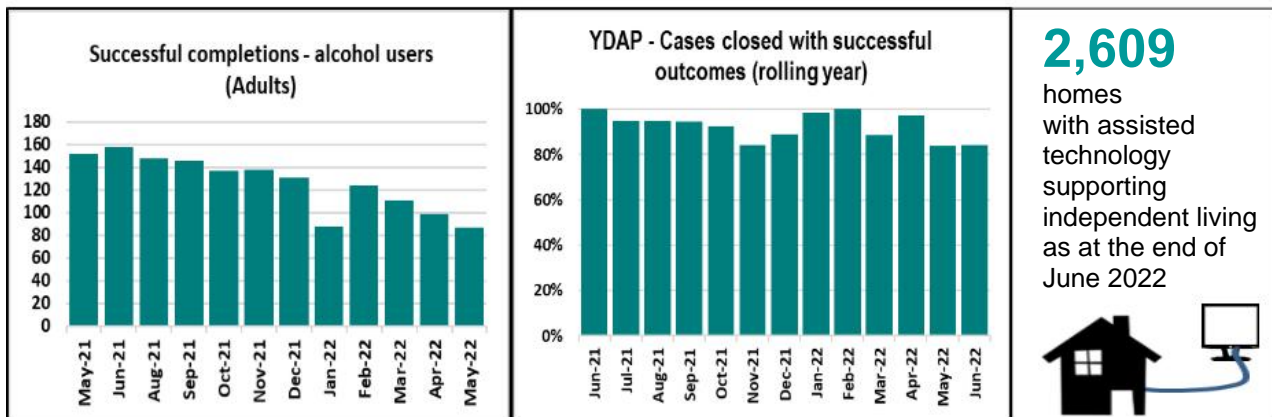


CITY CONTEXT

CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE)	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Healthy Life Expectancy at birth 2018-2020 as at 2021/22: Female: 56.9 yrs. Male: 56.1 yrs.	England 63.9 yrs. NE 59.7 yrs. England 63.1 yrs. NE 59.1 yrs.	Declining (2014-2016: 59.3 yrs.) Declining (2014-2016: 58.8 yrs.)
Admission episodes alcohol-related 2020/21: 2,401 (Broad, Persons, per 100,000 pop)	England 1,500, NE 1,979	N/A (Not comparable due to change in methodology)
Smoking prevalence: 2019/20: 14.6%	England 12.1%, NE 13.6%	Improving (2015/16: 18%)
The proportion of adults living with overweight or obesity 2020/21: 69.1%	England 63.5%, NE 67.7%	Declining (2016/17: 67.7%)
Prevalence of overweight (incl. obese) among children in Year 6 2019/20: 36.9% <i>(Local authority data not included in the release for 2020/21)</i>	2019/20 England 35.2%, NE 37.5% 2020/21 England 40.9%, NE 44.2%	Improving (2015/16: 39.8%)
% Of people that are fairly active / active (Active Lives – Public Health) 2020/21: 74%	England 76.6%, NE 74.4%	No change (2016/17: 74%)
Women who smoke at time of delivery Qtr. 4 2021/22: 13%	England 9.1% NE 12.1%	Improving (Qtr. 4 2020/21: 13.7%)
EYFSP Good level of development 2018/19: 72.6% <i>(2020/21 data release cancelled)</i>	England 71.8%, NE 71.8%	Improving (2014/15: 66%)
Teenage pregnancy (under 18 conception rate) rolling year: Qtr. 4 2020/21: 22.2	England 14, NE 19.4	Declining (Qtr. 4 2019/20: 21.9)
Proportion of people (18+) living independently (without social care services) Qtr. 1 2022/23: 98.2%	N/A	Declining (Qtr.1 2021/22 98.4%)
Litter - % of relevant land & highways with deposits that fall below an acceptable level Qtr. 1 2022/23: 12%	N/A	Declining (Qtr.1 2021/22: 10.4%)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

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



Reduce health inequalities enabling more people to live healthier longer lives

Our City Plan recognises the need to ensure that health and wellbeing outcomes are significantly improved, with previously published healthy life expectancy at birth in Sunderland (at 56.1 years for males and 56.9 for females 2018-2020), lower than the Northeast and England and declining.

The onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in early 2020, brought a new health challenge to the city. In addition to the impacts of infection, we know that the pandemic will have had wider health implications in relation to behaviours that can cause harms to health such as smoking, alcohol consumption, inactivity, and poor diet (leading to obesity).

Previously published figures for hospital admissions (adults) due to alcohol were 2,401 for Sunderland, 1,979 for the Northeast average and 1,500 for England for 2020/21. Although the figures suggest a reduction (improvement) for Sunderland in comparison to previous figures (with a greater reduction for Sunderland, than for comparator data) - due to changes in how the statistics have been compiled figures are not directly comparable with previous trends. Updated figures for the three-year period 2018/19-2020/21 for under 18's alcohol admissions per 100,000 were 76 for Sunderland. This is an improvement on the previous rate of 82.4, though it remains above the North East rate of 52 and the England rate of 55.4. Latest figures for successful intervention completions for Adults Services for alcohol, and for the Youth Drug and Alcohol programme (all substance – alcohol no longer separated) are shown in the charts. In Quarter 1 a multi-disciplinary combined drug and alcohol partnership was established (the Sunderland Drug & Alcohol Harm Reduction Group) to support work in this area.

Work is ongoing to support a reduction in smoking in the city through the Smoke Free Action Plan – including a focus on citywide health inequalities and wider determinants of health. In Quarter 3 (latest available data) 47.9% of smokers setting a quit date successfully quit at 4 weeks (183 successful quitters of 382 quit attempts).

Previously published figures for the proportion of adults who are living with overweight, or obesity, showed a reduction from 73.5% in 2019/20 to 69.1% in 2020/21 (though figures remained above the Northeast and England). The Sunderland Weight Management programme commenced in August 2021 and has exceeded its aim to support 1,500 residents in the first year (ending June 2022), having received 2,453 referrals. Work has been done to engage small and medium enterprises (businesses) in the city to identify a range of opportunities for access to affordable healthy weight opportunities. This has included low-cost gym membership, cycle to work promotion and organised sport (e.g., 5-a-side football tournament for workplaces).

Latest available data published by Public Health England, shows there were 74% of people in Sunderland who were active or fairly active in 2020/21, in line with the Northeast figure of 74.4% (2% behind England at 76%). In Quarter 1 several active events have been delivered to support active living. The 3K run took place - complimenting other running events in the events calendar (i.e., 5K, 10K and half marathon) - 371 people registered for the 3K. The Big Walk also took place with 266 registered to take part. A new approach is being taken to deliver Swim, Bike, Run events, with a detailed workplan in place that focuses on opportunities for residents to take part in various individual activities as well as triathlon events. Work has commenced with British triathlon and these opportunities are being communicated to residents through various promotional channels.

There were 462,247 Leisure Centre attendances in Quarter 1 and 200 new sign-ups to the Sunderland Step up App. There were 142,760 visitors through the turnstiles of Football Hubs with 2,161 games played. In Quarter 1, work has also commenced on the creation of a 5-year project aimed at increasing the participation of residents from disadvantaged communities in football activities. Consultation and engagement has commenced to enable residents to inform the development of the programme.

Previously published data for the three-year period of 2018-2020, shows the suicide rate for Sunderland increased (in line with the national trend) to 14.4 per 100,000 (age 10+) from 12.4 (for 2017-2019), and is above the England rate of 10.4 and Northeast rate of 12.4. Due to the gap between the reporting period and the publication of Suicide rates data (based on suicides determined through Coroner's inquest), the Northeast Real-Time Data Surveillance System figures (based on suspected suicides from Police reports) is fundamental to understanding and response.

These local live figures show that Sunderland had the highest level in the region of suspected suicide in 2020 and 2021, but following significant local collaborative work focusing on prevention, Sunderland has shown the greatest decrease in the region January to May 2022. In 2021/22 there was a refocusing of the Suicide Prevention Partnership with a refreshed action plan. Training for self-resilience continues to be delivered to residents, workplaces, schools, and wider partnerships, including SOS Support on Suicide, Emotional Resilience, Mental Health for Managers, Mental Health First Aid and Introduction to Mental Health. Figures on numbers trained to the end of September 2022 will be available in November. As a Council we are progressing work towards signing up to the Mental Health Concordat.

We will continue to work, with our partners, on areas where we can support people to make healthy choices and stay active. This includes working with employers across the city to promote better health at work through the Better Health at Work Awards. On 19th May 2022, Better Health at Work awarded Sunderland businesses gathered at the Stadium of Light to share in one another's achievement. We continue to promote healthy choices by our own people through the Council's Employee Wellness programme.

Access to equitable opportunities and life chances

We are taking a life course approach to health and wellbeing starting with the early life stages of preconception to early years and adolescence under this commitment. The latest figure on women who smoke at time of delivery (for Quarter 4 of 2021/22) is 13% (80 smokers of 615 maternities). This is 0.7% lower than the same period in the previous year.

Previously reported (latest available data) for the proportion of infants being breastfed, at 30.3% for Quarter 3 of 2021/22, exceeded 30% for the first time (based on local records commencing 2012/13), though performance remains below the England position of 48.8% (Northeast figures unavailable).

Latest available local data (for June 2022), shows that 99% of new birth visits and 93.8% of 2.5-year-old checks have been carried out in timescale. Validated national statistics for the earlier period of Quarter 4 of 2021/22, shows performance was better than for England and the North-East. There was no update on the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile (EYFSP) Good Level of Development as the 2020/21 data release was cancelled.

Previously reported (latest available) data on the rate of under 18 conceptions (teenage pregnancy rate based on conceptions per 1,000 women aged 15 -17) for Sunderland showed a rise to 22.2 for 2021/22 (compared with 21.9 for 2020/21). This is above the England and North-East rates (of 14 and 19.4) – with intelligence on the impact of Covid and increased conceptions starting to show in the data. The Children and Young People's Sexual Health Services enhanced offer is in place to provide access to contraception and pregnancy advice options.

Under this commitment we seek to address inequalities in opportunities and life chances that exist across geographical areas through a community asset-based approach, as set out in our Neighbourhood Plans. Virtual community hubs were established from March 2020, supporting communities throughout the COVID 19 pandemic and these remain in operation. A targeted community champion programme continues to deliver support, across co-located hubs to support residents during the cost-of-living crisis, through the distribution of household support funds via the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS). It is anticipated that further Household

Support Funds will be distributed from September 2022 until March 2023, matched with public health funds.

An expression of interest has been submitted to UK Shared Prosperity Fund for further community hub support linked to the Social Prescribing Community Support model - with formal agreement in place (via the Social Prescribing Senior Stakeholder Group) to implement a three-phase community support model across Sunderland.

People enjoying independent lives

98% of people 18+ in the city live independently (without social care services, based on mid-year population estimates) and we remain committed to ensuring people in the city can enjoy independent lives. However, the implementation of Social Care Reform, planned for October 2023, may impact on these figures.

With the roll out of the assistive technology in the home offer, 2,609 homes had the technology by the end of June 2022. Building on this 'Smart homes' approach for independent living, progress has been made on the Digital Catapult affordable warmth testbed with the completion of trials. The additional technology will enable the identification of homes that have become cold or damp.

83% of people who use services have control over their daily lives based on latest figures for 2019/20 (there is no update expected for 2020/21 (latest expected data) as the survey was cancelled due to Covid-19). The survey has been completed for 2022, and figures will be published later in the year via the Adult Social Care Outcomes Framework, along with figures from the Short & Long Term (SALT) statistical return.

Previously published data on the rate of emergency hospital admissions due to falls in people aged 65+ (per 100,000), showed an increase from 2,628 in 2019/20, to 3,164 for 2020/21 for Sunderland and figures were above both the Northeast (at 2,311) and England (at 2,023). In Quarter 1 a programme of strength and balance activities for falls prevention has commenced. A Falls Coordinator, with specialist experience in the delivery of clinical interventions for patients experiencing falls, has been appointed and commenced in post in June 2022. In Quarter 1 the Falls Coordinator has been undertaking a review of the Falls Strategy and developing a programme of training for key health and social care staff.

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

Our emphasis within this City Plan commitment is about ensuring that people can move around the city with ease through improved transport routes - enabling access to key employment sites. Funding has been obtained as part of the Active Travel Round 3 bid for European Way / New Pallion Road. In Quarter 1 there were 1,255m of adopted roads.

Alongside vehicle transport routes, great travel links is also about having the necessary infrastructure to enable active travel. In Quarter 1 there were 3,442m of adopted footpaths and whilst there were 0 new or improved cycleways, funding has been obtained for the Dame Dorothy Street Cycle Scheme as part of the Active Travel Round 3 bid.

1,952 school children have taken part in pedestrian training and 683 children have taken part in cycle training in Quarter 1.

Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods

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

The percentage of household waste sent for reuse, recycling or composting in Quarter 1 was 30% (9,788 tons recycled, reused or composted of 32,535 tons of total household waste). The latest available national comparator figure, at 40.3%, is for the calendar year of 2021.

The Household waste recycling Material Recovery Facility (MRF) contract, to support blue bin kerbside collection, has been procured and awarded. Work is ongoing to improve the recycling rates across the City through a programme of education and enforcement aligned to the introduction of a *No Side Waste* Policy. Strong performance is being made with contamination rates being at 12% - 3% lower than the financial penalty threshold (against a regional trend in which penalties have been imposed).

At the end of Quarter 1, the percentage of relevant land and highways assessed as having deposits of litter that fall below an acceptable level was 12%, an increase compared with Quarter 1 of 2021/22 at 10.4% but a reduction against Quarter 4 of 2021/22 at 16.39%. Dog fouling below an acceptable level was 0.67%, and at a similar level to Quarter 1 of 2021/22 at 0.62% - whilst graffiti was at 4.8%, above the Quarter 1 of 2021/22 level of 1.6%. Quarter 1 saw the go live of the environmental services 'Report It' customer services relationship management system. The system will provide benefits for the customer, through an online account, that allows progress to be communicated and outcomes to be confirmed.

To encourage communities to take greater responsibility for their environment, targeted communication and awareness raising continues with a full communications plan and engagement in place for Local Services.

We are issuing sanctions where appropriate following enforcement investigations. In Quarter 1, 2,554 enforcement activities had been carried out – 546 more than in the same period in the previous year (at 2,008). The enforcement activities included 378 investigations, 1,616 warning letters, 14 Community Protection Warnings, 9 Section 47 notices (businesses) and 232 Section 46 notices (residents). Both section 46 and 47 notices relate to the storage, disposal and presentation of waste under the Environmental Protection Act 1990.

In Quarter 1, a pilot was commenced to trial the removal of Glyphosate in weedkilling, the pilot is expected to complete at the end of September, following which a weedkilling strategy will be developed.

Under the Low Carbon Action Plan, and in support of a greener city, progress has been made on the development of the North East Community Forest. Sites have now been delivered at Elemore, Hetton Park and Silksworth, and further potential sites are currently being identified for planting during 2022/23.

VIBRANT SMART CITY

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

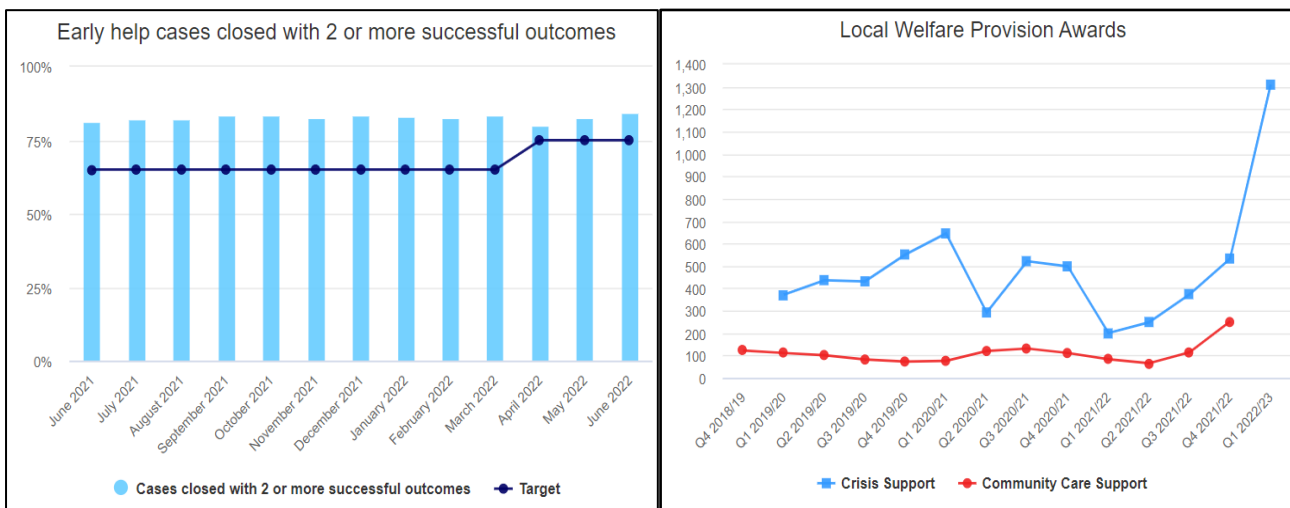


CITY CONTEXT

CURRENT DATA (LATEST AVAILABLE)	COMPARATIVE DATA	SUNDERLAND TREND
Rate of cared for children (per 10k) June 2022: 102.1	England 67 NE 108 SN 105.7	Improving (June 2021: 107.5)
Rate of CYP subject to a child protection plan (per 10k) June 2022: 56.2	England 41.4 NE 67.2 SN 56.1	Improving (June 2021: 77.1)
Rate of Children in Need (per 10k) June 2022: 400.8	England 321.2 NE 461.2 SN 415.3	Improving (June 2021: 410.1)
Residents supported by food banks Qtr.1 2022/23: 6,258	N/A	Declining (Qtr. 1 2021/22: 3,744)
Crime (recorded incidents) Apr-Jun 2022: 7,305	N/A	Declining (Apr-June 2021: 7,205)
Residents' feelings of safety (local) Qtr. 3 2021/22: 95%	N/A	Improving (Qtr.3 2020/21:94%)
The proportion of people who use services who feel safe 2019/20: 79.7% (no survey undertaken in 2020/21)	England 70.2% NE 74.7% SN 72.8%	Improving (2015/16: 71.5%)
Number of visitors to the city 2021: 5,730,000	N/A	Declining (2017: 8,760,000)
Overall spend of visitors to the city 2021: £314m	N/A	Declining (2017: £429m)

COUNCIL LED ACTION & PROGRESS

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



18 Events facilitated by the Council, on Council land / in council buildings in Quarter 1 of 2022/23

3,019 children and young people involved in TFC consultation activity that informs the design, delivery, or evaluation of services in April 2021 – January 2022

Museum & Arts Centre Visitors

Quarter	Museums	Arts Centre
Qtr 1 2018/19	120,000	40,000
Qtr 3 2018/19	120,000	40,000
Qtr 1 2019/20	120,000	40,000
Qtr 3 2019/20	120,000	40,000
Qtr 1 2020/21	120,000	40,000
Qtr 3 2020/21	120,000	40,000
Qtr 1 2021/22	120,000	40,000
Qtr 3 2021/22	120,000	40,000
Qtr 1 2022/23	120,000	40,000

Figures not available for Arts Centre Qtr.2 2019/20. Museum / Arts Centres closed Qtr.1 & Qtr. 4 2020/21 due to COVID-19.

20 Activities delivered by the Heritage Partnership

Quarter 1 2022/23

Council supported volunteers Qtr 1 2022/23

Category	Number of Volunteers
Libraries	40
Chaperones	30
Place based	20
Events/Active programme	10
Weekly programme	91

100% of retailers in the city to be engaged in the responsible retailers' scheme by March 2025.

4 engaged in Quarter 1 2022/23

More resilient people

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

The following Children's Service's key delivery targets have been met as at the end of Quarter 1: % of early help cases closed with successful outcomes (at 84.2%), % of all referrals with a decision within 24 hours (at 97.9%), % of children subject to a child protection plan receiving a statutory visit within 20 working days (at 96.1%), % of Cared for Children that have an up to date Personal Education Plan (at 98.3%), % of Cared for Children that have experienced 3+ placements within the last 12 months (at 9.6%) and % of care experienced young people aged 17-21 in touch with the service within 8 weeks of previous contact (at 88.5%).

We will support our people to be more resilient. We know that our communities have been greatly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, with hardship continuing for some in the face of new challenges presented by the rise in the cost of living. During the first few months of the pandemic the use of foodbanks more than trebled and high usage continued throughout 2020/21, and 2021/22. In Quarter 1 of 2022/23 the number of residents supported reached the highest figure yet, at 6,258.

Crisis Support awards also rose across 2021/22 (from 200 in Quarter 1 of 2021/22 to 532 in Quarter 4) and have increased substantially in Quarter 1 to 1,309. The increase in awards is directly linked to additional funding (Household Support Fund (HSF 1)) received via the government for cost-of-living issues. In Quarter 1, HSF 1 funding was used to support awards for advanced fuel payments to those customers accessing the core Crisis Fund. There has been an increase in residents being in repeat crisis, resulting in repeat applications for awards.

Across 2021/22 Community Care Support continued to be awarded, with figures also rising and reaching 252 by Quarter 4 of 2021/22 (compared with 111 in Quarter 4 of 2020/21). In Quarter 1 figures have reduced to 68.

More people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods

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

Overall, our residents feel safe in their local area, with the percentage consistently at 96% or above since 2012/13 to mid-2020 when figures fell slightly to 94% (based on the Northumbria Police Survey). Latest available data is for Quarter 3 of 2020/21 at 95%. Crime for April 2022 to June 2022 (at 7,305 recorded incidents) has increased when compared with the same period in the previous year (7,205 incidents).

We are committed to disrupting criminal and anti-social behaviour through intervention and enforcement with 16 intelligence led pro-active disruption activities carried out in relation to licensing in Quarter 1. We hope to engage 100% of retailers in the city in our Responsible Retailers Scheme by March 2025. Engagement has commenced with retailers with 4 retailers signed up and more expected in the next Quarter.

More residents participating in their communities

This commitment is about residents, including children and young people, being able to engage with and participate in their communities. In Quarter 4, there were 191 active volunteers across a range of volunteering activities including place-based activities, Libraries, Volunteer Chaperones, Events & Active Sunderland and other weekly programme activities. Whilst the greatest proportion continues to be place based, there is a greater spread across the volunteering categories in this quarter.

By January 2022 (figures for February – June 2022 not available) there had been 3,019 children and young people involved in Together for Children consultation activities during 2021/22. This engagement will inform the design, delivery or evaluation of services.

‘Crowdfund Sunderland’ enables people to financially support local projects and causes through an online platform. In Quarter 1 there have been 7 projects raising £86,812.

We continue to engage people through Sunderland UK social media channels, with 24,781 Facebook and 10,500 Twitter followers as at the end of June 2022.

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

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

With big events possible in 2022, new national and international events are being attracted to the city. The Tour Series cycling event took place in the city on 10th May 2022, attracting over 3,000 spectators in the city centre. Quarter 1 has also seen some world class music events staged in the city with both Ed Sheeran and Elton John concerts at the Stadium of Light.

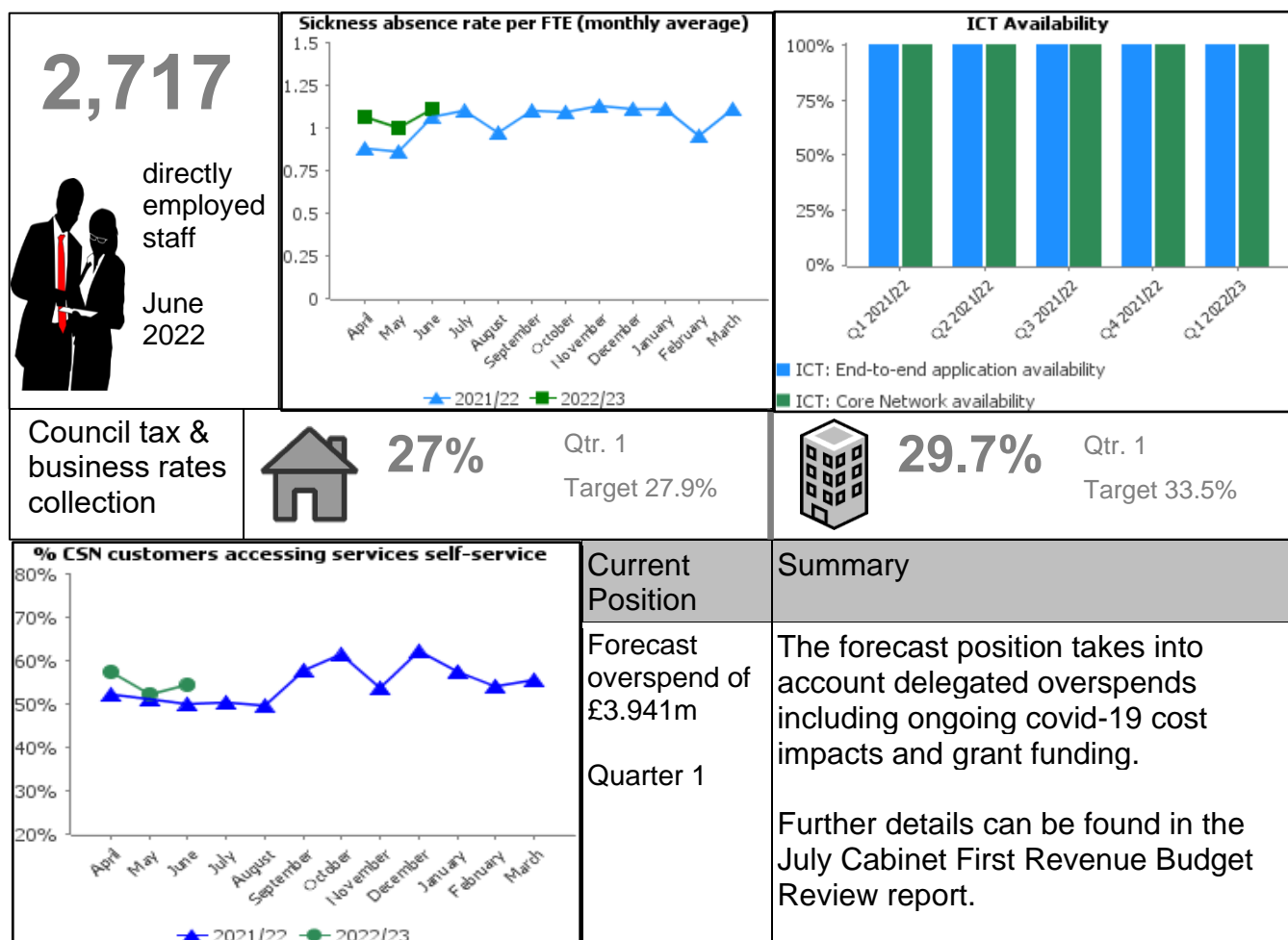
Sunderland Empire Theatre re-opened its doors on 2nd September 2021, and visitor numbers gradually rose to the end of 2021/22. In Quarter 1 there were 62,639 visitors. The Museum and Winter Gardens and Washington Arts Centre re-opened mid-way through Quarter 1 of 2021/22 with figures also rising quarterly to the end of the year. In Quarter 1 of 2022/23 the Museum and Winter Gardens received 67,009 visitors and the Washington Arts Centre received 52,769 visitors. The National Glass Centre received 41,191 visitors in Quarter 1.

20 activities were delivered by the Heritage Partnership in Quarter 1 and 90 organisations were engaged in the Heritage Partnership Practitioners Network as at the end of June 2022 (an increase of 30 organisations since the end of March 2022). In Quarter 1 the Heritage Partnership held the #LoveSunderlandHeritage Festival – showcasing Sunderland’s rich heritage and history. The festival incorporated a range of heritage events and activities, at heritage sites and venues across the city – including the Sunderland History Fair held on 21st May 2022 at Bede Tower (receiving over 1.5K visitors).

In Quarter 1 there were 43,678 library issues (including physical books, eBooks / e-Audio and e-Magazine) with 367 new adult members. There were 31,085 digital subscriptions and the Books at Home delivery service saw 425 interactions.

ORGANISATIONAL HEALTH

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



Good organisational health and strong financial management

At the end of Quarter 1, there were 2,717 directly employed staff, 15 fewer than in Quarter 1 of 2021/22. We are committed to ensuring that we have a productive and healthy workforce, maintaining lower levels of sickness absence and ensuring we are an employer of choice.

Business Rates Collection (at 29.7%) remain below the target level reflecting the impact of Covid-19, however, Council Tax Collection (at 27%) is now closer to the target level.

We are committed to maximising external funding and financing opportunities. In Quarter 1, £997,920 has been secured through funding bids approved for projects supported by the following programmes/funders: £481,835 from Sport England (National Lottery) for the Active Through Football programme, £65,470 from the Reducing Parental Conflict Programme (DWP), £5,000 from the LGA's Cyber training fund, £445,615 through the Respite Innovation Fund (Department for Education) for the Breathing Space project.

There were no reports to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) by the Council in Quarter 1.

Productive and innovative working and a council ready for the future

As a Council we continue to deliver on the organisational change required to optimise productive and innovative working, to counteract financial uncertainty and ensure we are a Council ready for the future.

With a focus on our workforce culture and embedding our core values, we are evolving to embrace new ways of working, think differently and work as one organisation. Our Values in Practice Awards, introduced in Quarter 1 and announced in July, have demonstrated how our employees live and breathe our values of Enable, Innovate and Respect – with 173 nominations into our first Awards. Alongside this our employee Yammer community (using the Yammer communications app) is now well established and thriving, enabling our workforce to connect, engage, discuss ideas, share updates and network with each other – across a range of topics central to the delivery of our City Plan (e.g., sustainability, culture & events, volunteering and community involvement, making healthy choices etc).

We continue to develop a new operating model to ensure that the council is as customer focused and effective as it can be with all 16 Corporate Support services under review with improvement activity underway, simplifying, automating, and digitising processes and transitioning to a self-help model. Alongside this, the adoption and enhancement of digital technologies continues, for smart working focused on efficient and effective customer outcomes. In Quarter 1, 54.7% (228,939) of our Customer Service Network customers accessed services through self-serve – exceeding the target of 46%.

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2022

WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY, MAYORAL AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

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

2. Background

- 2.1 The role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is two-fold, firstly it has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the Scrutiny Committees and manage the overall Scrutiny Work Programme and secondly to consider the Council's corporate policies, performance and financial issues.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.3 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).

3. Thematic Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes

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

4. Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's Work Programme

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

5. 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 1 September 2022 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

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

6. Recommendations

6.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:

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

7. Background Papers

7.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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REASON FOR INCLUSION	9 JUNE 22 (INFORMAL MEETING)	7 JULY 22	8 SEPT 22	6 OCT 22	3 NOV 22	1 DEC 22	5 JAN 23	2 FEB 23	2 MARCH 23	30 MARCH 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										Scrutiny Annual Report – 22/23
Scrutiny Business	Work Programme 2022/23	Consultation with LGBTQ+ Community	Corporate Parenting SEND – Areas for Deep Dive	Early Years - role of Family Hubs as part of integrated family service ensuring families with children and young people aged 0-19 receive early help) Child Refugees - support available for Ukrainian children and their families TfC Meaningful Measures Performance Report – Areas Deep Dive	Safeguarding of Children (To consider the implications for the Council of the National Panel Review of Child Protection	Speech Disorder and Language Disorder in Early Years Future Provision of Services for Children Requiring Specialist Support	Child Obesity – (Incl How can we better promote healthy eating among young people. Also, the influence of exercise and sporting provision) (Lorraine Hughes)	Schools Update (incl Implications of the White Paper Opportunities for All. The action being taken to catch up on lost education due to the Covid pandemic and which programmes are most effective, particularly for SEN pupils) (Simon Marshall)	Training and Apprenticeship Access for Care Experienced Young People . The measures to reduce the number of young people not in education or training.	
Performance / Service Improvement		TfC Self – Evaluation (Jill Colbert) Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)				Children Services Customer Feedback (Stacey Hodgkinson)				

Consultation / Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 23-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	
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Issues to Programme: Mental Health Charter Mark Award

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION	14 JUNE 22 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	12 JULY 22	13 SEPTEMBER 22	11 OCTOBER 22	8 NOVEMBER 22	6 DECEMBER 22	10 JANUARY 23	7 FEBRUARY 23	7 MARCH 23	4 APRIL 23
Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses			Statement of Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Licence Policy (Steve Waring)							Scrutiny Annual Report
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Refugee Provision (Graham Scanlan) Port Visit (Matthew Hunt)	Housing Strategy/ Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy – Consultation (Graham Scanlan)	Public Transport Update (Mark Wilson) Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld) City Heat Network Projects - Update	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby) Events (Stephen Savage)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld) Environmental Services Update (Director of Environmental Services)	Cycling Infrastructure – Update (Mark Wilson) Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball)	Housing Provider Consultation (Gentoo)	Siglion (Neil Guthrie/Anthony Crabb) Future High Street Fund Programme (Neil Guthrie/Anthony Crabb) UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland)	Annual Road Safety Report E Scooter – Pilot Feedback Accessibility (Stephen Dixon)
Consultation Information and Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 21-22

Portfolio Holder Attendance - TBC

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		5 JULY 22 D/L:24 JUNE 22	13 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L:2 SEPT 22	4 OCTOBER 22 D/L: 23 SEPT 22	1 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 21 OCT 22	29 NOVEMBER 22 D/L: 19 NOV 22	3 JANUARY 23 D/L: 23 DEC 23	31 JANUARY 23 D/L: 20 JAN 23	28 FEBRUARY 23 D/L: 17 FEB 23	28 MARCH 23 D/L: 17 MAR 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business		Public Health – Annual Report (Gerry Taylor) Dental Services Update (NHS Improvement)	Elective Surgery – Update (NHS FT) Task and Finish Working (Nigel Cummings)	Winter Planning (ATB/ICB) SSAB Annual Report (Sunderland Safeguarding Adults Board) Social Care Health Check (Graham King/Ann Dingwall)	Health Protection Arrangements (Public Health) Maternity Services Assurance Update (NHS FT)			North East Ambulance Service Update (Mark Cotton)	Annual Report (Nigel Cummings)	
Performance / Service Improvement										
Consultation/ Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23	Notice of Key Decisions Work Programme 22-23

SCRUTINY COORDINATING COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION		14 JULY 22 D/L 4 JULY 22	15 SEPTEMBER 22 D/L 5 SEPT 22	13 OCTOBER 22 D/L 3 OCTOBER 22	10 NOVEMBER 22 D/L 31 OCT 22	8 DECEMBER 22 D/L 28 NOV 22	12 JANUARY 23 D/L 3 JAN 23	9 FEBRUARY 23 D/L 30 JAN 23	9 MARCH 23 D/L 27 FEB 23	6 APRIL 23 D/L 27 MARCH 23
Policy Framework / Cabinet Referrals and Responses		First Revenue Budget Review 21/22 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson) Capital Programme First Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson) First Revenue Budget Review 22/23 (Jon Ritchie/Paul Wilson)		Task and Finish Working Group: Draft Cabinet/Scrutiny Protocol	Budget Planning Framework 2022/23 and Financial Strategy (Paul Wilson) Capital Programme Second Review 2021/22 (Paul Wilson)		Capital Programme Planning 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 and Capital Strategy (Paul Wilson) Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2022/2023 to 2025/2026 (Paul Wilson)			
Scrutiny Business		Review of Scrutiny (Gillian Robinson)	Residents Survey Summary (Lucy Nicholson)	Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report (Stephen Laverton) Review of Scrutiny – Action Plan (Gillian Robinson/Nigel Cummings)		Smart Cities Update (Liz St Louis)				Annual Report (N Cummings)
Performance / Service Improvement		Performance Management Q4 (Beverley Poulter)	Performance Management Q1 (Beverly Poulter)			Performance Management Q2 (Beverley Poulter)			Performance Management Q3 (Beverly Poulter)	
Consultation / Information & Awareness Raising		Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22	Notice of Key Decisions Scrutiny Work Programmes 2021/22

Work Programme Items to be scheduled:

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 10 August 2022.

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 10 August 2022, including supplementary notice, is attached marked **Appendix 1 & 2**.

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 10 August 2022 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
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	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October to 30 November 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220413/697	In respect of the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan, to consider adoption of the final document.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220504/710	To agree to the acquisition of property at Crowtree Road/Maritime Terrace, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions (including the in-principle future use of CPO powers) within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	This report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220728/726	To adopt a Playing Pitch Plan (PPP) that will be used as a strategic planning document for sport playing pitches in the city.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220801/727	To approve a proposed contract variation for the Integrated Drug and Alcohol Recovery and Harm Minimisation Service up to 31 March 2025.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220801/728	To approve the proposed commissioning intentions for the Specialist Stop Smoking Service for Sunderland	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220802/729	To approve a Direct Payment Employment Support Service.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220803/730	To approve a proposed Variation to Energy Infrastructure Enabling Works.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220808/732	To seek Cabinet approval to the disposal of South West Lodge, Mere Knolls Cemetery, Dovedale Road, SR6 8LW.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220804/731	To approve the Budget Planning Framework and Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220106/682	To give consideration to the Draft Bus Enhancement Partnership Plan and Scheme	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	13 October 2022	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022.	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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220720/724	To seek approval to publish the IAMP AMR Plan Review	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 October 2022.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220628/721	To seek approval to the proposed ECO Flex 4 Criteria and agree to the appointment of local providers to manage delivery of the scheme within Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 8 September to 31 December 2022.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk
220725/725	Approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	During the period 13 October 2022 to 31 January 2023.	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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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.

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Who will decide;

Councillor Graeme Miller – Leader; Councillor Claire Rowntree – Deputy Leader & Clean Green City; Councillor Paul Stewart - Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children, Learning and Skills; Councillor Kelly Chequer – Healthy City; Councillor Linda Williams – Vibrant City; Councillor Kevin Johnston – Dynamic City.

This is the membership of Cabinet as at the date of this notice. Any changes will be specified on a supplementary notice.

Elaine Waugh,
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

10 August 2022

The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

A Supplementary Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decision, which was listed on the notice issued 10 August as intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

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210920/640	To approve land and property acquisitions (including the in-principle future use of CPO powers) within the Riverside Sunderland area.	Cabinet	Y	8 September 2022	N	The item was included on the notice published on 10 August 2022 with an anticipated decision of 8 September 2022. During the course of the preparation of the report it became clear that the report would not include exempt information requiring the decision to be taken in private meeting and would therefore be considered in the open part of the meeting.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA committees@sunderland.gov.uk

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Elaine Waugh, Assistant Director of Law and Governance

31 August 2022