

CIVIC CENTRE,
SUNDERLAND.
11 June 2021.

TO THE MEMBERS OF SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL

YOU ARE SUMMONED TO ATTEND A MEETING of Sunderland City Council to be held in the Montgomery Suite, Sunderland A F C, Stadium of Light, Sunderland, SR5 1SU on **WEDNESDAY 23 JUNE 2021** at **4.00 p.m.** at which it is proposed to consider and transact the following business:-

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| 1. To read the Notice convening the meeting. | - |
| 2. Apologies. | - |
| 3. To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 19 May 2021 (copy attached). | 1 |
| 4. Receipt of Declarations of Interest (if any). | - |
| 5. Announcements (if any) under Rule 2(e). | - |
| 6. Covid-19 - Verbal Update by the Leader of the Council | - |
| 7. Citywide approach to carbon reduction – Verbal update by the Deputy Leader of the Council | - |
| 8. Reception of Petitions. | - |

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| 9. | Written Questions by Members of the Public (if any) under Rule 10. | - |
| 10. | Written Questions by Members of the Council (if any) under Rule 11. | - |
| 11. | Area Arrangements Annual Report 2020/21 – report of the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods (copy attached). | 39 |
| 12. | Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21 – report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (copy attached). | 73 |
| 13. | To consider a report on action taken on petitions (copy attached). | 97 |
| 14. | To consider the following reports:- | |
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| (ii) | Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies – report of the Assistant Director of Law and Governance (copy herewith). | 107 |
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| 15. | To consider the attached Motions (copy attached). | 111 |



PATRICK MELIA, CHIEF EXECUTIVE.

Note it is intended that the meeting will be livestreamed for the public to view on the Council's YouTube channel at <https://youtu.be/Fv7kRFbmW6I>

Minutes

Sunderland City Council

At the Annual meeting of SUNDERLAND CITY COUNCIL held in the BEACON OF LIGHT on WEDNESDAY 19 MAY 2021 at 6.00 p.m.

Present: The Mayor (Councillor D. Snowdon) in the Chair
The Deputy Mayor (Councillor H. Trueman)

Councillors	Ali	Foster	Mann	Samuels
	Bewick	Gibson, E.	Mason-Gage	Scanlan
	Blackburn	Gibson, P.W.L.	McClennan	Smith, A.
	Burnicle	Gibson, P.	McDonough	Smith, G.
	Butler	Greener	McKeith	Smith, P.
	Chequer	Hartnack	Miller, F	Snowdon, D.E.
	Crosby	Haswell	Miller, G.	Speding
	Dixon	Heron	Morrissey	Stewart
	Dodds	Hodson	Mullen	Taylor, A.
	Donaghy	Howe	Nicholson	Thornton
	Doyle	Jenkins	Noble	Trueman, D.
	Dunn	Johnston, K.	O'Brien	Tye
	Edgeworth	Johnston, S.	Peacock	Walker, M.
	Essl	Lauchlan	Potts	Walker, P.
	Fagan	Laws	Price	Warne
	Farthing	Macknight, D.	Reed	Williams
	Fletcher	MacKnight, N.	Rowntree	Wood, A.
				Wood, P.

Also Present:-

Honorary Aldermen: - M. Greenfield and R.D. Tate.

Notice Convening the Meeting

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the Annual Council meeting and the Chief Executive read the notice convening the meeting.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Election of Mayor

The Council proceeded to the election of a Mayor for the ensuing year, (to the next Annual Meeting of the Council) and nominations were invited. Councillor Speding, seconded by Councillor P. Gibson, nominated Councillor Henry Trueman to be appointed as Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillors Speding and P. Gibson spoke in support of the nomination.

With no further nominations being received, it was:-

1. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Henry Trueman be appointed Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

The Mayor then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and responded appropriately.

Mayor's Chaplain

The Mayor reported that he had appointed the Reverend Julie Wing of Usworth Parish Church, Washington, to be Chaplain for his term of office. The Mayor's Chaplain then offered prayers.

Vote of Thanks to Retiring Mayor

Councillor Williams, duly seconded by Councillor Lauchlan and supported by Councillors Dixon and Mann, thanked the retiring Mayor, Councillor D. Snowdon, for the manner in which he had discharged his duties as Mayor.

Councillor Snowdon responded appropriately.

The Mayor advised that in view of the current situation badges would be presented outside the meeting to Councillors David and Dianne Snowdon in appreciation of their service.

Election of Deputy Mayor

The Council then proceeded to the election of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year, (to the next Annual Meeting of the Council) and nominations were invited.

Councillor Stewart, seconded by Councillor Samuels nominated Councillor Alison Smith to be appointed as Deputy Mayor of the City for the ensuing year.

At the invitation of the Mayor, Councillor Stewart spoke in support of the nomination.

With no further nominations being received, it was:-

2. **RESOLVED** that Councillor Alison Smith be appointed to the Office of Deputy Mayor for the ensuing year.

The Deputy Mayor then read and signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and responded appropriately.

Minutes

3. **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 24 March 2021 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Leadbitter, Turner and D. Wilson and on behalf of Aldermen M.L. Arnott and M. Forbes.

Announcements

The Mayor advised that dates for future mayoral events would be finalised and Members would be notified in due course.

Appointments to Cabinet and the Portfolio Responsibilities, the Deputy Cabinet Members and any Amendments to the Arrangements for the Delegation of Executive Functions made by the Leader

4. **RESOLVED** that:-

i) the Leader's appointments and allocation of Portfolio responsibilities as set out below, be noted and that consequential amendments would be made to the Constitution:-

Deputy Leader of the Council

Councillor Rowntree

Cabinet Secretary

Councillor Stewart

PORTFOLIO

EXECUTIVE MEMBER

Children, Learning and Skills

Councillor Farthing

Healthy City

Councillor Chequer

Vibrant City

Councillor Williams

Dynamic City

Councillor K. Johnston

EMERGENCY COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and one relevant Portfolio Holder

SCHOOL ORGANISATION COMMITTEE OF CABINET

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (Chair), Leader of the Council (Vice Chair), Cabinet Secretary, Vibrant City Portfolio Holder, Healthy City Portfolio Holder.

CABINET MEMBERS AND PORTFOLIO RESPONSIBILITIES

The revised portfolio responsibilities for executive members are as follows:

Executive Member	Portfolio
Leader	<p>To provide political leadership on behalf of residents, stakeholders and partners in the co-ordination of Council strategies, policies and service delivery, ensuring good quality services.</p> <p>To provide political leadership in the development of local, regional, sub-regional strategy and strategic partnerships.</p> <p>To promote and enhance the reputation of Sunderland, the city and the council at national, European and international levels.</p> <p>To ensure that the Council's approach to economic, social and physical regeneration of the City is integrated, enabling and effective</p> <p>To provide democratic leadership to partners, residents and stakeholders, ensuring a collaborative approach to the development and delivery of services which meet people's needs and aspirations.</p> <p>To co-ordinate and apportion the roles and responsibilities of Members.</p>
Deputy Leader	<p>In the absence of the Leader of the Council, the Deputy Leader has overall responsibility for the portfolio of the Leader of the Council.</p> <p>To support the Leader as appropriate, working collectively with the Cabinet and Deputy Cabinet Members.</p> <p>To support the Leader in the approach to strategic economic, social and physical regeneration activity in the City.</p> <p>To provide political leadership in relation to communications and corporate affairs.</p> <p>To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to equalities, safer communities and</p>

social inclusion including the work in the city with the armed forces.

To ensure that the Council's approach to people management and development is enabling and effective.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to Environment and Transport priorities including its low carbon agenda and plan, ensuring that the City is as attractive, sustainable and accessible for all.

To ensure that the Council's approach to the Environment and Transport agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions. This includes improving the physical environment and its connectivity for sustainable living, working and visiting the City.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to environment and transport, sustainability and energy partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Environment, Transport, Infrastructure, Public Protection and Place Regulation functions.

Cabinet Secretary

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the efficient and effective deployment of resources to sustain services that matter to local people and to local communities.

To deputise for the Leader as appropriate.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Community Wealth Building and Cooperative development agendas, leading on the creation of social value through procurement and supporting the embedding of these principles across all portfolios.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to functions within Corporate Services and Data Protection.

To ensure that the Council's internal operations are integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to Corporate Services.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to commissioned and procured partnerships as well as partnerships where

Sunderland is the lead authority.

Children, Learning and Skills

To be the designated “lead member for children’s services” in accordance with Section 19 of the Children Act 2004.

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of Children, Learning and Skills to ensure that children and young people achieve the best outcomes and supporting all-age learning and skills.

To provide political leadership to the Council’s work to tackle child poverty, and as the council’s designated Food Champion, the food poverty agenda.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to the Children, Learning and Skills agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

Healthy City

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of health and life chances of children and adults.

To provide political leadership to an all-population approach to public health, narrowing the health inequalities gap to achieve the best outcomes for all residents.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to the Adults and Public Health agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council’s Adults and Public Health functions.

Vibrant City

To provide political leadership to the Council’s approach to the priorities of local communities to achieve the best outcomes as well as ensuring a wide-ranging cultural offer and communities having the access to the opportunities on offer in the City.

To ensure that the Council’s approach to Communities, Culture, Leisure and Resident Engagement and Resilience is integrated, enabling, effective and built on Community Wealth Building principles, and that the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these

functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to Area/Community and Cultural partnerships.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Communities and Culture functions, including tourism and heritage.

Dynamic City

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to the priorities of Housing, Regeneration and Planning, ensuring that the City achieves the best outcomes from physical and economic regeneration including business and housing growth.

To ensure that the Council's approach to Housing and Regeneration agenda is integrated, enabling and effective and the Council fulfils its strategic and statutory roles in relation to these functions.

To provide political leadership to the Council's approach to partnerships relating to housing and regeneration.

To exercise political policy oversight relating to the Council's Regeneration and Housing functions, including dealing with homelessness.

To ensure Community Wealth Building and cooperative development approaches to delivering these priorities and functions, including a focus on the growth of the SME sector and on opportunities for the expansion of social housing across the city.

DEPUTY CABINET MEMBERS

Children, Learning and Skills	To be notified at a future date.
Healthy City	Councillor F. Miller
Vibrant City	Councillor P. Walker
Dynamic City	To be notified at a future date.

- Item 9 To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof**
- Item 10 To appoint to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function**
- Item 11 To agree an update to the Constitution**
- Item 12 To fix dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees etc**
- Item 13 To authorise the Assistant Director of Law and Governance, in consultation with the respective Chairmen, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with 12 above.**

The Supplementary Report was circulated to all Members and it was moved by the Leader, and duly seconded by the Deputy Leader that items 9 to 13 inclusive be agreed.

Councillor Mullen, duly seconded by Councillor Hodson moved the following amendments to item 9:-

- Item 9 To appoint all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen thereof
 - i) Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee – Remove Councillor N. MacKnight as Chairman and replace with Councillor McDonough.
 - ii) Economic and Prosperity Scrutiny Committee – Remove Councillor Thornton as Vice-Chairman and replace with Councillor Fagan.

Upon being put to the vote the amendment was defeated with thirty-two Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Ali	Doyle	Hodson	Mullen
	Bewick	Dunn	Howe	Nicholson
	Blackett	Edgeworth	Jenkins	O'Brien
	Burnicle	Fagan	Johnston, S.	Peacock
	Crosby	Gibson, P.W.L.	Mann	Potts
	Dixon	Greener	McDonough	Smith, G.
	Dodds	Hartnack	McKeith	Wood, A.
	Donaghy	Haswell	Morrissey	Wood, P.

And forty Members voting against:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Johnston, K.	Price	Stewart
	Butler	Lauchlan	Reed	Taylor
	Chequer	Laws	Rowntree	Thornton
	Essl	MacKnight, D.	Samuels	Trueman, D.
	Farthing	MacKnight, N.	Scanlan	Trueman, H.
	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Smith, A.	Tye
	Foster	McClennan	Smith, P.	Walker, M.
	Gibson, E.	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Walker, P.
	Gibson, P.	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Warne
	Heron	Noble	Speding	Williams

The original motion to Council, in respect of Items 9 to 13 inclusive, was then put to the vote, with forty Members voting in favour:-

Councillors	Blackburn	Johnston, K.	Price	Stewart
	Butler	Lauchlan	Reed	Taylor
	Chequer	Laws	Rowntree	Thornton
	Essl	MacKnight, D.	Samuels	Trueman, D.
	Farthing	MacKnight, N.	Scanlan	Trueman, H.
	Fletcher	Mason-Gage	Smith, A.	Tye
	Foster	McClennan	Smith, P.	Walker, M.
	Gibson, E.	Miller, F.	Snowdon, D.	Walker, P.
	Gibson, P.	Miller, G.	Snowdon, D.E.	Warne
	Heron	Noble	Speding	Williams

And thirty-two Members voting against:-

Councillors	Ali	Doyle	Hodson	Mullen
	Bewick	Dunn	Howe	Nicholson
	Blackett	Edgeworth	Jenkins	O'Brien
	Burnicle	Fagan	Johnston, S.	Peacock
	Crosby	Gibson, P.W.L.	Mann	Potts
	Dixon	Greener	McDonough	Smith, G.
	Dodds	Hartnack	McKeith	Wood, A.
	Donaghy	Haswell	Morrissey	Wood, P.

It was, therefore:-

5. RESOLVED that: -

- (i) the appointments in respect of all Council Committees and Sub-Committees and Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen, as detailed below, be approved and adopted for the ensuing year;
- (ii) the appointments to Joint Committees, Joint Authorities, outside bodies and Working Groups except where appointment to those bodies is an executive function, be approved and adopted and the Leader's appointments to Joint Committees established under joint arrangements be noted;
- (iii) the update to the Constitution in relation to Part 2, Article 12.02 and Part 4, Section 6, Paragraph 3 as set out be agreed;
- (iv) the dates and times of meetings of the Council, the Cabinet and Committees be agreed; and
- (v) the Assistant Director of Law and Governance be authorised, in consultation with the respective Chairmen, to make such changes as may be deemed necessary or expedient in connection with (iv) above.

COUNCIL COMMITTEES AND SUB-COMMITTEES AND CHAIRS AND VICE-CHAIRS THEREOF

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

5 Members (no more than one Member of Cabinet) plus 2 Co-opted Members

Councillor	N. MacKnight	Councillor	P. Wood
	Price		
	Stewart		Nicholson

Independent Members Mr. G.N. Cook and Mr. M. Knowles

Chair (Co-opted Member) Mr. G.N. Cook

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Chequer	Councillor	Hartnack
	Farthing		McKeith
	K. Johnston		P. Wood
	G. Miller		
	Stewart	Councillor	Haswell
	Tye		Potts
	Williams		
	Chair	Councillor G. Miller	
	Vice-Chair	Councillor Stewart	

SUNDERLAND HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

20 Members

Healthy City Portfolio Holder (Chair) – Councillor Chequer
Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City – Councillor F. Miller
Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder – Councillor Farthing
Opposition Member – Councillor McDonough

Council is requested to note the above-mentioned nominations are made by the Leader.

(Council Officers)

Chief Executive
Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods
Director of Children's Services and Chief Executive – Together for Children

(Representatives of external organisations)

Chief Officer – Clinical Commissioning Group – D Chandler
Chair of Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr. I. Pattison (Vice Chair)
Member of the Clinical Commissioning Group – Dr T. Lucas
Healthwatch representative – Dr J Dean
Chair – Sunderland Partnership – **Vacancy**
Chief Executive, South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust– K. Bremner
Executive Director of Commissioning and Quality Assurance, Northumberland Tyne & Wear NHS Foundation Trust – L. Quinn
University of Sunderland representative – Dr. Y. Graham
Chair – Sunderland Healthy Workplace Alliance – R Saelzer
Chair - Health and Care Executive -
Chair – All Together Better in interim until place-based provider alliance established
Safer Sunderland Partnership representative –

Note – The membership of the Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Board, as set out in Part 2, Article 12.02 of the Constitution, is amended to include the Chief Executive, Sunderland City Council, the Chair of the Health and Care Executive, the Chair of a place based provider alliance and a representative of the Safer Sunderland Partnership. Until the place-based provider alliance is established the position will be held by the Chair of All Together Better. The additional membership is to assist in strengthening the leadership capacity of the Board to secure effective joint working between the NHS, Local Authority and wider delivery partners to improve health outcomes. In addition, the Director of Public Health and the Chief Executive of the NHS Commissioning Board Local Area Team are removed from the Board membership. The Executive Director of Public Health and Joint Commissioning is the statutory Director of Public Health and is already a member of the Board. The NHS Commissioning Board Local Area Team has been disbanded. The changes in membership are reflected above.

Health and Social Care Integration Board

(Sub-Committee established under Article 12 of the Council's Constitution)

Local Authority:	Portfolio Holder for Healthy City, Executive Director of Corporate Services, Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Executive of Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning
Sunderland CCG:	Chair of CCG, Chief Officer, Audit Chair, Director of Commissioning, Planning and Reform, Head of Finance and Head of Reform and Joint Commissioning

SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

14 Members

Councillor	Butler Heron D. MacKnight N. MacKnight P. Smith D. Snowdon D.E. Snowdon Thornton	Councillor	Doyle Hartnack Peacock
		Councillor	Hodson O'Brien
		Councillor	Mann
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor D. MacKnight Councillor D.E. Snowdon	

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Butler Essl Heron N. MacKnight McClennan Speding M. Walker	Councillor	Burnicle Leadbitter McDonough
		Councillor	Haswell Potts
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor N. MacKnight Councillor Butler	

CHILDREN, EDUCATION AND SKILLS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members + 4 Co-Opted Members

Councillor	Dodds Mason-Gage Noble Samuels Scanlan P. Smith Tye	Councillor	Dunn S. Johnston McKeith
		Councillor	Crosby P.W.L. Gibson

Co-opted Members:-

1 Church of England diocese representative – Ms. J. Graham

1 Roman Catholic diocese representative – Ms. A. Blakey

Secondary and Special School Parent Governor representative – **Vacancy**

Primary School Parent Governor representative - **Vacancy**

Chair
Vice-Chair

Councillor P. Smith
Councillor McKeith

ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

12 Members

Councillor	Foster Laws Price Taylor Thornton D. Snowdon Warne	Councillor	Ali Dixon Greener
		Councillor	Edgeworth Fagan
Chair Vice-Chair		Councillor D. Snowdon Councillor Thornton	

STANDARDS COMMITTEE

8 Members (5:2:1:0)

Councillor	P. Gibson K. Johnston G. Miller Stewart Williams	Councillor	Hartnack P. Wood
		Councillor	Hodson

Co-Opted Members (non-voting):-

2 Members of Hetton Town Council nominated by the Town Council:-

Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis

Chair

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Councillor P. Gibson

Independent Person (not a member of the Committee):-

Mr D. Hall – Appointed at Council in September 2017 for a period of two years and an additional period of two years from 1 October 2019.

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS (EAST) COMMITTEE

(Comprising Barnes, Castle, Doxford, Fulwell, Hendon, Millfield, Pallion, Redhill, Ryhope, Sandhill, Silksworth, Southwick, St Anne's, St Chad's, St Michael's and St Peter's)

16 Members

Councillor	Butler Essl Foster E. Gibson Noble Scanlan P. Smith Stewart Wilson	Councillor	Dixon Doyle Peacock Reed
		Councillor	Hodson Morrissey
		Councillor	Bewick
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Butler Councillor Wilson	

PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS (WEST) COMMITTEE

(Comprising Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton, Shiney Row, Washington Central, Washington East, Washington North, Washington South and Washington West)

9 Members

Councillor	Lauchlan G. Miller Price Thornton Warne	Councillor	Blackett Donaghy
		Councillor	Fagan
		Councillor	Jenkins
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Thornton Councillor G. Miller	

LICENSING AND REGULATORY COMMITTEE

15 Members

Councillor	Dodds Fletcher P. Gibson Heron D. MacKnight D. Snowdon M. Walker Wilson	Councillor	Ali Hartnack Leadbitter S. Johnston
		Councillor	Crosby A. Wood
		Councillor	Mann
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor Fletcher Councillor M. Walker	

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEES

Panels of 3 Members from Licensing Committee – Rotation system to operate

HOMELESSNESS APPEALS PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	E. Gibson Mason-Gage G. Miller Noble Samuels Williams	Councillor	Dixon Donaghy
		Councillor	Nicholson A. Wood
	Chair	Councillor Williams	

EDUCATION COMPLAINTS PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	Farthing K. Johnston P. Smith Tye Williams Wilson	Councillor	Dunn McKeith
		Councillor	P.W.L. Gibson Nicholson

EDUCATION (APPOINTMENT OF GOVERNORS) PANEL

10 Members

Councillor	E. Gibson McClennan Noble Rowntree Scanlan Williams	Councillor	Hartnack McKeith
		Councillor	Nicholson G. Smith
	Chair	Councillor Williams	

APPEALS COMMITTEE

20 Members

Councillor	Blackburn Farthing Fletcher P. Gibson Heron D. MacKnight F. Miller G. Miller P. Smith Speding Stewart	Councillor	Blackett Dixon Hartnack McKeith Mullen
		Councillor	Edgeworth Haswell Potts
		Councillor	Mann

A Panel will comprise 3 Members, 2 majority and 1 opposition

JOINT CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE

8 Members (5:2:1:0)

Councillor	K. Johnston G. Miller Rowntree Stewart Williams	Councillor	Hartnack P. Wood
		Councillor	Haswell

* N.B. The position of Chair alternates annually with Trade Union Side.

CORPORATE PARENTING BOARD

7 Members

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (substitute Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills)		Councillors	Burnicle McKeith (Substitutes – Councillors Dunn and Hartnack)
Councillors	Blackburn P. Smith Tye (Substitutes – Councillors Dodds, Samuels and Laws)	Councillor	Crosby (Substitute – Councillor O'Brien)

1 Non-Voting Co-opted Member – A Non-Executive Director from Together for Children - Sunderland

Chair	Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder
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PORT BOARD

5 Members

Councillor	McClennan G. Miller Stewart	Councillor	P. Wood
		Councillor	G. Smith
	Chair Vice-Chair	Councillor G. Miller Councillor Stewart	

COALFIELD AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Copt Hill, Hetton, Houghton and Shiney Row)

Councillor	Blackburn Dodds Heron K. Johnston N. MacKnight Mason-Gage Price Rowntree D. Snowdon Speding Thornton Turner	
	Chair Vice Chair	Councillor Blackburn Councillor Heron

WEST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Barnes, Pallion, St. Anne's, St. Chad's, Sandhill and Silksworth)

Councillor

Blackett
Burnicle
Crosby
Dunn
Edgeworth
P. Gibson
Greener
Haswell
Mann
McDonough
Mullen
Nicholson
Noble
O'Brien
Peacock
G. Smith
P. Smith
Tye

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor P. Gibson
Councillor Haswell

EAST SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Doxford, Hendon, Millfield, Ryhope and St. Michael's)

Councillor

Ali
Bewick
Dixon
Essl
Fagan
E. Gibson
P.W.L. Gibson
Hodson
McClennan
Morrissey
Potts
Reed
Scanlan
A. Wood
P. Wood

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor E. Gibson
Councillor Dixon

NORTH SUNDERLAND AREA COMMITTEE

(Ward Councillors for Castle, Fulwell, Redhill, St. Peter's and Southwick)

Councillor

Butler

Chequer
Doyle
Foster
Hartnack
Howe
Jenkins
S. Johnston
Leadbitter
D. MacKnight
McKeith
Samuels
A. Smith
Stewart
Wilson

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor Wilson
Councillor Foster

WASHINGTON AREA COMMITTEE

**(Ward Councillors for Washington Central, Washington East,
Washington North, Washington South and Washington West)**

Councillor

Donaghy
Farthing
Fletcher
Lauchlan
Laws
F. Miller
G. Miller
D.E. Snowdon
Taylor
D. Trueman
H. Trueman
M. Walker
P. Walker
Warne
Williams

Chair
Vice Chair

Councillor Lauchlan
Councillor Laws

ITEM 10 - JOINT COMMITTEES, JOINT AUTHORITIES, OUTSIDE BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS

ACADEMY TRUSTS

Castle View Enterprise Academy – 2 Vacancies

ACTIVE SUNDERLAND BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

ADOPTION PANELS

Red Panel - Councillor McClennan

Green Panel – Councillor Dodds

ADVENTURE SUNDERLAND

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

AGE UK

Deputy Cabinet Member, Healthy City

AGED MERCHANT SEAMEN'S HOMES AND THE SUNDERLAND DISTRESSED MARINER'S FUND

Councillors McClennan and Scanlan

ALLIANCE (FORMERLY COALFIELD COMMUNITIES CAMPAIGN)

Councillors Speding and H. Trueman

ANEC LTD.

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – LEADERS' AND ELECTED MAYORS' GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – RESOURCES TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Leader of the Council

ANEC LTD. – NORTH EAST CULTURE PARTNERSHIP

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

BOWES RAILWAY COMPANY LIMITED

Councillor Warne

BRITISH RESORTS ASSOCIATION - POLICY COMMITTEE

Councillor Foster

CHANCE PROJECT

Councillor Scanlan

CHILDREN'S CENTRES/EARLY HELP LOCAL ADVISORY PARTNERSHIP BOARDS

Coalfield and Washington –Coalfield Area Committee representative, Councillor Heron (Substitute – Councillor Blackburn) and Washington Area Committee Representative, Councillor Laws (Substitute - Councillor Lauchlan)

Sunderland North & South –North Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor Foster (Substitute - Councillor Wilson), East Sunderland Area Committee Representative, Councillor E. Gibson (Substitute – Councillor Dixon) and West Area Committee Representative, Councillor P. Gibson (Substitute – Councillor Haswell)

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAU, WASHINGTON - MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillor H. Trueman

CO-OPERATIVE COUNCILS INNOVATION NETWORK

Cabinet Secretary

CUMBRIA, NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR NHS FOUNDATION TRUST COUNCIL OF GOVERNORS

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PARTNERSHIP

Cabinet Member for Healthy City

ELIZABETH DONNISON EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Councillors McClennan and Scanlan

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION UK

Deputy Leader of the Council and the Dynamic City Portfolio Holder, Councillors Samuels and Tye and the Assistant Director of Environmental Services – [Not on Committee]

FOSTERING PANELS

Orange Panel – Councillor Hartnack
Purple Panel - Councillor Samuels

FRIENDS OF SUNDERLAND MUSEUMS

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder
Substitute: Councillor McClennan

GENTOO GROUP LIMITED (this includes board membership of GENTOO HOMES)
(Nominations are made subject to the application of Gentoo's appointments process)

Councillor Noble and Tye

GREAT EPPLETON WIND FARM PANEL

Councillor Thornton

GREEN TERRACE PRIMARY SCHOOL TRUST

Councillors Essl and **2 Vacancies**

HETTON TOWN TRUST

Councillors Blackburn and Rowntree

HEALTH AND WELLBEING CHAIRS NETWORK

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

HEALTH SCRUTINY JOINT COMMITTEE BETWEEN SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Councillors Haswell, Heron, Leadbitter, McDonough, D. MacKnight, N. MacKnight and McClennan

HOUGHTON FEAST STEERING COMMITTEE

Councillors Blackburn, Heron, K. Johnston and Mason-Gage

HYLTON CASTLE TRUST

Councillors D. MacKnight and Wilson

INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK (IAMP) LLP

Leader of the Council (Substitute - Deputy Leader of the Council),
Chief Executive and the Executive Director of City Development

KEPIER ALMSHOUSES CHARITY
HOUGHTON LE SPRING RELIEF IN NEED CHARITY

Mrs. S. Wardle

KEY CITIES BOARD

Deputy Leader of the Council (with Leader of the Council as a substitute) and the
Chief Executive

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council, Cabinet Secretary

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION – SIGOMA

Cabinet Secretary

MAYOR’S FUND FOR NECESSITOUS CHILDREN

The Right Worshipful the Mayor for the time being
Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder
Deputy Cabinet Member for Children, Learning and Skills
Councillor Leadbitter

MILLFIELD/ST. MARK’S COMMUNITY PROGRAMME

Councillor Hodson

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNCILLORS

Councillors Heron, F. Miller and Mullen

NEWCASTLE AIRPORT LOCAL AUTHORITY HOLDING COMPANY LIMITED

Director	Leader of the Council
Alternate Director	Deputy Leader of the Council

NORTH EAST AUTOMOTIVE ALLIANCE

Chief Executive

NORTH EAST CHILD POVERTY COMMISSION

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

NORTH EAST COMBINED AUTHORITY (where appointments are made by NECA or the Joint Transport Committee, those bodies will have regard to the nominations made by the Council)

North East Leadership Board

Leader of the Council
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

Audit and Standards Committee

Cabinet Secretary
Substitute – Councillor Price

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Hartnack and D. MacKnight
Substitutes – Councillors Doyle and D.E. Snowdon

North East Joint Transport Committee

Deputy Leader of the Council (appointed by NECA)
Substitute – Leader of the Council (appointed by NECA)

North East Joint Transport (Tyne and Wear) Sub-Committee

Deputy Leader of the Council
Substitute – Leader of the Council

North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Councillors Councillor P. Walker and Williams
Substitutes – Councillors D. MacKnight and D.E. Snowdon

North East Joint Transport Audit Committee

Cabinet Secretary
Substitute – Councillor Williams

Economic Development and Digital Advisory Board to the North East Combined Authority

Leader of the Council
Substitute – Deputy Leader of the Council

NORTH EAST DISABILITIES RESOURCE CENTRE

Councillor McClennan

NORTH EAST JOINT HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Substitute: Chair of Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council – Observer to the Board appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD INNOVATION DELIVERY ADVISORY BOARD

Chief Executive of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD BUSINESS GROWTH ADVISORY BOARD

Leader of the Council – appointed by NECA

NORTH EAST MIGRATION NETWORK CORE STRATEGIC GROUP

Dynamic City Portfolio Holder (appointed by ANEC Ltd.)

NORTH EAST REGIONAL ARTS COUNCIL

Tyne and Wear vacancy to be nominated by ANEC Ltd.

NORTH EAST REGIONAL EMPLOYERS' ORGANISATION

Councillors Farthing, G. Miller*, Rowntree and Williams

* Member of the Executive Committee

NORTH EASTERN INSHORE FISHERIES AND CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

Councillor Stewart

NORTH REGIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR SENSORY SUPPORT

General Council – Councillors F. Miller* and Samuels

* Also a Member of the Executive Committee

NORTHERN HOUSING CONSORTIUM LIMITED

Dynamic City Portfolio Holder
and Deputy Cabinet Member for Dynamic City

NORTHERN REGIONAL BRASS BAND TRUST

Councillor Warne

NORTHUMBERLAND, TYNE AND WEAR AND NORTH DURHAM STP JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Councillors McDonough, D. MacKnight and N. MacKnight

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

Cabinet Secretary and Councillor D. MacKnight
Substitutes – Deputy Leader of the Council and Councillor Fletcher

NORTHUMBRIA REGIONAL FLOOD AND COASTAL COMMITTEE (Four Year Term commencing 1 June 2021 to 31 May 2025)

Councillor Peacock
Substitute – Councillor Edgeworth

PALLION ACTION GROUP

Councillor Mann

PARKER MEMORIAL HOME / PARKER TRUST CIO

Current Trustees:-

Ms P Dyball, Mr I. Galbraith, Ms S. Rackstraw, Councillor A. Smith and Ms A. Solomon (for a four year term until 19 June 2023)

In order to demonstrate operational independence from the Council, the number of trustees who are “associated persons” with the Council, should be less than 20% of the total membership. “Associated persons” includes individuals who have been members of a local authority in the previous 4 years, which therefore includes the current trustees, Mr. I. Galbraith (up until 6 May 2023) and the newly appointed Councillor A. Smith.

At the meeting of the Council held on 19 June 2019, the Assistant Director of Community Resilience was authorised to conduct a further recruitment process, with a view to the proportion of independent trustees being increased in due course.

Due to the pandemic the recruitment process was delayed however following recent interviews, the following applicants are recommended to the Council for appointment to the Trust for a four year term:-

Suzanne Preece – a local resident, was a local business owner on St Luke’s Terrace and she is now working on the COVID-19 helpline

Tony Preece – a local resident who has volunteered during the COVID-19 pandemic delivering food and activity packs. He also currently works as a landscape gardener.

Hazel Cox – who works as a job coach, qualified youth worker and Tutor at Pallion Action Group.

All three applicants have current Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) checks in place.

The proposed term of office would be up to 19 May 2025.

It is also proposed that the Assistant Director of Community Resilience be authorised to carry out further recruitment processes as necessary with a view to increasing the proportion of independent Trustees.

ROKER REGATTA COMBINED CLUBS COMMITTEE

Councillors Foster and Stewart

SAMUEL DOBSON TRUST

Councillors Blackburn, Heron, K. Johnston, Rowntree, Speding and Turner

Chair – Councillor Blackburn

**SIGLION LLP, SIGLION INVESTMENTS LLP, SIGLION DEVELOPMENTS LLP,
SIGLION NOMINEE LTD, SIGLION NEWCO LTD, POTTERS HILL
MANAGEMENT COMPANY LTD, VAUX MANAGEMENT COMPANY LIMITED**

Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader of the Council and Chief Executive

SOUTH TYNESIDE AND SUNDERLAND NHS FOUNDATION TRUST

Deputy Cabinet Member for Healthy City

STANDING ADVISORY COUNCIL ON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Councillors Dodds, Farthing, McKeith, Samuels and P. Smith

Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education Agreed Syllabus Conference

Councillors Dodds, Farthing, McKeith, Samuels and P. Smith

ST. LUKE'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PROJECT

Councillor Nicholson

ST. PETER'S CHURCH BAKEHOUSE CAFÉ

Councillor McKeith

SUNDERLAND AFC FOUNDATION PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Leader of the Council, Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder,
Cabinet Secretary, Chief Executive, Executive Director of City Development and
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

SUNDERLAND BOYS INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL FUND

Councillors D. MacKnight, McClennan and Scanlan

SUNDERLAND BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT

Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council

SUNDERLAND CARE AND SUPPORT (HOLDING COMPANY) LIMITED

Councillors Fletcher, Thornton and Williams together with the Assistant Director of
Adult Social Care and Chief Finance Officer of the Company

SUNDERLAND CLINICAL COMMISSIONING GROUP'S GOVERNING BODY

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

Primary Care Co-Commissioning Sub-Committee

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

SUNDERLAND COMMON PURPOSE

Councillor Samuels

SUNDERLAND CULTURE LIMITED

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder and Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

SUNDERLAND EMPIRE THEATRE TRUST

Councillor Williams (for a three year period to 19 May 2024) and the Assistant Director of Finance (to 28 March 2023)

SUNDERLAND AND NORTH DURHAM ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Councillors Butler and Scanlan

SUNDERLAND FOOTBALL TRUST BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND FUTURES PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND HOMES LIMITED

Notification received from Companies House that this Company is dissolved with effect from 18 May 2021

SUNDERLAND LIFESTYLE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder and the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

SUNDERLAND ORPHANAGE AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

Councillors Dixon, D. Snowdon, Speding and Thornton

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP EXECUTIVE BOARD

Chief Executive

SUNDERLAND PARTNERSHIP NON-EXECUTIVE BOARD

Leader of the Council

Safer Sunderland Partnership

Leader of the Council
Cabinet Member for Healthy City
Executive Director of Neighbourhoods
Executive Director of Public Health and Integrated Commissioning
Director of Children's Services – Chief Executive of Together for Children
Assistant Director of Community Resilience
Assistant Director of Adult Services
Head of Adult Social Care

Local Multi Agency Problem Solving (LMAPS)

Coalfield – Councillor Blackburn

East Sunderland – Councillors Dixon and Scanlan

North Sunderland – Councillor Wilson

Washington – Councillor F. Miller

West Sunderland – Councillor Tye

Dynamic City Board

Executive Director of City Development

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING ADULTS BOARD

Healthy City Portfolio Holder

SUNDERLAND SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN PARTNERSHIP (SSCP)

Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder

TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN – SUNDERLAND

Executive Directors

Chief Executive of Together for Children

Director of Corporate and Commercial Services (TfC)

Director of Finance (TfC)

Non-Executive Directors

Mr D. Gallagher (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)

Ms D. Exley (term of office from 20 November 2019 to 20 November 2022)

Ms C. Hearne (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)

Mr S. Mason (term of office from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2023)

Assistant Director of Corporate Affairs, Sunderland City Council

Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration, Sunderland City Council

* Chair of the Board - Mr P. Moffat – appointed by the Department for Education

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH BOARD

Deputy Leader of the Council – appointed as the Deputy Representative by the North East Combined Authority

TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Representative to be appointed by the North East Combined Authority

TRIPLETT CHARITY

Councillors Fletcher, F. Miller and D.E. Snowdon

TYNE AND WEAR ANTI FASCIST ASSOCIATION

Councillor Essl - non-voting

TYNE & WEAR AUTISTIC SOCIETY

Executive Director of Neighbourhoods

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Councillors Doyle, Samuels, Taylor and Warne

TYNE AND WEAR LOCAL ACCESS FORUM

Councillor F. Miller

TYNE AND WEAR PENSION FUND

Councillor Heron

Substitute – Councillor Price

UNIVERSITY OF SUNDERLAND: BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Deputy Leader of the Council

VICTORIA HOUSE CHARITY

Councillor Leadbitter, Stewart and Turner

WASHINGTON SPORTS TRUST

Vibrant City Portfolio Holder,
Councillors Fletcher, Laws, G. Miller and P. Walker

WEAR WATER SPORTS CLUBS ASSOCIATION

Councillor Wilson

WOODCOCK AND BOWES CHARITY

Councillor Heron and Thornton

WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION DISTRICT COMMITTEE

Councillor D.E. Snowdon

WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION HEALTHY CITIES NETWORK

Healthy City Portfolio Holder
Substitute – Deputy Healthy City Portfolio Holder

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS (IN RECEIPT OF GRANT AID EXCEEDING £500 P.A.), LOCAL AUTHORITY REPRESENTATIVES

(i)	Community Associations	Councillor(s)
	Broadway Youth and Community Centre	Dunn
	Columbia C.A.	D.E. Snowdon
	Deptford and Millfield C.A.	Hodson
	Doxford Park C.A.	E. Gibson
	Easington Lane Community Access Point	Rowntree
	Fulwell C.A.	Doyle
	Grangetown C.A.	Dixon
	Houghton Racecourse C.A.	Dodds
	Pennywell Community Centre	Noble
	Penshaw C.A.	Speding
	Ryhope C.A.	Essl
	Southwick C.A.	Samuels
	Springwell Community Venture	Warne
	St. Matthew's C.A., Newbottle	N. MacKnight

Governors of Schools/Colleges

To note the appointment of Governors as set out below. Those highlighted in bold have been made by the Education (Appointment of Governors) Panel. The other governorships are those positions of which Governance Services are aware which are held by the individual Councillors in a capacity other than as a nominee of the Council. Any additions to this list may be notified to Governance Services and the on-line list will be updated.

Cllr. J. Blackburn	Hetton Primary
Cllr. M. Butler	Southwick Primary School (parent governor)
Cllr. K. Chequer	Southwick Primary School
Cllr. J. Doyle	Fulwell Junior School
Cllr. M.P. Essl	Plains Farm Academy
Cllr. L. Farthing	Rickleton Primary
Cllr. E. Gibson	Mill Hill Nursery, Mill Hill Primary
Cllr. H. Greener	Plains Farm Academy
Cllr. M. Hartnack	Fulwell Junior School, Grange Park Primary School
Cllr. K. Johnston	Houghton Community Nursery
Cllr. L. Lauchlan	Biddick Primary
Cllr. D. MacKnight	Hylton Castle Primary
Cllr. N. MacKnight	Aim High Academy Trust (Director)
Cllr. F. Miller	George Washington Primary
Cllr. G. Miller	Oak Learning Trust (Director)
Cllr. C. Rowntree	Virtual School
Cllr. G. Smith	Diamond Hall Junior Academy
Cllr. D. Snowdon	Barmston Village Primary
Cllr. D.E. Snowdon	John F Kennedy Primary , Biddick Academy
Cllr. M. Speding	Shiney Row Primary
Cllr. P. Stewart	Willow Fields Primary (Co-opted Governor)
Cllr. M. Thornton	Eppleton Academy Primary School
Cllr. H. Trueman	Columbia Grange
Cllr. D. Turner	Hetton Lyons Nursery

Cllr. P.M. Tye	New Silksworth Academy
Cllr. P. Walker	Albany Village Primary,
Cllr. L. Williams	Lambton Primary, Oxclose Community Academy, Discover Learning Trust (Trustee)
Cllr. P. Wood	St. Aidan's Academy
Cllr. L. Farthing, Children, Learning and Skills Portfolio Holder (appointed by Sunderland College)	Sunderland College – Board of Corporation
S. Mitchell, Assistant Director of Community Resilience	Beacon of Light Free School Trust (Director)

REPRESENTATIVES ON BODIES ESTABLISHED UNDER JOINT ARRANGEMENTS

To note the under mentioned appointments made by the Leader

COLLABORATIVE PROCUREMENT SUB-COMMITTEE OF ASSOCIATION OF NORTH EAST COUNCILS (ANEC)

Cabinet Secretary

SOUTH TYNE AND WEAR WASTE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIP JOINT EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Deputy Leader of the Council
Councillor Farthing
Substitute – Councillor K. Johnston

PATROL (PARKING AND TRAFFIC REGULATIONS OUTSIDE LONDON) ADJUDICATION JOINT COMMITTEE

Deputy Leader of the Council

TYNE AND WEAR TRADING STANDARDS JOINT COMMITTEE

Deputy Leader of the Council, Deputy Cabinet Member for Vibrant City
and Councillors Fletcher and Heron
Substitutes – Councillors P. Gibson, D. MacKnight, D. Snowdon and M. Walker

Additional Recommendation

Council agreed that:

Where an appointment to a position on a committee or external body is to be made in accordance with

- (a) the rules regarding political proportionality or
- (b) a decision of Council that the position be filled by a member of a particular political group,

and the nominee for the position concerned has not been notified to Annual Council for appointment, the relevant group leader, or their representative, may notify the Assistant Director of Law and Governance of their nominee within three weeks of the date of the Annual Council Meeting and the Assistant Director of Law and Governance will make the appointment and notify Council members accordingly.

In addition, should any external organisation inform the Council that any Council representative(s) must be from a particular political group in order to comply with that organisation's constitution or other governing document, or, should any notification be received that a nominated member is ineligible for appointment under the organisation's constitution or governing document, the Assistant Director of Law and Governance is authorised to make any necessary changes to appointments, in accordance with notification(s) received from the relevant group leader(s) or their representatives and notify Council members accordingly.

ITEM 11 - UPDATE TO THE CONSTITUTION

PART 2, ARTICLE 12.02 AND PART 4, SECTION 6, PARAGRAPH 3

In addition to the changes to the membership of the Health and Wellbeing Board set out in the Committee Lists report, it is agreed that Paragraph 3 of the Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference and Procedure Rules is updated to reflect the current role of the Board in overseeing the delivery of the Healthy City Plan. (The changes are to the bullet points on how the Board fulfils its responsibilities.)

Accordingly, it is agreed that in addition to the change to Article 12.02, Paragraph 3 of Part 4, Section 6 is amended to appear as set out below:

“Sunderland Health and Wellbeing Board additional locally agreed functions

In addition to the statutory functions outlined above the Board is one of three main city-wide delivery vehicles that drive the three main strands of the Sunderland City Plan (Dynamic, Healthy, and Vibrant Smart City).

The Board will oversee the delivery of the ‘Healthy Smart City’ key theme of Sunderland’s City Plan (although accountability for the delivery of the overarching City Plan will be with the Sunderland Partnership Board). These responsibilities include:

- a. Everyone will have access to the same opportunities and life chances no matter where they are born or live*
- b. More people living healthier longer lives*
- c. More people living independently*
- d. Cleaner and more attractive city and neighbourhoods*
- e. A city with great transport links where it is easier to walk, cycle and access public transport*

In fulfilling these responsibilities, the Board will:

- Be assured of place-based arrangements.*
- Provide the leadership to ensure effective partnership working to deliver the ambitions of the Healthy City Plan (the JHWS) and reduce health inequalities.*
- Understand ‘lived experiences’ and use this insight to champion and advocate for tackling health inequalities through assets-based approaches.*
- Delegate accountability for the implementation plan workstreams to responsible groups and ensure governance arrangements are in place for all activity. Receive regular updates on the Healthy City Plan workstreams, monitor their workplans and performance.*
- Have oversight of the appropriate elements of the Sunderland Covid-19 Health Inequalities Strategy and take every opportunity to mitigate the impact that Covid-19 has had on our communities.*
- Be assured that activity being delivered through the Vibrant Smart City and Dynamic Smart City elements of the City Plan are maximizing opportunities to reduce health inequalities and address the social determinants of health, provide challenge and support where appropriate.*
- Ensure that the work of the Board promotes a positive image of the city.”*

(Signed) H. TRUEMAN,
Mayor.

Area Arrangements Annual Report 2020/21

AREA ARRANGEMENTS ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOODS****1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present the combined Area Committee Annual Report which summarises the work of the five Area Committees during 2020/21.

2. Background Information

- 2.1 This is the tenth year that all Area Committee reports have been brought together into one combined report and presented to Full Council.
- 2.2 The Annual Report provides an overview of the work undertaken by the five Area Committees throughout 2020/21. It provides details of where the Members, through Area Committees and the supporting Neighbourhoods and Community Boards, have influenced local service delivery, and delivered a range of other activities and projects to meet the agreed neighbourhood priorities as set out within their Area Neighbourhood Investment Plan, for the benefit of residents and communities.
- 2.3 The report demonstrates how the Area Arrangements process is integral to supporting local councillors in their role as community leaders and how Area Committees continue to meet challenges and take forward opportunities to meet the needs of the local people and to develop more resilient, stronger communities. As we commenced 2020, no-one could have anticipated the impact the Coronavirus (COVID-19) would have across the world. The COVID-19 pandemic is like no other ever experienced in our lifetime.
- 2.4 Elected Members, alongside officers from across the Council, key partners and our Voluntary and Community Sector quickly and pragmatically established Area Community Hubs. These hubs coordinated supported to our residents, ringing them to check on their welfare if they were shielded, knocking on their door if we were unable to contact them by phone. A leaflet was posted through the letter box of every household, advising residents how to ask for help and also how to offer their help and support.
- 2.5 Area Committees were kept up to date on delivery of the Community Hubs via a weekly briefing. The weekly performance monitoring enabled the Area Committees and Area Arrangements service to ensure it was supporting residents most in need and mobilising resources as required. The partnership working within the community hubs between the Council, Voluntary and Community Sector Area Networks, GP Alliance, Sunderland Care and Support, Together for Children, Sunderland CCG, Sunderland Public Health, Gentoo, Northumbria Police, Pharmacy network and Foodbanks and Welfare Rights,

enabled each of the partners to maximise their resources efficiently for the benefit of all residents.

3. Operation of the Area Committees

- 3.1 The Area Committees are appointed by the Council to ensure improved service delivery at a neighbourhood level in the context of value for money and more efficient, transparent and accountable decision making. They deliver this role through:

(a Identifying the main priorities for the improvement of a neighbourhood, based on resident consultation which has informed the Neighbourhood Investment Plans and subsequent Area Committee Delivery Plans;

(b Actively encouraging local residents to become involved in decision making on matters that affect them, such as through Let's Talk consultation;

(c Working in partnership to develop efficient and effective solutions to city-wide issues as well as supporting neighbourhood priorities.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 During 2020/21 the Area Committees have been involved in shaping and delivering a wide range of activities against key priorities to meet the needs of local communities and neighbourhoods. During 2021/22 Area Committees will continue to work hard to deliver the priorities within the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, as requested by the residents of Sunderland.
- 4.2 The Annual Report should be viewed as a collaborative achievement of work. All five Area Committees would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the outcomes achieved this year, particularly our voluntary and community sector.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Members are asked to consider the achievements and impact of the work of the Area Committees and their supporting Neighbourhood and Community Board during 2020/21 as outlined in the Annual Report.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Area Committee Annual Report for 2020/21.

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Annual Report of the Area Committees

2020-21

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Foreword



Councillor Linda Williams
Cabinet member for Vibrant City

As Sunderland City Council's Cabinet member for Vibrant City, I am incredibly proud to present the Annual Report of Area Committees for 2020-21. This report is produced specifically to highlight the combined achievements of the Area Committees and partners and to demonstrate the remarkable joint working which has taken place over the past year.

In 2019 Sunderland launched its Let's Talk Sunderland resident engagement campaign, and engaged with residents of all ages across all neighbourhoods in the city, to obtain their views on what they liked about their neighbourhood, what they would change/improve and how they would like to be involved in the future. The response was outstanding and the feedback was used to develop the Neighbourhood Investment Plans, for each of the five Area Committees, which were approved by the council's Cabinet in March 2020.

As we commenced 2020, no-one could have anticipated the impact the Coronavirus (Covid-19) would have across the world. The Covid-19 pandemic is like no other ever experienced in our lifetime, and this

crisis meant that some of the plans of Area Committees had to be re-prioritised with the emphasis being on supporting communities and ensuring residents were safe and protected. Sunderland residents and groups came together very quickly to work with the Area Committees and their partners, and still continue to come together as they always do during a crisis.

I would like to give my thanks and gratitude to the local Voluntary and Community Sector organisations and all partners in each of the areas, who have supported the work of the Area Committees. Area Committees are proud to support these groups and see the outstanding achievements they have delivered. People are delivering services and support in very difficult circumstances to ensure local residents have access to what they need. Volunteers have played a great part in the services offered, showing resilience and determination to help one another through difficult times.

Sunderland City Council continues to support the Voluntary and Community Sector across Sunderland, through the established five Area VCS networks, which are linked directly with each of the Area Committees. In the last 12 months, support to the sector includes:

- A Local Support Scheme to support our VCS during the pandemic, supporting 164 organisations, charities, sports clubs and groups with **£409,560** funding
- VCS Covid Community Hubs have received **£75,000** to-date to coordinate volunteers and deliver much needed one-one support to our isolated residents

- Funding of **£77,712** was allocated to our VCS organisations to deliver Christmas support and activities. Over 40 organisations supported 2,293 families and 1,602 adults across the City, distributing 1,672 hampers 1,506 hot meals and afternoon teas
- A Winter Covid Support fund of over **£52,000** was made available to support adults identified as socially isolated or lonely
- **£250,000** to our VCS to deliver Mental Health and Wellbeing Support across the city.

The above is in addition to many other projects and activities provided by local groups and funded by Area Committees as part of their individual Neighbourhood Investment Plan. Some of these activities and achievements are highlighted in each of the area sections of this report.

As the Coronavirus vaccine programme rolls out across the city, we can start to hope and think ahead for how Sunderland now prepares for life after the Coronavirus. The Area Committees continue to speak with residents, particularly those who have been most vulnerable during the pandemic, to understand their needs and to ensure our delivery plans meet those needs at a neighbourhood level, to re-build Sunderland's resilient communities for the future.

Area Arrangements in Sunderland

As a Community Leadership Council, Sunderland Councillors are placed at the centre of decision making, with residents and communities at the heart of the decisions at a local level. The reality of Community Leadership at work is practiced through Area Arrangements and the work of the Area Committees with their supporting Neighbourhood and Communities Boards. The Area Committees are comprised of all Elected Members from the Area's wards and work closely with council officers, service delivery partners and members from the Area Voluntary and Community Sector Network (VCSN).

The role of the Area Committee is to:

- Identify the main priorities that reflect the biggest need in the area
- Monitor the quality and effectiveness of services delivered by the council and other main providers in the area
- Develop efficient and effective solutions to local area priorities as well as supporting city-wide issues
- Encourage local residents to become involved in decision making on matters which affect them.

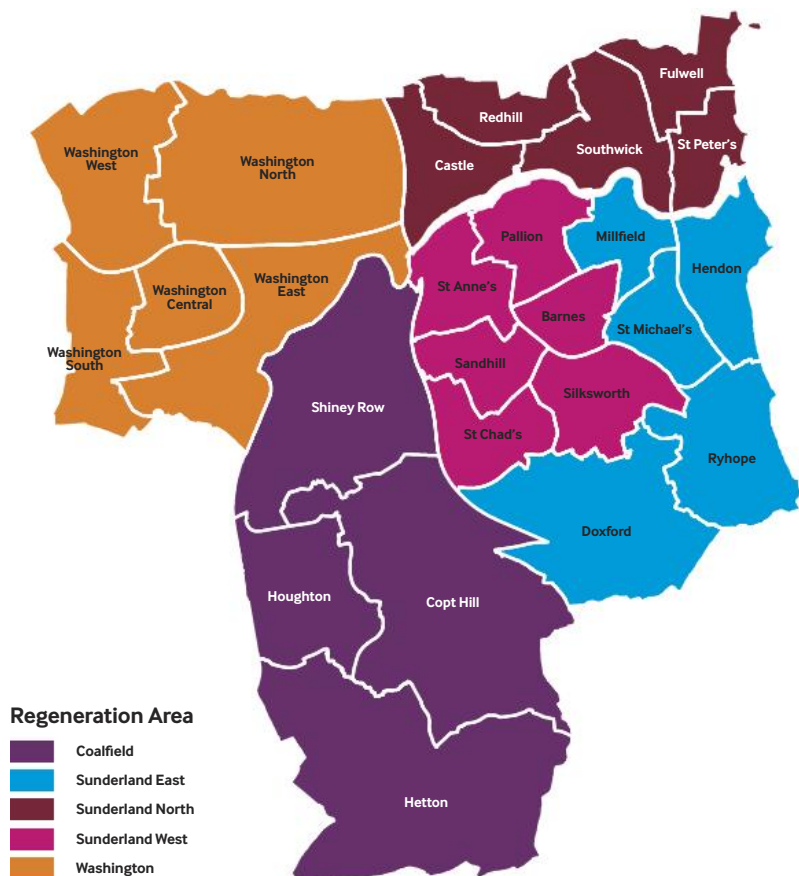
They do this in many ways one of which is providing funding to take forward projects that deliver their identified priorities. Each of the Area Committees hold delegated budgets in the form of the Neighbourhood Fund (NF), Neighbourhood Investment Capital programme (NIC) and Community Chest. These budgets are allocated to support projects and

initiatives that can demonstrate their work will support delivery of the areas identified priorities. The focus of this locally delegated funding is as follows

- Developing community capacity in localities, often involving volunteering to make things happen
- Funding 'one off' projects where work would not otherwise be taken forward
- Acting as a catalyst to lever funding from other sources
- Implementing specific local actions to deliver priorities

- Supporting council departments and partners to improve their services to the local community.

This year, in particular, has been challenging for everyone involved in Area Committees. Priorities have changed, and Area Committee focus has changed and adapted to meet the requirements and needs of each local community. The commitment and direction from all Elected Members, Officers and Partners is demonstrated in the outcomes and achievements highlighted in the individual area chapters. A flavour of local projects that are making a real difference in local communities can be found throughout this Annual





Councillor James Blackburn, Coalfield Area Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on the past year and on the challenges which the Covid 19 pandemic has brought.

The plans set out by Coalfield Area Committee at the start of 2020-21 were severely impacted by the pandemic and changed the way that Councillors, partners and community groups have operated their support and services.

The priority across our neighbourhoods has been to pull together to support each other to stay safe and protect

communities, whilst delivering essential services.

I want to offer thanks to all the key workers, my fellow Councillors, partners and volunteers who have supported our Coalfield residents. Within days all were galvanised to create the Coalfield Community Hub, which has provided a tremendous amount of support to local residents. Ordinary people have carried out extra ordinary things, by helping each other out and volunteering

In addition to all of this, and despite the challenges and restrictions, actions from the Coalfield work plan have been delivered. Officers and partner organisations have found alternative ways to deliver these priorities and services for the benefit of the community. I am proud to present this Annual Report for the Coalfield Area which outlines some of the key achievements, despite the many difficulties faced by our neighbourhoods and communities.



Cllr James Blackburn
Chair of Coalfield Area Committee

Coalfield Area Committee

Coalfield Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Improve housing and neighbourhoods
- Improve the physical and natural environment, and local greenspaces
- Increase access and improve support to digital resources
- Support local shopping centres and businesses
- Improve access to education and employment opportunities
- Reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing
- Invest in local voluntary and community sector organisations/assets
- Support young people and provide positive activities and opportunities
- Preserve and celebrate heritage

Key highlights

From our 2019-20 and 2020-21 allocated budgets, we approved over **£495,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£39,700 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 27 community projects including afternoon tea, football kits, outdoor sports equipment and garden renovations. The average grant was **£1,470**

£40,000 was approved for four secondary schools to deliver a Laptop loan scheme for pupils from the local area. Each school will identify pupils resident in the Coalfield area who would most benefit from the use of a laptop or device to support their learning at home

£34,200 awarded to implement a Vehicle Activated Sign programme in each ward. Signs are deployed on a rotational basis in locations where speeding has been identified as an issue

£50,000 allocated towards the development of an iconic Mining statue to be located at the gateway to the proposed new retail development at Houghton le Spring

£97,000 approved to deliver a 2 year Youth Support project providing activities, clubs and support to young people across the Coalfield area. An outreach service to target specific areas will also be delivered

£50,000 to provide a range of projects to promote and celebrate the historic Stephenson Trail. Activities and improvements taking in a wide range of subjects such as environment, education, heritage and health will be developed

£100,000 has been allocated for environmental works in Rectory Park, Houghton le Spring. Improvements will include, for example, new bins and improved signage

£20,000 approved to develop and deliver 'Love Where You Live' and 'Bloom' activity including new planters at Easington Lane to celebrate 100 years since the Memorial Clock was built, and barrier troughs at Shiney Row shopping area

Year in numbers

83 

older or vulnerable adults were given 1-2-1 'doorstep' visits to reduce isolation

1,322 

children aged between 7–11 engaged in environmental education sessions

4 

schools were awarded funding to purchase devices to loan to pupils to learn at home

500 

Hot lunches and afternoon teas (including Christmas lunch) were delivered to older or vulnerable people

167 

volunteers registered to support local people during lockdown or shielding

114 

families were supported with gifts, selection boxes and luxury food items over Christmas

234 

children were provided with Christmas gifts and treats

90 

people were given one to one advice and support to apply for and manage Universal Credit

185 

Weekly or fortnightly befriending calls were made to people who were lonely or isolated

144 

wellbeing sessions encompassing a variety of creative activities with free counselling, mindfulness and meditation were delivered

149 

Face to face holiday activities using a variety of methods were delivered to young people during the summer

120 

IT support was provided to residents, by telephone and in person

Year in images





Councillor Elizabeth Gibson, East Area Chair

As Chair of the East Area Committee, I am proud to present this Annual Report which highlights the key achievements delivered in partnership with groups and organisations from across the East area, over the past year.

When we carried out consultation via the Let's Talk Sunderland campaign, we could not have known that plans we put in place would be changed so drastically by the Covid 19 pandemic which has impacted all sectors of our community.

I want to offer thanks to my fellow Councillors, partners, local groups and volunteers who came together to give help in whatever way they were able to ensure that residents of the area were given access to support and care in the community.

The East VCS Network, and a number of East Area Committee funded projects, became galvanised within days after the lock down was declared and transformed their services ensuring they continued to support those in need from across the

area. Without their involvement more people would have suffered.

In spite of the challenges outlined above, new projects have been developed, and action has been taken, to deliver the priorities and actions outlined by Area Committee at the beginning of the year. This report contains just a snapshot of the key outcomes and achievements.



Cllr Elizabeth Gibson
Chair of East Area Committee

East Area Committee

East Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Tackle empty properties
- Review derelict land
- More affordable new homes
- Love Where You Live
- More enforcement
- Invest in Highways
- Invest in Parks
- Community Cohesion
- Support the voluntary and community sector
- Volunteer platform
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Reduce the fear of crime
- Preserve heritage

Key highlights

From our 2019-20 and 2020-21 allocated budgets, we approved over **£930,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are::

£48,070 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 43 community projects including youth activities, repairs and improvements. The average grant was **£1,100**

£75,000 was awarded to deliver the Walk and Talk Programme. The grant was split equally across the five wards, enabling local Councillors to work with residents to find solutions towards historical neighbourhood issues

£49,900 was awarded to ten VCS Groups to deliver the Community Connectors programme, for its fifth consecutive year, which focuses on reducing social isolation across all age groups and encourages people to volunteer in their local community

£99,250 was awarded to a Partnership made up of six VCS Groups to deliver the Go! Get Online programme, which supports community buildings to open up and provide access to WiFi and IT equipment by offering 1-2-1 support to build digital skills and confidence levels

£95,913 was awarded to six VCS Groups to deliver the Street and Park Rangers programme. The programme delivers three elements: working alongside Local Services to improve the cleansing and ground maintenance of the Area; working alongside Environmental Enforcement Team to tackle environmental crime i.e. fly tipping, and working alongside the public to deliver a series of Task Days and litter picks to Love Where you Live

£214,800 was awarded to the Highway's Task Group, made up of Highway Engineers and Local Councillors to identify speeding hotspots and agree the best way forward to reducing dangerous driving by installing speed bumps, tables and give way signs at several locations

£205,886 was awarded to carry out a series of enhancements in Burn, Backhouse, Doxford, Barley Mow and Ryhope Recreation Parks, which includes new bins, benches, paths, signage, etc

16,500 was awarded to a local charity to enable them to transform an un-used car park into a place where children and young people could play safely in a built-up neighbourhood

Year in numbers

3,000 

volunteers involved in area activities

552 

environmental days of
action delivered

165 

litter picks carried out

95 

tonnes of waste removed
off the streets

48 

new bins and benches installed to
improve your local parks

123 

holiday hunger sessions delivered
to families in poverty during the
school holidays

995 

children and young people received
a meal and accessed activities that
were educational and fun throughout
the school holidays

11 

ICT community hubs opened up
providing the public with access to
free WiFi and digital equipment

600 

people supported to GO! Get Online
to reduce the digital divide

2,133 

people supported to connect
to their community and reduce
social isolation

10K 

m² of potholes in roads resurfaced

232 

members of the East VCS
Area Network

Year in images





Councillor Denny Wilson, North Area Chair

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce the 2020-21 North Sunderland Annual Report, highlighting some of the activities and achievements delivered in what has been a very challenging year for everyone.

North Area Committee set out their work plan at the beginning of the year, based on a large scale consultation and evidence collected over the previous months.

The Covid 19 pandemic brought about more pressing needs in the community and meant that we all had to

change our focus and pull together to ensure residents were safe and cared for, especially the most vulnerable in the community.

The amount of support and dedication shown by local community and voluntary groups who formed the North Community Hub cannot be underestimated, and my gratitude goes to North Area Councillors, partners and officers who worked with the voluntary sector, coming together to pool resources and share skills.

Although the focus and priorities changed as a result of the pandemic, North Area Committee and partners have continued to deliver the work plan set out at the start of the year, albeit in a different way with methods of delivery and activity being adapted to meet the challenges and restrictions placed upon us. I am proud to present just some of the key achievements delivered.



Cllr Denny Wilson
Chair of North Area Committee

North Area Committee

North Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Tackle empty properties
- Derelict land
- Affordable homes
- Love Where You Live
- Transport routes and parking
- Highways, pavements and street lighting
- Parks, play, cycle and walking routes
- Social prescribing
- Support voluntary and community sector
- Support youth clubs and spaces for young people to be together and feel safe
- Volunteer platform
- Support communities to deliver local events
- Improve CCTV and enforcement
- Promote heritage assets and deliver heritage activities
- Preserve and celebrate local heritage

Key highlights

From our 2019-20 and 2020-21 allocated budgets, we approved over **£760,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£49,840 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 28 community projects including devices for learning, reading area, CCTV and community garden. The average grant was **£1,780**

£28,977 was approved for the delivery of Phase 1 of the Southwick Green Regeneration which has led to the installation of new memorial benches, removal of shrubbery, removal of dead trees and planting of new, refurbishment of the monument, railings painted and wildflower and bulb planting

£40,000 awarded to implement a Vehicle Activated Sign programme in each ward. Signs are deployed on a rotational basis in locations where speeding has been identified as an issue

£35,000 awarded for the delivery of school holiday activity for young people across Sunderland North

Over **£34,000** awarded to community groups to deliver Health Action Projects

£110,000 was approved for the delivery of a North Area Enforcement and CCTV project which has seen additional CCTV deployed across Sunderland North and an additional Enforcement Officer in post dedicated to the North area to carry out enforcement, education, advice and support and supporting communities and community groups in promoting a sense of environmental responsibility

£18,250 awarded to Fulwell Community Library for the Raising the Roof project to support the roof refurbishment and installation of solar panels thereby ensuring a vital community resource can continue to offer a wide range of services and activities

£100,000 awarded to support the refurbishment of the former Downhill School into a Youth and Community Hub in order to deliver additional services and activities to the local community

£200,000 in place to significantly increase CCTV provision in Sunderland North to include 4g Panoramic Cameras, HD Cameras with Blue Light and Speech Units and enforcement cameras

Year in numbers

63 

Environmental Investigations
carried out

249 

Section 46 notices served regarding
misrepresentation of waste

20 

Fixed Penalty Notices (FPN)
issues for littering

29 

FPN notices issued for dogs not on
leads in prohibited zones and allowing
dogs into prohibited zones

7 

Fly tipping fines issued

254 

Volunteers registered to support local
people during lockdown or shielding

365 

Families received Activity
Packs and Support

666 

Young people benefitted from youth
activities via online provision and
within centres

10 

Vehicle activated signs installed
across Sunderland North

124 

People accessed the
On Your Bike Project

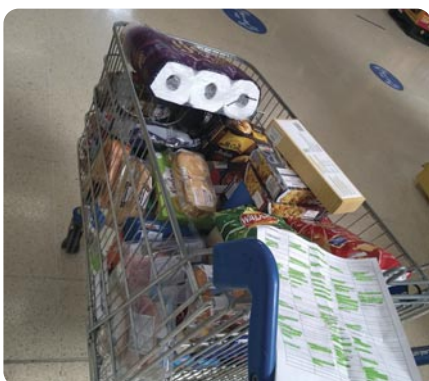
18 

Disabled young people supported at
sessions delivered by Grace House

30 

Individuals engaged with a
supported gardening and
environment project

Year in images





Councillor Len Lauchlan, Washington Area Chair

As Chair of the Washington Area Committee, I would like to highlight some of the key areas of work delivered over the last year.

The Area Committee agreed their workplan following extensive research and consultation amongst all communities and neighbourhoods across the area, but could not have known how much their priorities would be changed as a result of the Covid 19 pandemic which hit us at the beginning of last year.

The priority became ensuring that services and support to help our local communities were in place and that residents who were vulnerable or isolating had the help and care they needed.

I offer my thanks and appreciation to all of the organisations and volunteers who came together to support Area Committee to provide essential services to residents through the Washington Area Hub.

This way of working has strengthened existing partnerships and developed new ones which we will build upon, moving forward to next year's plan.

I would like to add that in the face of all outlined above, the Washington Area Committee has continued to deliver to the actions outlined in the delivery plan and achieved much more than could have been anticipated in what has been a challenging year. Just some of the key highlights are contained in the following pages.



Cllr Len Lauchlan
Chair of Washington Area Committee

Washington Area Committee

Washington Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Invest in parks, play, cycle and walking routes, open spaces and Love Where You Live activities
- Improve housing, tackle empty properties and ensure enforcement is used to manage neighbourhoods effectively tackling flytipping, litter and dog fouling
- Road safety, highways, pavements and street lighting
- Increase 5G access and support digital learning to improve employment opportunities and basic skills
- Health and Wellbeing - including social isolation and emotional wellbeing
- Support and invest in the Voluntary and Community Sector and volunteering
- Support the VCSE to deliver local services such as social care and welfare
- Support for young people
- Events, culture and local heritage
- Create safe neighbourhoods

Key highlights

From our 2019-20 and 2020-21 allocated budgets, we approved over **£840,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£53,693 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 38 community projects including equipment for volunteers, equipment and improvements to community venues, therapy sessions and targeted workshops. The average grant was **£1,400**

£172,000 to provide activities, outreach and support to children and young people across the Washington area. The Washington Safe Care Project is also delivering help, advice and guidance to young people at risk of unhealthy relationships and risky behaviours.

£88,000 has been approved to help improve our parks and open spaces, and proposals to invest another **£180,000** in Washington parks and play facilities have already been agreed

£193,000 allocated to strengthen neighbourhood enforcement and tackle fly tipping, litter and anti-social behaviour

£20,000 has been allocated to Washington Healthy Lifestyles, a local programme of activity which helps address long term health issues.

£70,000 approved to support local heritage, culture and the Washington Events Programme. This includes funding to help with repairs at Bowes Railway Museum, the first industrial site to be recognised as a Scheduled Ancient Monument

£65,000 to support local residents into employment and to provide welfare support through information advice and guidance

Year in numbers

1,200 

children and young people have been supported and accessed a range of activities and projects

30 

Clean and Green volunteers have carried out 45 community clean ups and litter picks collection 150 bags of litter

52 

tonnes of street waste have been collected by Keep Washington Tidy volunteers which is more than 3,440 bags

44 

environmental improvement projects across the area

213 

people who were lonely or isolated have received weekly or fortnightly calls from our VCS volunteers in the Area Hubs

109 

people either received a food parcel or had a regular shop delivered

233 

people were supported through the Area Hub with either shopping, befriending or picking up prescriptions

104 

Christmas food hampers or Christmas dinners were provided

89 

people receiving employment support and guidance

350 

residents in crisis receiving one to one support

970 

Washington residents benefitting from health projects and activities

14 

separate health programmes and initiatives to tackle health inequalities

Year in images





Councillor Peter Gibson, West Area Chair

As Chair of West Area Committee I would like to introduce this year's Annual Report, beginning with acknowledgement that 2020-21 has been like no other we have experienced.

The Covid 19 pandemic hit us all, and we very quickly had to come together and pool whatever resources were available to ensure that our families, communities and neighbourhoods were given the best care and support in a very difficult situation.

Voluntary and Community Sector organisations from the West area worked tirelessly, alongside Councillors, services and partners to adapt projects and ways of working to meet the changing and challenging needs in the area.

The West Community Hubs were quickly formed to provide a central point for residents who required help and support.

I would like to offer my thanks and admiration to all who have worked with us over the last year, not only to provide Covid related support and projects, but

also to deliver on some of our original key priorities set out on the work plan.

In spite of the challenges outlined above, new projects have been developed, and action has been taken, to deliver the priorities and actions outlined by Area Committee at the beginning of the year. This report contains just a snapshot of the key outcomes and achievements.



Cllr Peter Gibson
Chair of West Area Committee

West Area Committee

West Area priorities set out in the Delivery Plan

- Invest in the voluntary and community sector
- Work with Private landlords across the West
- Improve the feel and look of neighbourhoods
- Enhance green spaces
- 'Love where you love' and In Bloom
- Invest in Highways, pavements and street lighting
- Support the Voluntary and Community sector
- Improve Health and Wellbeing and financial resilience
- Improve activities for young people
- Increase 5G access and support digital learning to improve employment opportunities and basic skills
- Invest in local shopping centres and support local business
- Events, Culture and heritage

Key highlights

From our 2019-20 and 2020-21 allocated budgets, we approved over **£540,000** to deliver projects to meet identified priorities. Examples of funding awarded are:

£60,000 Community Chest was awarded to local groups, delivering a total of 48 community projects including community venue repairs and improvements, sports equipment for youth activities and projects to address social isolation. The average grant was **£1,250**

£152,000 was allocated to provide five pieces of outdoor gym equipment at each of the 6 identified sites in the West area

£36,529 was awarded to replace and improve litter bins in a number of locations across the area

Works to the value of **£120,000** will be carried out to play areas across the West, including improvements and painting of existing equipment and purchase of new equipment

£90,000 was awarded to a consortium of organisations to deliver 468 youth activity sessions to 10–19 year olds across the West

Positive activities with food provided were delivered across the School Holidays, with a total of **£54,000** awarded to deliver 230 sessions

£100,000 was awarded to deliver a three year Project in the community to improve digital skills, reduce isolation and build the digital capacity of local residents and organisations

Recognising the increased demand for residents to know their rights and improve financial resilience, **£150,000** was awarded to support residents over a three year period

Year in numbers

3,581 

children accessing 'activity with food' sessions during summer holidays

94 

people received employment support and guidance

290 

volunteered in the local community

500 

volunteer hours supporting the Environmental project West Clean and Green

20 

Ward based improvement projects which focused on reducing anti-social behaviour, reducing crime and improving the physical environment

48 

community chest grants with an average grant of £1,250 awarded to groups across the West

457 

residents supported during Covid-19 with shopping support, dog walking and prescriptions

1,000 

residents received social support

20 

young people leaving care supported

60 

VCS groups supported

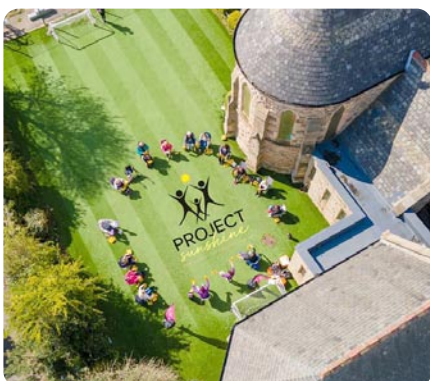
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young people aged 10–19 from the west area have participated in regular youth activities

9 

young people aged 16–18 years from the west area have been supported into employment, training and education

Year in images



The year ahead

Over the coming year, the work of Area Committees will continue to support delivery of the City Plan and its vision 'By 2030 the City will be a connected, international City, with opportunities for all'. The objectives in all three themes within the City Plan - Dynamic Smart City, Healthy Smart City and Vibrant Smart City - are addressed and referenced in the Area Delivery Plans, and continued consultation with all sectors of our communities, throughout the coming year, will help to deliver them.

In the year ahead, each of the Area Committees will focus on ensuring that the second year of their individual Neighbourhood Investment Plan and associated Delivery Plan are moved forward at pace. Each Area Committee will make sure that actions against the priorities are delivered to meet the needs of residents and communities. Identified actions will be picked up through the Neighbourhood and Communities Boards - delivering the priorities in the work plans, to meet the needs of communities, will be at the forefront of the work of each Area Committee.

Continued engagement with Council services and partners to influence and enhance delivery will also be a priority for the Area Committees. Further themed consultation will be carried out to ensure that the plans are delivered in line with changing needs, particularly as we move forward into a post-covid world. We recognise the need to be flexible and prepare for ongoing challenges, aligning area budgets to meet these challenges where relevant. Communication across all elements of area working is vital and we will continue to make a commitment to our Voluntary and

Community Sector partners who have supported Area Committees, during what has been a very difficult period.

The year ahead will see the implementation of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) Alliance which has been developed with key partners across the City. Sunderland City Council, alongside Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Gentoo are committed to the development and funding of a VCS Alliance.

The Alliance will ensure the VCS within Sunderland is supported and resourced, increasing capacity and enabling the VCS to grow and deliver vital services at a neighbourhood level to support communities - the Alliance will also work hard to increase funding into the sector.

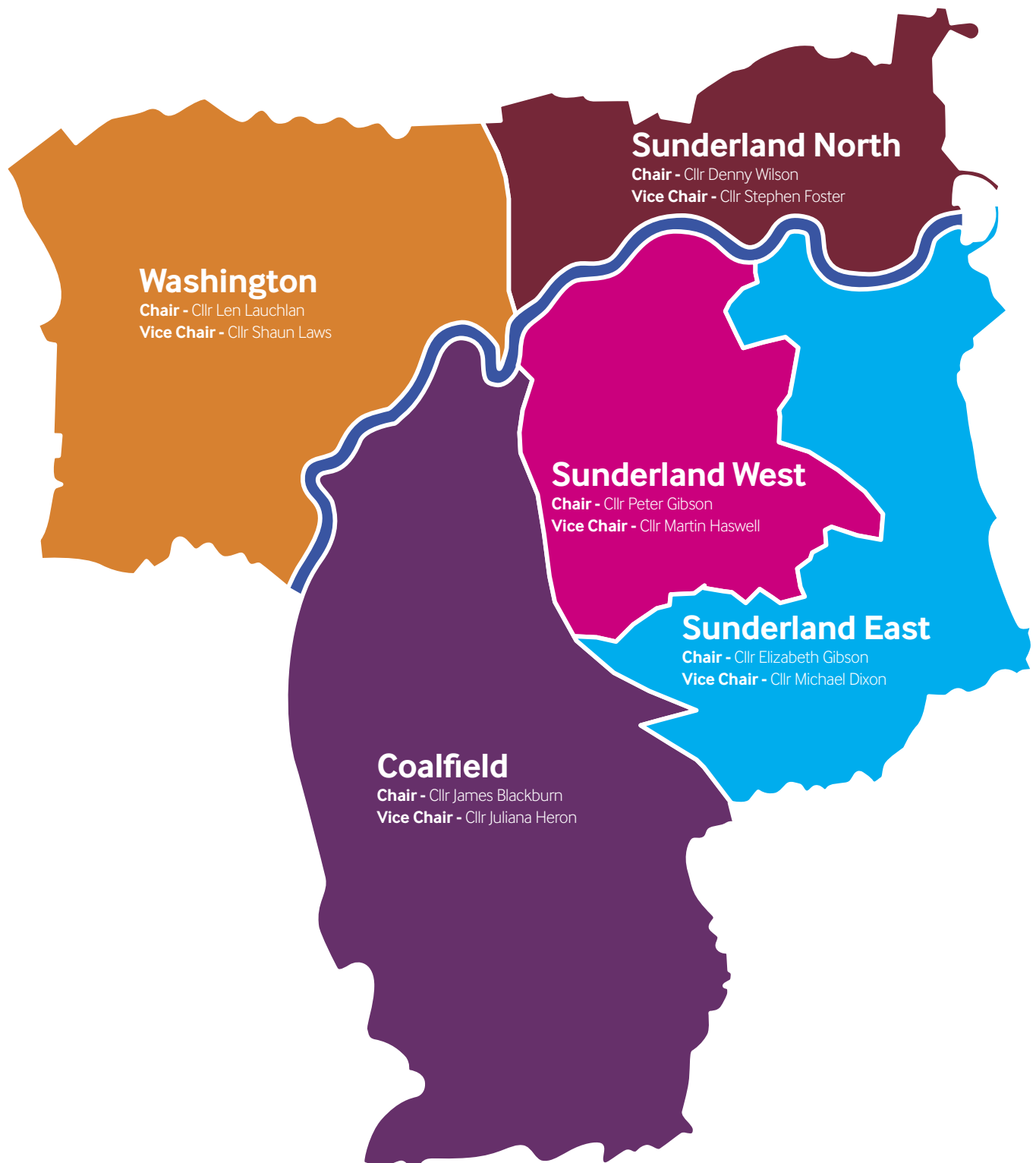
Working in partnership with the key stakeholders in the City has made a significant difference to the delivery of services and the VCS have a vital role to play within our communities. The facilities and services they offer, their local knowledge of the communities of which they are such an integral part and their understanding of the needs of residents within those communities are all invaluable to supporting the work of Area Committee to meet the objectives set out in each area's plans.

It is also important that the Area Committee outcomes and successes are shared widely, to not only ensure residents are aware of what the Council are doing, but also to inform change, supporting Digital Poverty, Reducing Health Inequalities, Supporting Mental Health and Wellbeing, building on the Community Wealth agenda and contributing to the City's Low Carbon target. Each of the

Area Committees have a great challenge ahead in ensuring all of the above is delivered, but also a great opportunity to step up to the challenge, together.

We look forward to working with you.

Area Committees 2021-22





Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2020/2021

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Scrutiny Annual Report which summarises the work of the Scrutiny Committees during 2020/2021.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Scrutiny Annual Report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny throughout 2020/21 and the contribution it has made to the good governance of the Council and the delivery of the city's priorities. It also looks at the how the scrutiny function will continue to develop and the challenges it faces in the year ahead.

3. Operation of the Scrutiny Function

- 3.1 The Council's scrutiny function comprises one formal, overarching Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and three themed scrutiny committees; namely the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.2 Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear, accessible and accountable. It also has an important role in driving improvement in services delivered to the people of Sunderland.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The four Scrutiny Committees have delivered demanding, varied and interesting work programmes in 2020/21 with 2021/22 promising to be another challenging year.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 Council is asked to receive the report on the operation of the scrutiny function for 2020/21.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21

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Scrutiny Annual Report

2020–21

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Foreword



It gives me great pleasure to introduce the Scrutiny Annual Report. The report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny during 2020/21 and sets out the contribution it has made to the good governance of the Council. It also looks at how the scrutiny function will remain fit for purpose for the year ahead and the challenges we face moving into the future.

The year has been one dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic and this has been reflected in the work programmes of each of our Committees; both in its immediate impact but also in beginning the process of looking at the longer term implications for the people of the city.

We have therefore looked at the action being taken by the Council and its partners to maintain vital services, as well as the range of measures introduced to help cushion its effect on local residents.

This includes measures to maintain children's and social care services and educate our young people through home and virtual schooling, ensuring that our care homes are safe and that we protect our most vulnerable residents. We have also heard about the wide range of support being provided to local businesses, many of

which are administered by the Council, including vital support available to the voluntary sector through the Local Support Scheme (LSS).

Throughout the pandemic we have received regular updates on Covid-19 infection rates in the city, the action being taken by our colleagues in health to combat its spread and more recently the roll out of the vaccination programme which provides some optimism and we look forward to feeling its impact in the coming months.

However, it is clear that the aftermath of the Covid-19 pandemic will leave us with a range of future challenges; not least the long term health of our residents, the effect on the local economy and the impact on child poverty, educational attainment and equalities. All major issues that will need to be addressed in the years ahead.

Nevertheless, we have also witnessed some positives during the year. We have heard repeatedly of how the Covid-19 pandemic has helped to forge greater joint working between partner organisations in the city. We have also heard numerous examples of the hard work and commitment shown by staff across all sectors to whom we offer our thanks. As well as the resilience and spirit shown by our young people and their families during a period of great adversity.

Also, good progress continues to be made on a range of regeneration projects in the city including the development of Sunderland Riverside on the former Vaux site, the International Advanced Manufacturing Park and the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor.

However, it is clear that local authorities across the country continue to operate within an environment of austerity and financial constraint, while demand for their services continues to grow. These problems are likely to be more acute in the years to come.

With the Council and our partners required to deliver ever greater efficiencies and financial savings, the need for robust, evidence-based scrutiny becomes ever more pressing. To help meet these demands we have continued to adapt and improve the scrutiny process and we will look to hold an event to develop the work programmes and review the function in the coming year.

Sunderland continues to be involved in a number of joint scrutiny arrangements in relation to health provision across the area. Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils, and now Durham County Council, continue to meet on a regular basis in relation to the Path to Excellence programme, which is now progressing through phase two.

This will consider the best way to arrange future surgical services with a clear ambition to separate emergency operations from planned operations. Members are also actively involved in the joint arrangements that cover the North East and North Cumbria looking at the Integrated Care Partnerships and Integrated Care Systems.

These joint arrangements remain of key importance over the coming year as both are concerned with service reconfiguration and development, particularly of how services are provided and delivered across Sunderland and the North East.

Scrutiny in Sunderland has also made a significant contribution to regional scrutiny arrangements. Throughout the year, we have represented the Council on the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee which looks at matters of significant importance to residents across the region, focusing particularly on economic development and transport issues including zero emission buses and restoring passenger confidence in public transport as lockdown restrictions are lifted.

The Committee would like to place on record its thanks to all those staff within in the Council who have worked tirelessly in support of our local communities.

No doubt, the next twelve months will bring further challenges. However, I do believe that with the cooperation of fellow members, partners and the support of our officers we will rise to meet these challenges in the year ahead.

On a personal note I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members, officers and partners who have contributed and supported scrutiny during the year.

Councillor Doris MacKnight
Chair of the Scrutiny
Coordinating Committee



Scrutiny arrangements in Sunderland

The democratic governance arrangements in Sunderland consists of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Secretary, four Executive Portfolio holders and four Deputy Cabinet members. The decisions of the Cabinet are held to account by the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and three thematic Scrutiny Committees.

What is scrutiny?

Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of the residents of the city. It does this through:

- Policy review and development;
- Holding the Council's Executive and its partners to account;

- Investigating issues of local concern; and
- Working with partners to improve services to the local area.

The scrutiny model

The current scrutiny structure consists of an overarching Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and three themed scrutiny committees; namely the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee, the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

How does scrutiny make a difference?

Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear and accessible to

the public and that the people taking decisions are held accountable for those decisions.

On a regular basis the scrutiny function will add value by investigative questioning of witnesses on the issues within the council's policy framework. The impact of the work of scrutiny will also be evidenced over time by the implementation of its recommendations.

The monitoring of delivery of scrutiny's recommendations over a period time builds up a portfolio of evidence of scrutiny's role in service improvement.



Scrutiny Coordinating Committee



Chair: Cllr Doris MacKnight
Vice-Chair: Cllr Paula Hunt

Committee Members: Councillors Darryl Dixon, James Doyle, Juliana Heron, Keith Jenkins, Fiona Miller, Antony Mullen, Stephen O'Brien, Pat Smith, Mel Speding, Dorothy Trueman, Doris Turner and Susan Watson.

I am pleased to be able to present the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's summary of the work it has undertaken during the year. The Committee has worked against a backdrop of a global pandemic that has seen unprecedented restrictions placed on our daily lives. Meetings have been held virtually throughout the year and while it is not the ideal it has allowed the Committee to continue and has also allowed the Council to continue to function and exercise its duties.

A key focus of the work of the Committee is on the Council's financial and budgetary information and proposals. The Committee recognises the importance of scrutiny of the Council budget, capital programme and medium-term financial strategy. The Committee acknowledged the

ambitious capital programme for the City, as well as the importance of an updated capital strategy to oversee and manage the risks associated with these projects. Scrutiny of the Budget and financial reports remain an important part of the Committee's remit to provide clarity, information and assurance around proposals that are to be recommended to Council.

Brexit negotiations were still ongoing when the Committee was updated on the Council's European Union (EU) Exit Planning arrangements. This provided information on the provision of an EU Exit Risk Register identifying and managing potential key risks to the Council.

The Committee were interested in the preparations that businesses were making and received assurances that the Business Investment Team was in regular liaison with businesses, supporting them with preparations. This is an issue that the Committee will continue to monitor, particularly, in relation to the impact on the Council and the City.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee acts as the designated Scrutiny Committee for crime and disorder matters and was updated on the work of the Safer Sunderland Partnership (SSP) during 2019-20 through the Partnership's annual report. The Leader of the Council updated the Committee highlighting significant progress in reducing recorded crime and maintaining residents' feelings of safety.

Members were also updated on the Council's continued partnerships against coercion, Prevent and serious

and organised crime with partners; and on the joint delivery of the newly established Northumbria Violence Reduction Unit.

The Committee discussed a wide-ranging number of issues including anti-social behaviour, cyber-crime, domestic abuse and enforcement activity across Sunderland. There was also an update on the Northumbria and Citywide resilience response on a range of issues related to Covid-19.

This provided the Committee with an overview of the Covid-19 situation in terms of policing and the demands on services, which were identified as higher than normal due to the ongoing restrictions. The Committee will receive a further review of the partnership in 2021/22 and this will provide a greater analysis of the impact of the pandemic on services.

As a result of the Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report the Committee requested that further information be presented to the Committee on the issue of hate crime. A report was provided on the current trends and statistics on hate crime in the Sunderland area, which outlined the action being undertaken to raise awareness of hate crime, encourage reporting by the public, and the support mechanisms in place for victims of hate crime.

Members of the Committee were also offered the opportunity to become Hate Crime Champions as part of an initiative between Northumbria Police and Sunderland Partnership. The initiative raises awareness of what constitutes a hate crime, the impact on victims and their families and/or

community, and how hate crimes can be reported.

Corporate performance, aligned to the Sunderland City Plan and to the three key themes, continues to provide an overview of Council performance for the Committee. The monitoring of progress and achievement of key priorities and indicators remains a primary focus of the Scrutiny Committee.

The impact of the pandemic and the effect of restrictions on a number of aspects of performance were acknowledged by Members and this would continue to be a focus for the Committee as the City looks at recovering from the impacts on businesses, hospitality, health services and education.

Alongside the quarterly performance reports the Committee also receives a quarterly compliments, complaints and feedback report. This remains an important monitoring mechanism in respect of services provided by the Council to residents.

The Committee are always interested in the trends and themes of complaints and recognise their importance in service improvement and development. Members continue to request modifications to the report which have been adopted and allowed for a continual improvement on the information and how it is presented.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee has operated in challenging circumstances as the country has tackled the Covid-19 pandemic.

However, the Committee has continued to perform its role in scrutinising council performance, budgets and complaints. The coming year will see new challenges as we deal with the impacts of Covid-19 and how as a Council along with our partners we look at recovery for the City and its residents.

Finally, I would like to thank all my scrutiny colleagues, council officers and partners for their support, hard work and dedication during this unprecedented year.

Councillor Doris MacKnight

Chair of the Scrutiny
Coordinating Committee



Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr Pat Smith

Vice Chair: Cllr Joshua McKeith

Committee Members: Councillors Margaret Crosby, Paula Hunt, Dominic McDonough, Pam Mann, Fiona Miller, Michael Mordey, Alex Samuels, Lynda Scanlan, Philip Tye, Karen Noble

Co-opted Members: Ann Blakey (Roman Catholic Diocese) and Jackie Graham (Church of England Diocese)

The year has been one dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic and therefore much of the work of the Committee has been focused on its immediate effects and the longer-term implications on the children and young people of the city.

In order to monitor its immediate impact, the Committee has received regular updates across a range of children's services including social care, early help, cared for children, children with special educational needs and the impact on the school's sector generally. During these updates we have heard about the action being taken to ensure that support has continued to be provided to the most vulnerable sections of our community.

Operational staff have been provided with agile technology so that they can work from home and urgent child protection discussions have taken place virtually. All early help services, including the Youth Offending Service (YOS) and targeted youth services, have continued to support children and families.

For children with disabilities, all cases in review have been offered a higher level of support. There has been significant collaborative working with partners in special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) and virtual/indirect family time has been secured for cared for children. Support has continued to be offered to those experiencing or who have experienced domestic abuse.

To facilitate the initial full opening of schools, Together for Children, working in close partnership with other Council services, have offered a wide range of guidance and support in a number of areas including health and safety, home to school transport and school catering. From the outset of the pandemic, schools in Sunderland have remained open to key worker and vulnerable children.

We heard from Ann Blakey and Jackie Graham, our headteacher representatives about the considerable efforts being made by teaching staff to keep schools open and continue teaching the children of key workers, while also providing online teaching for those learning from home.

The Committee would like to place on record its appreciation for the hard work and commitment of all staff working in children's services and the

education sectors who have gone over and above what could be expected of them during the Covid-19 pandemic.

In January 2021, we received the Annual Report of the Sunderland Safeguarding Partnership. For Sir Paul Ennals, the Independent Chair of the Partnership, the Covid-19 pandemic had provided the city's safeguarding arrangements with its ultimate stress test; being a once in a generation crisis that had hit Sunderland particularly hard, given its higher than average levels of deprivation and above average proportion of elderly people.

Nevertheless, he reported that partnership working within Sunderland had proved itself to be extremely strong, with services adapting rapidly and successfully to the new challenges and that this should provide a firm foundation for the city moving forward. However, the report did highlight a number of areas of future concern, most notably the long-term effect of disrupted schooling and the impact on child mental health.

To hear more about the issues facing child mental health, the Committee received a report from the Sunderland CCG. We heard that all children and young people's mental health providers continue to deliver services through a mix of online and face to face interventions; the latter being undertaken according to clinical need. Indeed, online services had proved popular and helped to increase efficiency and reduce waiting times.

Moving forward, it was planned to develop this aspect of the service further, while retaining the option of

face to face contact for those who prefer it. Additional funding had been secured for extra staff resources which should, when fully implemented, cover approximately 20 schools and around 8,000 pupils. A children and young people's mental health service redesign project was underway to develop an improved service delivery model.

The Committee also heard about planned improvements to the assessment services for young people with Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC) and Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). These changes should allow for services to be better targeted, with greater use made of early help services and more intensive work focused on those with the most complex needs.

It was recognised however that there remained major concerns over the potential impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on child mental health and that there were likely to be major long-term implications for the city in the years ahead.

Another area of concern for the Committee was the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on children and young people with SEND and the challenges faced by young carers.

We met with representatives from the Sunderland Carers Centre and the Sunderland Parent Carer Forum to hear more about the difficulties they faced, in particular the heightened anxieties and isolation experienced during lockdown and the need for access to support and signposting to services.

While the situation does seem to have improved after the initial lockdown, there clearly remains major challenges moving forward, and the situation needs to be monitored.

In setting its work programme for the year, the Committee was also keen to consider the effect of Covid pandemic on incidences of anti-social behaviour within the city. To this end, the Committee received an update report on the work of the Youth Offending Service. We heard that during the pandemic the YOS has continued to deliver services and remained in contact with all young people. This has often been through face to face visits, though a range of virtual methods of working directly with young people have been developed.

The YOS also resumed Community Payback as soon as contact outdoor was allowed but adjusted this to be delivered on a one-to-one basis and with a risk assessment as close to the young person's home as possible to minimise travel.

The Council is currently in the process of developing a youth strategy. In order to provide input into the document, several members of the Committee sat on a working group involved in its development. Emerging from its discussions is the importance of the document being concise, transparent and user friendly which can help identify any gaps in service provision and signpost users to sources of support. The Committee looks forward to seeing the final document once it is completed.

A further area of concern arising out of the pandemic has been its long-term

effect on apprenticeships and employment opportunities for young people in the city. In order to discuss these issues, the Committee met with the Principal and Vice Principal of Sunderland College, the main provider of apprenticeships in the city. Clearly, the College is committed to working with the business sector and helping to provide our young people with the skills to meet the job opportunities that will be needed in the future.

We were interested to hear about the work going on in schools to provide career advice for young people and raise the profile of apprenticeships. An on-going problem for the city has been the relatively high numbers of young people not in education, employment or work (NEET). It is important as a city that we are able to equip our young people in what will be a very challenging employment market.

We have heard during the year of numerous instances where the Covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected young people and their families and where we are likely to see significant long-term implications. These include the impact on child poverty, child mental health, children with special educational needs and the growth of educational, health and economic inequalities. We feel that these challenges can only be faced if the city has a clear plan for building back after the pandemic and one that takes full account of the issues facing young people.

However, it would be wrong not to recognise some of the positives we have seen during the year. We have heard repeatedly of how the pandemic

has helped to forge greater joint working between partner organisations in the city. We have also heard numerous examples of the hard work and commitment shown by staff across all sectors. But perhaps most importantly we should also recognise the achievements of our young people who have lived through a year of considerable challenge and adversity.

Also, while the effect of the pandemic has occupied much of its work, the

Committee has continued to monitor the progress being made in improving the general delivery of children's services in the city. Despite very difficult circumstances, it is pleasing to see the performance has continued to improve across a suite of key performance indicators and we look forward to this continuing.

Good progress is also being made on the Ofsted Improvement Plan and there has been a reduction in the number of complaints being received.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all the members of the Committee for their contributions and to thank all the officers and witnesses who gave up their time to attend and provide insights into the services they provide and the challenges they face.

Councillor Pat Smith

Chair of the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr Doris Turner

Vice Chair: Cllr Melanie Thornton

Committee Members: Councillors James Blackburn, William Blackett, Michael Dixon, Heather Fagan, Stephen Foster, Julia Jackson, Keith Jenkins, Christine Marshall, Dianne Snowdon and Tony Taylor.

During the year, the Committee's work programme has focused on the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the local economy and the action being taken to help alleviate the situation. We have also continued to monitor progress on a range of regeneration initiatives going on in the city, many of which have continued to make good progress despite the effects of the pandemic.

In terms of the local economy, the Committee has received regular updates on the support provided to local businesses, many of which are administered by the Council, including the Small Business Grant Fund, the Retail, Hospitality and Leisure Grant Fund and the local authority Discretionary Fund. We have also heard about the support and advice provided by the Council to encourage the take-up of the grants and the

loans and the support available to the voluntary sector through the Local Support Scheme (LSS). The Committee would like to place on record its thanks to all those staff within in the Council who have worked tirelessly in support of the business and voluntary sectors in the city.

We also heard from Sharon Appleby, Head of Business Operations at the BID on the work they are doing to support local business. It was hoped that following the Covid-19 pandemic, footfall and retail spending in the city centre should begin the process of recovery and that the proposed development of Sunderland Riverside in particular should provide an impetus for the growth of the independent retail sector.

Jonathan Walker and Natasha McDonagh from the North East Chamber of Commerce outlined for us the considerable long term economic challenges facing the city arising from the Covid-19 pandemic, as well as the UK's exit from the European Union and the nationwide downturn in the high street retail sector.

However, they both noted that moving forward, the Sunderland economy retained strong foundations and that many opportunities existed, particularly in the engineering, manufacturing and the software sectors.

The city's International Strategy also has an important role in generating growth in the local economy and we heard about the wide range of activities taking place to establish economic links with existing and new overseas markets and promote inward investment into the city.

The cultural sector is another area that has been hard hit by the pandemic. Victoria French, Head of Events highlighted to us the economic impact of the cancellation of events such as the Sunderland Airshow and the Sunderland Illuminations and Festival of Light, as well as the loss to the local economy from the closure of art and theatre venues.

Again, however she was hopeful that the city's cultural and arts sector would show the resilience to bounce back following the ending of the pandemic.

During the year, the Committee's views have been fed into a number of planning documents which will help to facilitate the future regeneration of the city. In particular, the Riverside Sunderland and East Washington developments will provide much needed growth and expansion to two key sites in the city.

The Committee stressed the importance of ensuring that sufficient infrastructure is in place to accommodate the new housing planned for these sites, including road links, public transport, schools, health and leisure facilities.

The Committee was also consulted on the contents of two important planning documents. Firstly, the Allocations and Designations Plan which will allocate sufficient land to deliver at least 13,410 net new homes, 7,200 new jobs and the development of at least 45,400m² of new comparison retail development.

Secondly, the Development Management SPD which provides planning and design guidance for those wishing to extend or alter a

dwelling house and assists developers in preparing proposals for residential developments.

Following on from last year, we heard from Graham Scanlon, Housing Manager on the progress being made on the Council's housing strategy. This included the measures to increase housing growth and maximise choice of housing, make the best use of existing housing stock and support vulnerable people to access housing.

We also heard about the action being taken to improve the quality of the private rented sector, reduce the number of empty properties and tackle the issue of homelessness in the city.

In relation to the regeneration of the city, the Committee once again received an update on the progress being made by Siglions. It is pleasing that regeneration of the Riverside is progressing well and should deliver high quality office accommodation, together with residential, retail and leisure use.

We also heard that good progress was being made on the new Civic Hall which should be open later in the year and within the Sunderland Heritage Action Zone area which should contribute to the preservation of Sunderland's historic core and improve the appearance of the city centre.

Another major project being undertaken in the city is the development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP). Comprising 260,000 sq. metres of business space on a 100-hectare site, the IAMP will have a massive impact on the city and region, creating around

5,200 jobs and bringing in around £300m of private investment over the next ten years. Again, the Committee heard about the very encouraging progress being made and agreed to visit the site once Covid-19 restrictions had been lifted.

The importance of transport links will be vitally important to the city's long-term development. The Committee therefore received an update on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor which should provide a catalyst of economic growth, improve transport links and reduce congestion.

We also received an update on road safety in the city; highlighting the road safety work undertaken during the year and an analysis of accident and casualty statistics. These figures show a slight rise in number, albeit from a steady ten-year downward trend. Nevertheless, we feel it is important that these figures are closely monitored to ensure that there is no long-term reversal of the downward trend.

In March 2019, Sunderland City Council declared a climate emergency. In response, a city-wide 2030 Shadow Board was established, bringing together partners from across the city, with the ambition of the city becoming carbon neutral by 2040 and the Council carbon neutral by 2030.

A draft of the Low Carbon Framework and Action Plan were submitted to this Committee for its views. The Committee stressed the importance of fully involving partners from throughout the city if the goals are to be achieved and we were pleased to see that this has been reflected in the Plan.

All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the Committee. I would just like to take this opportunity to thank members of the Committee and everyone else involved for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor Doris Turner
Chair of the Economic Prosperity
Scrutiny Committee



Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Cllr Darryl Dixon
Vice-Chair: Cllr Neil MacKnight

Committee Members: Councillors Michael Butler, Ronny Davison, Michael Essl, Helen Greener, Martin Haswell, Juliana Heron, Shirley Leadbitter, Pam Mann and Barbara McClennan.

Once again, I am pleased to be able to present the work of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as part of the annual report. However, unlike in other years the report is set against a backdrop of the biggest public health crisis in our lifetimes. As a result, the Committee has adapted its work programme to concentrate on the Coronavirus Pandemic, which has swept across the globe over the last 12 months and impacted on the lives of everyone in the UK.

Since the re-commencement of meetings in early July the Committee has received regular updates on the Covid-19 situation in Sunderland at each of its scheduled meetings during 2020-21. The updates have been led by the Council's Public Health Team and Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group who have provided detailed updates

on a number of issues related to the pandemic.

The Director of Public Health has kept the Committee updated on Sunderland's experience of the pandemic from the very early stages of the lockdown measures, through the easing of restrictions and then back into tighter restrictions and further lockdowns.

The Committee has been able to monitor the daily infection rates, local mortality rates from Covid-19 and the impact of the pandemic on Sunderland through these regular updates. Committee members have also been able to monitor the effectiveness of the restrictions, act as a voice for some of the concerns and issues of local people and disseminate key messages within their local communities.

The Health and Wellbeing Committee has, over the years, developed a good relationship with key health partners and this has been extremely useful during this crisis. Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and South Tyneside and Sunderland NHS Foundation Trust have been extremely cooperative with the Committee and provided detailed updates on a number of key issues.

One of those issues has been around admissions to hospital, occupancy levels for critical care beds and the overall performance levels of the hospital. The Committee are also very aware of the impact that this is having on staff and have looked to ensure that there is adequate support for their health and wellbeing.

As we have continued to monitor the pandemic one of the key issues for the Committee has been the commencement and rollout of the vaccination programme across Sunderland. The Committee recognises how important the success of vaccination will be in tackling the pandemic.

Sunderland CCG have been able to update the Committee on progress with the vaccination programme, which has been extremely successful to date, provide assurances and dispel many of the myths and misinformation around vaccination.

Care homes have been a critical aspect of the Covid-19 pandemic and as a Committee we have ensured that this has remained a priority for our work programme. Again, the Committee has received extensive support and cooperation from council officers and health partners providing updates and assurances on the situation within care homes and the plans and actions to keep residents safe.

Also, as part of this the Committee requested information on the measures being taken to prepare for the winter period against the concerns of a second wave of the Covid-19 virus. Members were provided with a comprehensive overview of the winter planning for Sunderland including learning from Covid-19, system winter schemes and the role of the surge group its protocols and processes.

The All Together Better Alliance has also played a key role in the out of hospital care and highlighted the partnership working across health and

social care that has exemplified the city's handling of the pandemic.

The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) are a fundamental part of the health service and they continue to provide annual service performance updates to the Committee. Members remain cognisant of the response times for all four national standard categories and in particular that NEAS continues to be one of the fastest responding ambulance trusts in the country to category one incidents.

Sunderland call volumes for 999 and NHS 111 calls were also reported as well as the impacts of Covid-19 on the service including the additional measures for crew and patient safety and the challenging issue of hospital handovers. Members were also concerned to learn of increased violent assaults on staff following the easing of the first lockdown in July/August.

The Committee will continue to receive performance updates from NEAS as this allows Members to gauge the performance of the ambulance service in Sunderland and also complements other performance data received by the Committee.

During discussions on the Covid-19 pandemic Members requested that information be brought to the Committee advising of the national, regional and local approaches for the flu vaccination programme for 2020/2021.

Members recognised the importance, due to the pandemic, of ensuring that there was an increase in the flu vaccine uptake in the city's most clinically at risk and vulnerable groups.

The Committee acknowledged that work was ongoing to achieve the national targets, with ongoing monthly performance and activity being monitored by the Sunderland Flu Prevention Board.

The Committee have also considered the development of Sunderland CCG's Adult Mental Health Strategy which was at the second stage of the process; reviewing the intelligence that had been gathered at stage one and commencing the formal engagement stage.

Members raised a number of issues including around the engagement of services users, transition arrangements from youth to adult services and the role of the voluntary and community sectors and GP's in the strategy. The Committee have also requested further updates on progress, and we will look to keep this on our work programme going forward.

The Committee also had a meaningful discussion on the development of the Council's Healthy City Plan. A variety of views were expressed along with a range of opinions both for and against aspects of the plan. It is important that the Committee is able to discuss key documents providing not only a critical friend challenge but also further issues for consideration.

Covid-19 will have far reaching impacts and implications for all facets of modern life and one of the first of these will see major reforms to the NHS. The Secretary of State for Health and Social Care presented legislative proposals for a Health and Care Bill to Parliament on 11 February 2021. The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny

Committee received an overview of the major reforms at its meeting in March 2021. It is clear that this will be an issue that the Committee will monitor as it progresses through the various bill stages to statute and the implications for health and social care in Sunderland.

Perhaps more importantly we have also been able to see and understand the incredible work that has been undertaken to respond to this situation including test and trace, locally enhanced contact tracing and the vaccine rollout programme.

This has been an extraordinary year for the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as we have faced the challenges of a generation in dealing with the Covid-19 pandemic. However, the Committee has evidenced first-hand the amazing dedication and cooperation of health workers across Sunderland.

I would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to everyone across the Council and our health partners for their work, commitment and sacrifice in these most difficult times. The Committee will continue to support where it can and over the coming year will look at the impacts of the pandemic and our road to recovery. I think it will be another challenging year ahead.

Councillor Darryl Dixon

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

The year ahead

Overview and scrutiny is an integral part of the Council's governance and decision making structure contributing to the Council's budgetary and policy making function as well as holding the executive to account for its actions. This report provides an opportunity to reflect on the experiences for the last year and recognise the challenges we face in the year ahead.

Clearly, the next few years will continue to be challenging for the Council; operating as it does in an environment of diminishing resources and increasing demand for services. This represents a major challenge for us all. For scrutiny it is important that we help the Council to make the best use of the resources available and ensure that frontline services are still delivered to the highest possible standards. This will not be easy. However, I feel it is our duty as elected representatives of the city to continue to do everything in our power to help protect our residents from the difficulties that face us.

We have heard throughout this year's report about the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on the city and the measures being taken to deal with its immediate impact. Moving forward we will need to address its longer-term implications and challenges. These include the impact on adult and child mental health, the effect on educational attainment and its consequences for health and economic inequalities.

There will also be the long-term effect of the pandemic on the economy of the city; including its effect on economic growth, employment prospects, household incomes and the decline of the high street retail sector. We feel that these challenges can only be faced if the city develops a clear

plan for building back after the pandemic and one that takes full account of the particular issues facing our young people.

Other key issues facing scrutiny in the year ahead will be the effect on the local economy of leaving the EU, the future reform of the NHS and its implications for health and social care in the city and the effect of Covid-19 on the way our services are delivered, with greater use of on line delivery offering the prospect of greater flexibility for the future.

Scrutiny will also continue to play an active role in the changing delivery of health services across Sunderland and the region. It is certainly an area that will continue to be determined by financial, social and environmental factors that will continue to drive change in the sector. We will continue to monitor and challenge health partners through our own Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee, the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee with South Tyneside and also regionally through the North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee. Through these joint arrangements we are able to

represent the concerns and needs of the Sunderland population and ensure that Sunderland residents views are represented and considered in looking at service reconfigurations.

As part of the ongoing development of scrutiny we will look to conduct a review of the scrutiny process to ensure its effectiveness and impact in moving forward. Members will also focus on developing robust scrutiny work programmes that are directed at the key issues facing the city and its residents.

We will therefore be looking to monitor the progress being made in implementing the Council's new City Plan for 2019-2030 and the measures being taken to make Sunderland a more dynamic, healthy and vibrant city. A key to this will be our ability to work closely and collaboratively with our partners and make the most of the resources available in the city.

Once again, I would like place on record our thanks to everyone who contributed to the work of scrutiny over the last twelve months and in looking forward to having another productive year.



Scrutiny on a page

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee, the three thematic scrutiny committees, North East Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee (NECA) and the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) tackle a large range of issues over a municipal year. In order to fully appreciate the variety and breadth of the subjects covered. Below is an extensive, though not exhaustive, summary of the work of scrutiny in Sunderland.

- Adult Safeguarding Board Annual Report
- All Together Better Alliance
- Allocations and Designations Plan
- Annual Road Safety Report
- Apprenticeships
- Budget Planning Framework
- Business Centres - Update
- Capital Programme Review
- Capital Strategy
- Children Services Complaints
- City Hall Update
- Compliments, Complaints and Feedback
- Covid-19 Business Support Grants
- Covid-19 Updates
- Draft Health Inequalities
- Derwent Hill
- Development Management SPD
- European Union – Exit Planning
- Financial Strategy
- Flu Immunisation Programme
- Hate Crime and Tension Monitoring
- Healthy City Plan
- Heritage Update
- Homes of Multiple Occupation SPD Scoping Report
- Housing Strategy Update
- Impact of Covid-19 on Child Mental Health
- Impact of Covid-19 on Young Carers and SEND
- Impact of Covid-19 on Children and Young Families
- International Advanced Manufacturing Park
- International Strategy
- Licensing Policy Update
- Low Carbon Framework
- Managing the Market
- Sunderland CCG - Mental Health Strategy
- North East Ambulance Service Annual Update
- Ofsted Improvement Plan – Update
- Operation of Assessment Services for CYP with ASC and ADHD
- Ophthalmology
- Path to Excellence Phase 2
- Performance Management
- Preparations of Schools in Response to Covid-19
- Regional Adoption Agency
- Revenue Budget
- Riverside SPD
- Safeguarding Children Partnership Update
- Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report
- Schools Reopening Update
- Sunderland Business Improvement District
- Sunderland Chamber of Commerce — Update
- Sunderland Cultural Sector
- Sunderland Eye Infirmary
- Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - Update
- Together for Children - Performance Monitoring Report
- Washington Meadows SPD Scoping Report
- Winter Preparedness
- Youth Offending



Action on Petitions

ACTION TAKEN ON PETITIONS

Council Members are asked to note the action taken in relation to the under-mentioned petitions which were presented to Council:-

(i) Petition from residents requesting the Council to consider introducing traffic calming to Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue

At the meeting of the Council on 16 October 2020, an on-line petition was presented by Councillor Tye containing 223 signatures from residents asking the Council to introduce measures to make Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue safer.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

“After a number of accidents, we would like Sunderland City Council to consult with the residents with a view to implementing measures that would make Vicarage Road, Cumberland Road and Lincoln Avenue safer for all whom both live and use the roads.

The roads have become a rat run to miss out traffic in other locations and the time has come for action to be taken to prevent a fatality, a number of accidents have occurred with some involving buses.

Measures that could be consulted upon could include reduction in the speed limit, traffic calming measures and a review of the bus types now been used to service the roads. These used to be small mini link type buses and these are now generic buses not suitable for these roads.”

Officers have investigated the matter and advised that Nexus is the authority that decides on the operation, routes and size of vehicle for their bus services. The Passenger Transport Executive have been consulted with regards to the bus services. The mini link service ceased to operate in 2011 as passenger demand had increased. This was a residential area where the most residents park their vehicles on-street. It is a road that links Warwick Terrace to Silksworth Road and is subject to a 30 mph speed limit.

There have been no injury accidents recorded on this stretch of road.

After consideration by Council Officers, the outcome of the petition is as follows:-

Consideration will be given to reducing the speed limit to 20 mph prior to the introduction of physical traffic calming measures in the first instant. Any scheme considered will be subject to consultation.

The outcome of the petition is to add this location to be considered for the introduction of a 20 mph speed limit in the next prioritisation exercise scheduled to take place in the coming months and to advise on Nexus' decision not to reinstate the mini bus service.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(ii) Petition from residents requesting the Council to reduce the speed limit and install other traffic calming measures in Atkinson Road and surrounding streets

At the meeting of the Council on 18 November 2020, Councillor Doyle presented a petition signed by 134 residents and an on-line petition in the same terms asking the Council to reduce the speed limit and install other traffic calming measures on Atkinson Road and surrounding streets.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

"We the undersigned call on Sunderland Council to consult with local residents regarding the reduction of speed limits and implementation of other traffic calming measures on Atkinson Road and the surrounding streets."

Officers have investigated the matter and noted that the streets suggested are residential streets that are heavily parked with private vehicles. The road is a 30mph road and links Fulwell Road to Mere Knolls Road. A recent speed survey showed that the average speed of traffic was travelling at around 20mph. and no accidents have been recorded on this street where speeding was a contributory factor.

After consideration by Council Officers, the outcome of the petition is as follows:-

Consideration will be given to reducing the speed limit to 20mph prior to the introduction of physical traffic calming measures in the first instant. It will be decided in the coming weeks which areas to take forward into the next programme for 20mph schemes. Any scheme considered will be subject to consultation.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

(iii) Petition from residents requesting the Council to consult with local residents regarding the installation of double yellow lines and a Community Parking Management Scheme (CPMS) on Seafields and the 'royal streets'

At the meeting of the Council on 18 November 2020, Councillor Doyle presented an online and residential petition signed by 234 people on a request to the Council to consider implementing a CPMS and waiting restrictions at Seafields and the 'royal streets'.

The statement on the petition sheet stated:-

"The petition calls on Sunderland City Council to consult with local residents regarding the installation of double yellow lines and a community parking management scheme on Seafields and the 'royal streets'."

During consideration by Officers it was noted that a potential CPMS had been identified for Seafields and the new residential estate currently being developed which would be funded by the development funding as part of their agreement. Part of this funding may be utilised to consider traffic management measures in the 'royal streets'.

After consideration by Council Officers, the outcome of the petition is as follows:-

Consideration will be given to the measures requested when a scheme is developed in the future and will be subject to consultation.

The Ward Councillors and lead petitioner have been advised of the outcome.

Reports

COUNCIL

23 JUNE 2021

Update on Special Urgency Decisions

Report of the Leader

The Council's Constitution requires that a quarterly report be submitted to Council on executive decisions which have been taken as a matter of special urgency. The relevant provisions are now contained in Regulations 11 and 19 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

These are the special urgency provisions under which key decisions may be taken by the executive, although not contained in the 28 day Notice of Key decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or private), where compliance with Regulation 10 (the general exception) was also impracticable.

There have been no such instances since the last report.

Recommendation

That the Council notes the content of this report.

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23 JUNE 2021

APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND OUTSIDE BODIES

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval to a number of proposed changes to various committees and outside bodies that have arisen since the Annual Council meeting.
- 1.2 The full list of appointments to committees and outside bodies will be published on the Council's website in the Year Book at <https://www.sunderland.gov.uk/committees/cm55/PublicDocuments.aspx>, following the meeting.

2.0 Changes to Appointments on Committees

- 2.1 Since the Annual Council meeting the following representatives from external organisations on the Health and Wellbeing Board have been confirmed:-

Chair of All Together Better: Dr M Weatherhead (interim appointment, until place-based provider alliance established)
Safer Sunderland Partnership representative – Chief Superintendent S. Pitt

- 2.2 Hetton Town Council have confirmed that the representatives to serve on the Standards Committee are Councillors R. Elvin and D. Geddis.

3.0 Changes to Outside Bodies

- 3.1 The changes to the outside bodies are as follows:-

Green Terrace Primary School Trust – To appoint two Councillors to the vacant positions on the Trust.

4.0 Recommendations

The Council is accordingly invited to:-

- (i) note and endorse the appointments to the Committees detailed in paragraphs 2.1 and 2.2; and
- (ii) appoint two Councillors to the vacant positions on the Green Terrace Primary School Trust.

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23 JUNE 2021

APPROVAL OF REASON FOR ABSENCE FROM MEETINGS

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1** The purpose of this report is for Members to consider approval of a period of absence for Councillor Turner.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1** Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 provides that “if a member of a local authority fails throughout a period of six consecutive months from the date of his last attendance to attend any meeting of the authority, he shall, unless the failure was due to some reason approved by the authority before the expiry of that period, cease to be a member of the authority”.
- 2.2** The last attendance at a meeting by Councillor Turner was 14 January 2021 and she has been unable to attend a meeting since. In view of the provisions of the Act regarding absence from meetings, it is considered appropriate to request Council to approve a period of absence by reason of ill health.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1** Council is recommended to note Councillor Turner’s absence from meetings due to ill health and, in accordance with section 85 Local Government Act 1972, approve the reason for her absence from meetings for a period up to and including the end of December 2021.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are no background papers to this report.

Motions on Notice

MOTIONS ON NOTICE

Council Members are asked to consider the under-mentioned Motions:-

1. Seeking an end to “Fire and Rehire” tactics by employers

This Council notes the increased use by employers in the UK of fire and rehire tactics, forcing their staff to accept worse terms/conditions, leaving many having to work longer hours and for lower pay.

That while the Prime Minister has called the practice “unacceptable” he has continually refused to take action to outlaw the practice, raising concerns that he will not intervene in this race to the bottom by some employers.

This Council therefore believes actions are required to ensure local residents are protected against such unscrupulous employers and agrees to:

- Ask the Leader of the Council to write to the Prime Minister demanding he act now and keep his promise to local residents to protect their employment terms and conditions
- Promote the increasing number of progressive local employers prioritising their employees wellbeing by becoming a REAL living wage employer.
- Work with our anchor institutions and key partners to bring forward plans for the introduction of a local employer charter for companies to work toward, with Trade Union rights, support for the TUC great jobs agenda and paying the REAL living wage at its heart.

Councillor G. Miller (Proposer)
Councillor L. Farthing (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor P. Stewart
Councillor S. Laws
Councillor A. Samuels

Councillor C. Rowntree
Councillor L. Williams
Councillor D.E. Snowdon

2. Newcastle Airport

This Council resolves to write to Newcastle International Airport to urge its directors to rename the airport ‘Newcastle Sunderland International Airport.’

Councillor N. Hodson (Proposer)
Councillor P. Edgeworth (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor N. Hodson
Councillor P. Edgeworth
Councillor S. O’Brien

Councillor H. Fagan
Councillor M. Crosby

3. Back Lanes

Council recognises the need to take action to improve the condition of residential back lanes across the city.

Back lanes often look untidy and uninviting, as well as attracting fly-tipping issues, anti-social behaviour, and speeding and parking problems.

To improve the state of back lanes for local residents, Council agrees to learn from the Reclaim the Lanes project and undertake the following actions:

- To launch a public consultation among residents with back lanes to understand their concerns and preferred solutions, and to report back to each Area Committee;
- To subsequently identify a number of pilot areas across the city to implement the solutions and ideas identified by residents;
- To conduct an audit of how many waste bins and dog bins are currently in the vicinity of residential areas with multiple back lanes.

Councillor A. Mullen (Proposer)
Councillor H. Greener (Seconder)

Signed by:-

Councillor A. Mullen
Councillor L. Reed
Councillor H. Greener
Councillor P. Wood

Councillor S. Johnston
Councillor U. Ali
Councillor C. Burnicle
Councillor J. Doyle