

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **AGENDA**

**Meeting to be held in the Civic Centre (Committee Room No. 1) on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

#### **Membership**

Cllrs Blackburn, Curran, M. Dixon, G. Galbraith, I. Galbraith, E. Gibson, Marshall, O'Brien, Porthouse, D. Snowdon, Taylor, Turner.

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No items.

E. WAUGH,  
Head of Law and Governance,  
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9<sup>th</sup> April, 2018.

**At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held at the HOPE STREET XCHANGE on TUESDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, 2018 at 5.30 p.m.**

**Present:-**

Councillor David Snowdon in the Chair

Councillors Blackburn, Curran, M. Dixon, G. Galbraith, I Galbraith, E. Gibson, Marshall, Porthouse and Turner.

Also in attendance:-

Councillor Dianne Snowdon, Sunderland City Council  
Rebecca Hall, Director Sunderland 2021  
Nick Wood, Head of Property, Sunderland City Council  
Louise Whitaker, Valuation Surveyor, Sunderland City Council  
Mr Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council  
Mr Paul Wood, Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor Taylor.

**Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018**

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**Declarations of Interest (including Whipping Declarations)**

Library Services Review – Progress Report on Property Outcomes.

The Chairman made an open declaration in relation to paragraphs 3.4 and 3.6 of the report as he was Secretary for the Millennium Centre and employed by SHARP.

**Developing Sunderland's Cultural Action Plan 2018-2024**

The Director of Sunderland 2021 submitted a report (copy circulated) which was to set out the vision and implementation plan for Sunderland's UK City of Culture bid legacy.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

The Chairman welcomed Rebecca Hall, Director Sunderland 2021 to the meeting who presented the report and was on hand to answer Members queries.

Councillor Curran commented that whilst Sunderland may have been unsuccessful in its bid for City of Culture, the programme of events planned was wonderful and the inclusion in the WW1 Armistice Day Centenary event was a real coup.

In relation to the Canny Space Project under Paragraph 7.2, Councillor Curran enquired as to what would be entailed within the £3.6 million budget. Ms Hall advised that this was Capital budget to restore the building.

In response to Councillor Porthouse's comment over Sunderland Representation on the Great Exhibition of the North, Ms Hall advised that the Inventors exhibition was originally commissioned in Sunderland along with the involvement of artists from Sunderland so we were represented. There was also huge links to the Tall Ships.

Councillor M. Dixon enquired if the profile of the City and the external perceptions of the City had improved through the Bid for City of Culture.

Ms Hall commented that at the start of the process they did not have the benchmarks or figures in relation to perception and this had been purely anecdotal, however they were getting a great deal of interest now and Ms Hall believed this was an indicator in a change of the national perceptions.

Councillor Gillian Galbraith queried how they planned to raise the £20 million budget hoped for over the 7 year period. Ms Hall advised that they already had submitted a National Centre for Imagination bid for £5 million and also applied to Arts Council looking for a £3-4 million of funding so there were substantial sums already in the works.

Councillor Curran referred to the recent BBC Sea Cities Programme and that Sunderland was viewed very positively with the people speaking passionately about the area and he wished there was more programmes like this to put us on the map.

Councillor Porthouse commented on the need for T.V broadcasters to include Sunderland on the weather maps etc. in order to give the city more coverage and advised that he had expressed this concern to the networks.

In response to Councillor Blackburn's query over the lack of representation for the Coalfield area, Ms Hall advised that through the Great Place Spark Programme they would be focussing on different areas and they were talking with Groundworks about art and health in Coalfields so it was absolutely their intention to make sure this wasn't just a City Centre Programme. The producers had just been recruited for the programme to shape the project and Ms Hall advised that she could inform of the figures in relation to how much a specific area would be allocated in budgets.

The Chairman requested that Ms Hall include the brief of what the Producers work entailed along with the figures on the programme budgets.

Councillor M. Dixon commented that he believed the fact we were a coastal city needed promoting.

Councillor Porthouse advised that Herrington Heritage had produced a fantastic book which had raised the profile of the area. Councillor Porthouse also referred to enquiries received with regards to viewing areas for the Royal Party on the Northern Spire Bridge and that he believed it was a fantastic opportunity to have a viewing stage, an opportunity which was missed to promote the City.

The Chairman commented on the need to have a greater input as a Committee on such issues.

Councillor Porthouse suggested that The Chairman of North East Chamber of Commerce be invited to a future meeting of this Committee to discuss his plans for the City. Jim Diamond, Scrutiny Officer was to look into this.

In response to Councillor Marshall's query over the budget for marketing, Ms Hall advised that the communications budget was a real challenge but there was some money included through the Great Place Spark Programme and she agreed that we needed to keep promoting the city more proactively.

Councillor Marshall commented on the need for much more promotion in prominent areas such as Keel Square for instance, to highlight what was happening within the City.

Councillor G. Galbraith commented that as a City we have always been poor at signage and enquired if there was any ongoing work to look at signposting events and places.

Ms Hall advised that signage was not within her remit but agreed that closer working was needed to better highlight attractions with better signage/blue plaques.

The Chairman enquired as to the Council funding that had been allocated for the Bid and what funding had been expected if we had been successful. Ms Hall advised that they had initially been awarded £250,000 over 2 years to deliver the bid and set up the Culture Action Plan. If we had been successful we would have received £3 million from Heritage Lottery and it was estimated an income of £100 million from all the money to be raised over the term.

The Chairman advised that £40 million had already been obtained from the £60 million target.

In response to Councillor Dixon's enquiry, Ms Hall commented that despite not being successful in the bid, there was still fantastic enthusiasm amongst the team in meetings and the people were so passionate, buoyant and determined to keep going.

The Chairman having thanked Ms Hall for her attendance, it was:-

2. RESOLVED that the contents of the report and comments made be received and noted.

## **Library Services Review – Progress Report on Property Outcomes**

The Executive Directors of Economy and Place and People Services submitted a joint report (copy circulated), providing an update on the implementation of the Library Services review by the Executive Director of People Services.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Ms Louise Whitaker, Valuation Surveyor briefed the Committee with a summary of the revised delivery model provided for:-

- Libraries to be retained in Sunderland City Centre, Washington and Houghton Le Spring
- An expanded digital offer
- Books at Home Service
- Community delivery through community organisations
- Integrated working with the library services at Sunderland University and Sunderland College

In response to Councillor Turner, Ms Whitaker advised that the Lease agreement for Hetton Library was with the City Solicitors and they were waiting for the documents to be signed so this should be imminent. Ms Whitaker advised that she would let the Councillors know once the lease was signed.

In relation to Councillor Blackburn's enquiry as to Easington Lane Library, Ms Whitaker advised that it was still on the market due to the breakdown of the previous sale.

Councillor E. Gibson commented that due to the Doxford Park Library being one of those first to close it had been especially difficult for the families in the area as Fawcett Street Library became their closest and was expensive to travel to. Councillor Gibson acknowledged the need to carry out this work but felt it was so disappointing for those affected.

Councillor Curran referred to paragraph 3.1 of the report on Fulwell Library and wished to state that the Ward Councillors had done a tremendous job with the volunteers involved and it had been a massive success that was only getting better and should be looked at for best practice moving forward as an example of the way libraries should evolve in the future.

Councillor Curran commented that Fulwell library had become a Community Hub and a success story that should be shared more often and congratulations to everyone involved.

Councillor Dixon wished to reiterate those comments in relation to Hendon Library and the work done there had been a real plus with lots more people using it as a result.

Councillor Porthouse enquired as to the practices used in these instances as efforts had been made in East Herrington but had ultimately failed to make it a success.

Councillor Dixon commented that he believed it was due to the local people and volunteers involved.

Councillor Curran agreed that the Community involvement had been key.

Councillor I Galbraith commented that he had taken great heart from the efforts made at Hendon and Kayll Road libraries and also that Fulwell and Hendon libraries were situated ideally within busy shopping streets which others weren't so fortunate with.

In response to Councillor G. Galbraith's query, Ms Whitaker advised that she could ask Library Services to provide feedback received on the Sunderland Library/Winter Gardens offer.

Councillor Dixon also commented that he would like to see this feedback and it was agreed for the information to come to a future meeting of the Committee for consideration.

With regards to regular inspections of libraries, Ms Whitaker advised that these were done every five years but if concerns were raised within that period then they could look at the lease agreements at that point.

The Chairman commented that the Shiny Row Library had been transformed and the building he worked in had seen an increase in volunteers and book donations. There was also other provision and development groups so there were a lot of positives that had come out of this but we did need to keep monitoring what was happening and have a business plan going forward.

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

3. RESOLVED that the contents of the report be received and noted.

### **Visit to Northern Spire Bridge**

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated) for the Committee to provide feedback on the visit to the Northern Spire Bridge.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Marshall commented that it was amazing to be able to witness the work ongoing and that the new road was soon to be advertised which was positive.

Councillor E. Gibson agreed that it was brilliant to have the opportunity to visit such a project.

Councillor Porthouse suggested that this Committee should be looking at what the economic impact would be of the bridge and what we could expect from it.

Councillor Blackburn commented that the economic value of the bridge will have been calculated in order to obtain the original funding so all that information should be available to source.

Councillor Porthouse commented that the circumstances had changed since the initial bid for the funding, The Port had seen a turnaround and housing schemes had been identified therefore we needed to keep on top of the situation.

Councillor Marshall commented that hopefully the housing identified would service the additional people coming into the City to work at the IAMP and the bridge will open up access to the Port bringing more business opportunities and kick-starting an economic impact.

Councillor Blackburn advised that the initial bid for the Bridge will not have taken the IAMP into account so this would be an additional benefit.

Councillor Curran agreed with Councillor Porthouse in relation to the economic impact of the bridge, which would be similar to the Stadium Village proposals. At the moment the bridge may stand alone but within the next ten years the area would be wonderful.

Councillor G. Galbraith commented that the impact of the bridge seemed to be brilliant and in general everyone was enthusiastic over it so hopefully would generate an economic value.

The Chairman advised of the increased interest from the Schools in the Bridge which was having a real community impact and he believed it to be an impressive structure that everyone involved should be congratulated for bringing it in on time and on budget.

Councillor I. Galbraith commented that it would be nice to see a time lapse video of the development of the bridge. Councillor Dianne Snowdon advised that there was media available on the website which she would share with those who wished for it.

Councillor Porthouse suggested that it would be good to get the Engineers involved with the bridge, into the Civic Centre to give a presentation to Members.

Councillor I. Galbraith suggested that this would also be beneficial for students to receive such a presentation.

Councillor Dianne Snowdon informed the Committee that Sunderland University provided lectures so they may be worth liaising with.

Feedback having been given, it was:-

4. RESOLVED that the comments be received and noted.

### **Annual Work Programme 2017/18**

The Head of Member Support and Community Partnerships submitted a report (copy circulated), setting out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2017-18 municipal year.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Councillor Porthouse referred to the upcoming item on Refuse Collection and suggested that due to the recent bad weather, this Committee should be looking at the significant economic impact resulting from the conditions we faced. Mr Diamond advised that he would liaise with the Chief Operating Officer for Place on this.



The Chairman commented that the staff had carried out a wonderful job under the circumstances and suggested that the Committee look at the priority routes for gritting and such like when considering the Refuse Collection report.

5. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme be received and noted.

### **Notice of Key Decisions**

A report providing an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28 day period from 20<sup>th</sup> February, 2018 (copy circulated), was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

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

The Chairman then closed the meeting having thanked Members and Officers for their attendance.

(Signed) D. SNOWDON,  
Chairman.

**REPORT OF HEAD OF TRANSPORT AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

**SUNDERLAND STATION REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To present an update on the Sunderland Station Redevelopment project.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 Sunderland Council and Nexus are jointly been seeking to bring forward the redevelopment of Sunderland Central Station and have both allocated capital funds to support the project.
- 2.2 The current station was opened in 1965, as part of a wider redevelopment of the area, the previous station was badly damaged by bombing in 1943.

**3. Current Position**

- 3.1 The current station building is tired and provides a mediocre entrance to the city centre for both metro and heavy rail passengers. The platform level, however, did receive £7m of investment from Nexus in 2010 and it is perhaps fair to say that the platform level offers a much better passenger experience compared to the main building above.
- 3.2 Both Nexus and the City Council have allocated funds to support the delivery of a new station building, £3.5m from Nexus and £3.75m from the City Council. The current estimated cost for a new station building is between £13m and £15m.
- 3.3 Network Rail also previously allocated £3m towards the project but unfortunately this funding was withdrawn as part of a wider Government spending review 2010/11.
- 3.4 Network Rail no longer can directly allocate funds to such projects, instead this now being the role of the Department for Transport (DfT). As it stands the DfT is not in a position to allocate funds to this project.
- 3.5 The current agreed strategy for the project is to continue to develop a detailed design that is deliverable within a realistic budget. By preparing a detailed design this gives the project a stronger chance of attracting the additional funds required to deliver the project, approximately £6m to £8m, as the scheme will be 'oven ready' and deliverable in the short-term.
- 3.6 The proposals being developed will also include improvements to the public space immediately in front of the main station entrance. The space is currently cluttered with taxis and private vehicles which adds to the mediocre

passenger experience, as well as the experience for pedestrians passing through the area.

- 3.7 Subject to securing additional funds the current programme would see the construction of a new station building commence in 2019/2020.

#### **4 Conclusion**

- 4.1 The City Council and Nexus remain committed to this project and continue to progress the detailed designs for a new station building and explore all options to secure the necessary additional funds.

#### **5. Recommendations**

- 5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider and comment.

#### **6. Glossary**

None

#### **7 Background Papers**

None

# **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY    17 APRIL 2018 COMMITTEE**

## **ANNUAL REPORT**

### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **1.     Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1    To approve the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report as part of the overall scrutiny annual report 2017/18 that is to be presented to Council.

#### **2.     Background**

- 2.1    As in the previous 2016/17 municipal year the annual report will be a single combined report of all four scrutiny committees. The annual report will outline the development in the scrutiny function and provide a snapshot of its work during the last 12 months.

#### **3.     Current position**

- 3.1    The draft Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report is attached at appendix 1 for member's consideration. The report provides a brief summary of some of the main work undertaken by the Committee during 2017/18. It should be noted that the report is written from the perspective of the Chair of the Committee reflecting over the year.

#### **4.     Conclusion**

- 4.1    The Committee has delivered another ambitious work programme in 2017/18, which is reflected in the annual report. The Committee has worked with Council Directorates, stakeholders and partner organisations to deliver the work programme and has tackled a number of key issues throughout the year.

#### **5      Recommendation**

- 5.1    That Members approve the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee report for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18.

#### **6.     Glossary** n/a

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## **Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee**

**Chair: Cllr David Snowdon**

**Vice Chair: Cllr Gillian Galbraith**

**Committee Members: Councillors: James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Michael Essl, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Christine Marshall, Stuart Porthouse, Tony Taylor, Doris Turner.**

During the year, a key priority for the Committee has been to monitor the progress being made to improve the economic prosperity of the city and deliver the many regeneration initiatives either planned or underway.

At the beginning of the year, the Committee was consulted on the contents of the Council's Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2023 which will provide the overarching framework for development and growth in the city. As a result of its discussions, the Committee asked for further information on the infrastructure work that will be required to deliver the proposals, particularly in relation to roads links, public transport, schools, health and leisure facilities. The Committee also requested an update on the use made of Section 106 contributions and the systems in place for their allocation, as well as the progress being made on the Council's Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

The Committee once again heard from the Chief Executive of Siglione on the delivery of their plans for the Vaux site, Seaburn and Chapelgarth and their potential impact on the long term economic prosperity of the city. For the year ahead the Committee will continue to monitor progress on the delivery of the schemes.

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.

Toward the end of the year, the Committee received an update on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor and took the opportunity to visit the North Spire Bridge. The Committee was most impressed by the scale and innovative engineering techniques involved in the construction of the bridge which should provide a catalyst of economic growth, improve transport links and reduce congestion.

Following on from last year's work programme, the Committee received an update on city's three business centres – the Evolve Business Centre, Sunderland Software Centre and the Washington Business Centre. These act to encourage growth in expanding areas of the economy, such as IT and software and help to diversify the local economy as a whole. The Committee also heard about the development of the Small Medium Enterprise sector in

the city and the role of the Council's International Strategy in encouraging inward investment.

A long running concern for the people of the city has been the condition and future development of Sunderland Railway Station. The Committee therefore asked for a report on the current position. While progress has been slow and depends largely on securing funding from Network Rail, it is hoped that development plans will materialise in the not too distant future. Once again the Committee will continue to monitor progress.

It has been another exciting year for arts and culture in the city. The Committee heard from the Chairman of the Sunderland Music Art and Culture (MAC) Trust on its role in developing the arts and cultural offer of the city including the refurbishment of the Londonderry pub and the conversion of the Old Fire Station into a music, arts and creative hub and performance venue.

We also received regular update reports on the progress of the Council's City of Culture bid. Members were impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm that went into the formulation of the bid which reached the competitions final stages. While the bid was unsuccessful, the Committee heard from the Project Director on wide range of projects and initiatives that will nevertheless go ahead and contribute to the increasing cultural offer of the city.

The Committee also received a report on the outcome of the 2017 Sunderland Airshow and the contribution the event made to the local economy. The Committee heard that an assessment commissioned for the event had found that the economic impact stood at £15 million with direct net expenditure of £11 million generated for the Sunderland economy.

The Committee also has within its remit the provision environmental services within the city. In April 2017 a new Environmental Policy was introduced following recommendations made from this Committee. The Committee heard about the progress that had been made since the adoption of the new policy and the additional resources that had been made available for its enforcement. The Committee expressed its support for the further development of enforcement initiatives into the future.

The Committee also received details of the progress being made to introduce Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in the city centre. These are designed to help address problems such as the consumption of alcohol in public, dog control and nuisance. Once again the Committee expressed its support for their introduction and extension to other areas of the city.

All in all, it has been very busy and productive year for the Committee and one that should help provide the foundations for the development of scrutiny in the years ahead. 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 David Snowdon**  
**Chair of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee**

**ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18**

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY  
PARTNERSHIPS**

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2017-18 municipal year.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 The work programme is intended to be a working document which Committee can develop throughout the year, allowing it to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.3 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.4 In delivering its work programme the Committee will support the Council in achieving its corporate outcomes

**3. Current position**

- 3.1 The current work programme is attached as an appendix to this report.

**4. Conclusion**

- 4.1 The work programme is intended to be a flexible mechanism for managing the work of the Committee in 2017-18.

**5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.

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Policy Framework/ Cabinet Referrals and Responses										
Scrutiny Business	Remit and Work Programme of Committee  International Advanced Manufacturing Park (Les Clark)	Business Improvement District (Sharon Appleby BID)  City of Culture Bid 2021 (Rebecca Ball)	Local Plan (Ian Fairlamb)  Section 106 Agreements (Ian Fairlamb)	Events – Airshow Post Event Review (Victoria French)  Infrastructure (Dan Hattle)	Sunderland Music, Arts and Culture Trust (Paul Callaghan)  International Strategy / Development of SME sector (Catherine Auld)  International Advanced Manufacturing Park – Area Action Plan (Louise Moody)	Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) (Stuart Douglass)  Siglion – Progress Report (John Seager Chief Executive)	Housing Strategy - Update (Liz McEvoy)	Environmental Enforcement (Nicky Rowland)  Business Centres Progress Report (Catherine Auld)  SSTC/Northern Spire Bridge Visit (Mark Jackson)	City of Culture Bid (Rebecca Ball)  Libraries Update – Use of Buildings (Nick Wood/Sandra Mitchell)  Northern Spire Bridge Visit - Feedback (JD)	Sunderland Rail Station (Mark Jackson)  Annual Report (Jim Diamond)
Performance / Service Improvement										
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To Programme:

Northumbria Road Safety Partnership (Mark Jackson)  
 Refuse Collection (Mark Speed)  
 Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor - Update  
 Stadium Village Plan (Dan Hattle)  
 Holmeside Masterplan (Dan Hattle)  
 Industrial Strategy (Vince Taylor)  
 Local Plan/Infrastructure – Consultation Feedback (Louise Moody)  
 Airshow/Illuminations/Tall Ships - Impact and Feedback (Victoria French)  
 Key Cities – Progress (Jill Laverick)  
 Sunderland Cultural Partnership (Helen Connify)

## **NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS**

### **REPORT OF THE HEAD OF MEMBER SUPPORT AND COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS**

#### **1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions.

#### **2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Notice of Key Decisions) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.2 To this end, the most recent version of the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions is included on the agenda of this Committee. The Notice of Key Decisions is attached marked **Appendix 1**.

#### **3. CURRENT POSITION**

- 3.1 In considering the Notice of Key Decisions, Members are asked to consider only those issues where the Scrutiny Committee or relevant Scrutiny Panel could make a contribution which would add value prior to the decision being taken.
- 3.2 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

#### **4. RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 To consider the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

#### **5. BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- Cabinet Agenda

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

Notice is given of the following proposed Key Decisions (whether proposed to be taken in public or in private) and of Executive Decisions (including key decisions) intended to be considered in a private meeting:-

Item no.	Matter in respect of which a decision is to be made	Decision-maker (if individual, name and title, if body, its name and see below for list of members)	Key Decision Y/N	Anticipated date of decision/ period in which the decision is to be taken	Private meeting Y/N	Reasons for the meeting to be held in private	Documents submitted to the decision-maker in relation to the matter	Address to obtain further information
170810/205	To approve the freehold acquisition of a property to provide children's services accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 25 April to 30 June 2018.	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
170927/212	To approve in principle the establishment of a new police led Road Safety Partnership (Northumbria Road Safety Partnership) embracing the Northumbria Force area.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 25 April to 30 June 2018.	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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180103/235	To seek approval for the procurement and award of contracts to providers for local welfare provision	Cabinet	Y	During the period 25 April to 310 June 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180103/237	To seek approval of the Active Sunderland policy position and themes until 2021, ensuring that the policy is relevant to both corporate priorities and Sport England outcome framework.	Cabinet	Y	25 April 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180205/244	To seek Cabinet approval of the Housing Allocations Policy which has been revised in line with the Homelessness Reduction Act 2017.	Cabinet	Y	25 April 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180308/245	To seek approval for the sale of land at former Southwick School.	Cabinet	Y	During the period 1 to 30 June 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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180313/246	To approve : a)2018-19 Highway Maintenance(Including Bridges) Programme. b) 2018-19 Integrated Transport Capital Programme. c) Amendments to 2017-2018 Programme	Executive Director of Economy in consultation with the Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for City Services	Y	During the period 25 to 30 April 2018	N	The responsibility for this decision is delegated to the Chief Officer and Portfolio Holder in this instance.	Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180319/247	To approve property seizure pursuant to The Control of Waste (Seizure of Property) Regulations 2015 for property involved in the commission of relevant environmental crimes	Cabinet	Y	25 April 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report and qualifying Regulations	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180323/248	To seek approval to commence consultation on the Publication draft of the Core Strategy and Development Plan and Planning Obligation SPD.	Cabinet	Y	30 May 2018	N	Not applicable	Publication draft of the Core Strategy and Development Plan  Planning Obligation SPD	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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180326/249	To seek approval for the procurement of a Framework Agreement for care and support provision, including the procurement of care and support within two extra care housing schemes and the subsequent award of contract	Cabinet	Y	25 April 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet Report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
180326/250	To seek Cabinet approval and agreement to the Unauthorised Encampment Policy.	Cabinet	Y	25 April 2018	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services Civic Centre PO BOX 100 Sunderland SR2 7DN  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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

Subject to any prohibition or restriction on their disclosure, copies of documents submitted to the decision-maker can also be obtained from the Governance Services team PO Box 100, Civic Centre, Sunderland, or by email to [committees@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk)

Who will decide;

Cabinet; Councillor Henry Trueman – Leader; Councillor Michael Mordey – Deputy Leader/City Services; Councillor Mel Speding – Cabinet Secretary; Councillor Louise Farthing – Children’s Services; Councillor Graeme Miller – Health, Housing and Adult Services; Councillor John Kelly – Public Health, Wellness and Culture; Councillor Cecilia Gofton – Responsive Services and Customer Care

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

Elaine Waugh

Head of Law and Governance **27 March 2018**