

## ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### AGENDA

**Meeting to be held in Committee Room 1, City Hall, Plater Way,  
Sunderland on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 4.30 p.m.**

#### Membership

Cllrs Ali, M. Dixon, Edgeworth, Fagan, Foster, Laws, Mordey, Reed, Scanlan, D. Snowdon (Chairman), H. Trueman (Vice Chairman) and Warne.

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No items.

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Assistant Director of Law and Governance,  
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27 February 2023.

**At a meeting of the ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in COMMITTEE ROOM 1, CITY HALL on TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023 at 4.30 p.m.**

**Present: -**

Councillor H. Trueman in the Chair

Councillors Dixon, Fagan, Foster, Mordey, Reed, Scanlan and Warne.

Also in attendance: -

Mr James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer, Sunderland City Council

Mr Matthew Jackson, Principal Governance Services Officer, Sunderland City Council

Councillor Logan Guy

Chris Smith, Thirteen Group

Michael Farr, Bernicia

Members of the Press

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

## **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were submitted to the meeting on behalf of Councillors Ali, Edgeworth, Laws and D. Snowdon

## **Minutes of the Last Ordinary Meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

A copy of the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 was submitted.

(For copy report – see original minutes).

1. RESOLVED that the minutes of the last ordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 (copy circulated), be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

## **Change in the Order of Business**

At this point Mr Diamond advised that there had originally been representatives from four housing providers attending the meeting however the representatives from Home Group and Karbon Homes were now unable to attend. The representatives of Thirteen Group and Bernicia were to attend.

The Chairman moved that the order of business be changed so that the other items on the agenda be considered ahead of the Housing Providers Consultation. All Members present agreed to this change.

### **Annual Work Programme 2022-23**

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated), to provide options, provide support and advise Members on the development of the scrutiny work programmes for 2022/2023

(For copy report – see original minutes).

Mr James Diamond, Scrutiny Officer presented the report for Member's information and advised that an additional meeting had been arranged for 27<sup>th</sup> February to receive the report from Gentoo as part of the Housing Providers Consultation.

4. RESOLVED that the information contained in the work programme for 2022-2023 be noted.

### **Notice of Key Decisions**

The Scrutiny and Members Support Co-ordinator submitted a report providing Members with an opportunity to consider the items on the Executive's Notice of Key Decisions for the 28-day period from 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 (copies circulated).

(For copy report and notice – see original minutes).

Mr Diamond reminded Members to get in touch if they required further information on any of the items included in the notice.

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

At this point the meeting was adjourned for 25 minutes to allow time for the first of the housing provider representatives to arrive. The meeting reconvened at 5:00pm.

### **Housing Providers Consultation**

The Scrutiny and Members Services Co-ordinator submitted a report (copy circulated) which welcomed discussions with a number of housing providers on the housing issues facing the city.

(For copy report – see original minutes)

Ms Chris Smith, Executive Director of Business Growth, was in attendance to represent Thirteen Group and she advised that Thirteen Group owned around 400 properties in the city which had been acquired as part of the merger with Banks of

the Wear housing. The majority of these properties were older houses in the Hendon and East End areas; there were also properties in Grindon for older residents which had recently been built and young people's provision in the City Centre. The company operated mostly on Teesside where they owned 35,000 properties.

Thirteen Group was to be responsible for the redevelopment of the land at Amberley and Harrogate Streets in Hendon and a tender for a development contractor had been issued.

Thirteen Group had a small but important footprint in the City providing good resident satisfaction and working with the Council to meet the housing needs of residents including providing specialist accommodation.

Residents had concerns over the cost of living increases and there had been an increase in requests for repairs following the press coverage around issues caused by damp and mould.

Antisocial behaviour was not such a problem for Thirteen Group in Sunderland however where there were issues work was done with partners to address the issues.

The Chairman asked about mould in properties and Ms Smith advised that there had always been mould however people were now more willing to report it rather than just putting up with it as they knew that the issue would be taken seriously now. There was a need to look at whether any mould was treatable mould or whether it was the result of structural issues with the property.

The Chairman then commented that residents said that the mould issues were as a result of properties now being too sealed. Councillor Foster added that cavity wall insulation could stop buildings from breathing. Ms Smith advised that houses would still leak energy although heating and ventilation could be an issue, especially currently with the increase in energy prices. When cavity wall insulation was fitted air bricks should not be blocked so the structure would still be able to breathe. The main preventions for damp and mould were adequate heating, ventilation and maintenance.

Councillor Dixon queried whether Thirteen Group still owned the terraced houses in Hendon which had previously been owned by Banks of the Wear. He also questioned whether there was a local office. Ms Smith advised that they did still own those properties and that there was not a local office but there was a Neighbourhood Co-ordinator who worked in the area; residents could call the contact centre or use the online contact system if they needed to contact anyone from Thirteen Group.

Councillor Dixon then queried what was happening with the redevelopment of the Amberley and Harrogate Streets site. Ms Smith advised that this land had been in various ownerships between Sunderland City Council, Home Group, Back on the Map and Thirteen Group. The land was now owned by Sunderland City Council and Thirteen Group and there was an agreement to purchase the land off the Council. Councillor Mordey added that it was his understanding that there would be 20 bungalows and 100 houses built on the site. Ms Smith added that they would be for affordable rent and in the current environment this was challenging as the properties needed to be done to a certain standard but rent would be low.

Councillor Mordey stated that this was a long running saga, the first plans had been submitted in 2008 and had been stopped by the financial crash, there had then been plans mooted in 2019. He thanked everyone involved for their hard work in continuing to progress this redevelopment; there were residents who wanted to live at the location. He then referred to issues around delays to repairs in the St Vincent Street and Primary Gardens areas which were felt to be as a result of the lack of permanent staff presence in the area. Ms Smith advised that there were ways for issues to be reported and that the absence of a permanent presence should not be an issue in itself. She agreed to feed back these concerns. There was a need to put things right if it was difficult for residents to raise issues and she would look at the feasibility of having drop in sessions at the specialist accommodation sites.

Councillor Warne queried what percentage of properties had cavity wall insulation installed. He also stated that he lived in an older property which had cavity wall insulation installed and he had needed to get the property repointed and painted to prevent water ingress following the installation. Ms Smith advised that she would need to check the figures for cavity wall insulation; the installation would have been done a number of years ago. There had been 7 reports of damp and mould and three were awaiting inspection; they were from different parts of the city but were all older houses.

Councillor Dixon then questioned whether there were sub-contractors to undertake works or in house teams. Ms Smith advised that there were in house repairs teams who were based at the depot in Hartlepool; if there were not in house trades available then sub-contractors from an approved list were used.

The Chair then asked whether there was right to buy available to tenants. Ms Smith advised that legacy tenants from before Thirteen Group acquired the property were eligible for right to buy while newer tenants were able to use the right to acquire scheme.

Councillor Dixon then asked about partnership working with other housing associations and Ms Smith advised that there were various forums where the housing associations met and the local authority housing team was now holding formal group meetings for the housing associations.

The Chairman thanked Ms Smith for her attendance. She then withdrew from the meeting and Mr Michael Farr joined the meeting.

Mr Farr, Managing Director, addressed the Committee on behalf of Bernicia. He advised that Bernicia owned 14,000 properties across an area from Berwick through Northumberland down to Tyne and Wear and into Teesside. Within Sunderland they owned 700 properties. There were three separate companies that made up Bernicia group. Bernicia was the asset holding company; Bernicia Foundation provided charitable support; and Kingston Property Services was a provider of block and facilities management.

Bernicia had just been assessed by the regulator and it was expected that top marks would be received. The company was in a strong financial position and there were discussions on how best to spend the available funds. There were the same challenges faced as with any business in this sector; the cost of living increases and

increased in building costs had an impact; it was now 20 percent more expensive to build houses. It was also difficult to attract and retain skilled workers with surveyors being especially hard to retain currently.

Investment was being made in the sustainability agenda with there being a drive for energy efficiency; net zero carbon was a challenge and it was not known how this would be paid for. The future homes standard, which banned the use of fossil fuel heating, was being looked at and alternatives such as heat pumps were being considered.

Gaining planning permission for developments could be challenging; it was a complex system and nationally there had been a reduction in the number of local authority planning officers. Sunderland was an area where Bernicia had good experiences. It was his impression that Sunderland had more staff than other authorities and Bernicia had good experiences with named officers here which helped to progress applications.

Councillor Mordey commented that Sunderland had good ambitions and the planning department was key to supporting this. When he had been the portfolio holder he had resisted any cuts to the planning department.

The regeneration market pathfinders had been abolished by the government in 2010 and this was the last time there had been a national regeneration strategy. 25 percent of the housing stock in England was over 100 years old and this had an impact on energy efficiency and maintenance costs.

Current challenges had been the repairs to storm damage and the reaction to concerns over damp and mould.

The Chairman asked what Mr Farr what his thoughts were on the causes of mould and damp. Mr Farr advised that air tight houses needed more heating and ventilation and that with the current energy costs people had turned off extractors and heating as well as keeping windows closed which lead to a cold, damp environment which was the ideal conditions for damp and mould to form. Tenants were given education on what to do to prevent the formation of damp and mould. Cycling heating on and off rather than keeping it at a constant temperature could lead to problems. There had been three tenants had been moved to different properties due to issues.

Councillor Mordey questioned Kingston Property Services; there had been complaints from residents about issues at their properties including lifts not being repaired. Mr Farr advised that it was a subsidiary of Bernicia and that there were members of the main board sat on the board of Kingston. He would report back the concerns.

Councillor Mordey stated that it was interesting to hear the thoughts on net zero carbon and asked about the biodiversity net gain which was now a priority. Mr Farr stated that diversity was a challenge; there had been issues in Teesside with planning applications being delayed due to nitrate neutrality issues. How the use of non-fossil fuels in existing properties would work was being examined. There had been work on Teesside to retrofit homes with hydrogen boilers. Cost was a concern as the electric heat pumps were more expensive to run than gas boilers.

Councillor Dixon stated that Kingston were managing a lot more properties than previously having taken on some gentoo properties. He was concerned that standards were slipping as a result and asked whether there was a policy to expand this business in Sunderland. Mr Farr advised that following discussions between Kingston and Gentoo it had been agreed that Kingston were better placed to manage the challenges of running large blocks; it was an expanding business. There could sometimes be challenges around the relationships with management companies and he would speak to the Managing Director of Kingston about the concerns raised.

Councillor Warne asked if there was information about arrears. Mr Farr advised that a slight upward trend had been seen and that there were hardship funds and signposting to benefits support to assist tenants. The cost of living increases would have an impact on tenants ability to pay the rent and this needed to be balanced with the rent increases; there was a 7 percent cap on the increase which was less than inflation but could still be difficult for tenants.

Councillor Fagan queried whether there were a lot of properties sold through right to buy. Mr Farr advised that of the 14,000 properties owned there would be between 40 and 80 sold through right to buy each year; this had now slowed down however which was possibly due to interest rate rises.

Councillor Reed asked what the average energy efficiency ratings of the properties were. Mr Farr advised that 25 percent of the properties were below a C rating with a small number being D to F rated. The rest of the properties were above a C rating. There was funding available to ensure that all properties were brought up to at least a C rating. The aim was for 90 percent of the properties to be up to C rating by 2026 which was ahead of the government target. It was beneficial to residents if their properties were more energy efficient.

Councillor Dixon asked about relationships with other housing associations and Mr Farr advised that there was communication with the other housing associations in the area; it was known that there was a need for more collaborative working and there had been a joint bid made for energy efficiency works.

6. RESOLVED that the information from the housing associations be received and noted.

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

(Signed) H. TRUEMAN,  
Chairman.



## **REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION**

### **UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND – UPDATE**

#### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update report on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) and its implications for Sunderland.

#### **2. Background**

- 2.1 The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) is intended to invest in economic growth and regeneration in the regions of the UK, replacing the previous European Structural and Investment Funds.
- 2.2 The total amount of funding allocated to Sunderland is £16.57m over three years from 2022/23 – 2024/25. This includes £14.93m of UKSPF core grant funding and £1.64m for the Multiply adult numeracy programme. As a lead designated authority, the Council is responsible for the development, management and monitoring of the Fund.
- 2.3 The Government has stated that the UKSPF should be invested to achieve the following objectives:-
- Boost productivity, pay, jobs and living standards
  - Spread opportunities and improve public services
  - Restore a sense of community, local pride and belonging
  - Empower local leaders and communities
- 2.4 The funding is intended to support projects across three investment priorities: communities and place, supporting local business and people and skills.
- 2.5 In Sunderland, the UKSPF resources will be focused on supporting the priorities set out in the City Plan:-
- by 2030 Sunderland will be a dynamic smart city with more and better jobs, a low-carbon economy and a great choice of housing. It will be a leading digital city, deploying smart and sustainable technologies for the benefit of residents, businesses and visitors;
  - it will be a healthy smart city where people will live healthier, independent lives for longer. It will be a clean and attractive city with great transport and travel links;
  - it will be a vibrant smart city with more resilient people feeling safe in their homes and neighbourhoods. There will be a range of opportunities for people to participate in their communities and in cultural events and activities.

- 2.6 UKSPF resources will be allocated to seven local objectives across the Government's three priority areas:-
- City Centre and Town Centre vibrancy improvements and investment in Arts, Culture, Heritage and Creative Industries;
  - Building VCS capacity and capabilities, to tackle health inequalities and to address anti-social behaviour and crime, including support to young people and other hard to reach groups;
  - Delivering a smart city for all and supporting climate change initiatives in our communities;
  - Responding to the cost of living crisis;
  - Boosting local enterprise, entrepreneurship and innovation, and transitioning towards a netzero low carbon economy;
  - Supporting economically inactive people and those furthest from labour market to overcome barriers to accessing sustainable work and learning;
  - Improving skills to progress in work and responding to local skills needs.

### **3 Current Position**

- 3.1 Catherine Auld (Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration) and James Garland (Principal Funding and Commercial Officer) will be at the meeting to provide a presentation and answer questions.

### **4. Recommendations**

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

## REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC REGENERATION

## SCREEN INDUSTRIES – UPDATE

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To provide an update report on the development of screen industries in the city within the context of the North East Screen Industries Partnership.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 In early 2021, the BBC published a pan-UK commissioning strategy – ‘The BBC Across the UK’ – and announced its commitment to increasing out-of-London production by 10% by 2028 (a spend value of £700m). This strategy is designed to ensure increased representation of communities throughout the UK across all BBC platforms and increase commissioning spend in the nations and regions.
- 2.2 This resulted in the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) being signed by the 12 local authorities and 3 combined authorities across the North East as a whole with the BBC in September 2021.
- 2.3 Figures considered at the time indicated that the UK’s screen industry was flourishing, generating GVA of £6.1 billion in 2016 and representing growth of 140% over the past ten years. Turnover in the industry had also significantly increased over this timeframe growing from just over £6bn in 2008 to over £14bn in 2017. There was huge potential identified to grow the sector locally by capitalising on the rapid expansion of the industry at UK level, with the re-location of Channel 4 to Leeds opening-up new opportunities for North-East-based companies. The growing interaction between film, TV & screen, and gaming & VR was also starting to catalyse new opportunities for UK creative content businesses.
- 2.4 However, the North East as a region is underdeveloped with regard to its screen industries landscape. Unlike competitor regions such as Liverpool, Greater Manchester and Yorkshire, it had not established – through a publicly funded screen agency - a coordinated and strategic approach to unlocking the economic and social development potential of the sector. Over a decade of low or no investment in screen sector support and infrastructure and a lack of a regional production fund to attract new investment, combined with major programming cuts made by broadcasters in 2008 has left the North East as one of the smallest screen sectors in the UK. Less than 2% of content produced in the UK is made in North East and just 0.9% of production and post production industry companies are based here.

- 2.5 It was within this context that the MoU with the BBC was developed, with the BBC committing to invest up to £25m in the region and regional partners seeking to commit £11.4m over the same five year period. A new North East Screen Industries Partnership (NESIP) was developed. The establishment of NESIP, with the early investment from the BBC and the support of North East Screen (formerly Northern Film and Media), was designed to catalyse the screen industries sector and help to establish a thriving screen industries eco system across the region.
- 2.6 Activity coordinated through North East Screen, reporting to the North East Screen Industries Partnership, is focused around a central production office, alongside business development and skills initiatives. Private sector led investment and future opportunities have also been announced during this period, both within the city and wider region.
- 2.7 This item has been brought to the Committee in view of the significant potential economic and cultural impact for the city.

### **3. Current Position**

- 3.1 Catherine Auld (Assistant Director of Economic Regeneration) will be in attendance to provide a presentation on the nature and level of activity to date.

### **4. Recommendations**

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

### **5 Background Papers**

None

## **ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**7 MARCH 2023**

### **ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2022-2023**

#### **REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT CO- ORDINATOR**

##### **1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report sets out the current work programme of the Committee for the 2022-23 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 can 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 2022-23.

##### **5 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That Members note the information contained in the work programme.
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ECONOMIC PROSPERITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23

REASON FOR INCLUSION	14 JUNE 22 – (INFORMAL MEETING)	12 JULY 22	27 SEPTEMBER 22 (REARRANGED)	11 OCTOBER 22	8 NOVEMBER 22	6 DECEMBER 22	10 JANUARY 23	7 FEBRUARY 23 & 27 FEBRUARY	7 MARCH 23	4 APRIL 23
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<b>Scrutiny Business</b>	Remit and Work Programme of Committee	Refugee Provision (Graham Scanlan)  Port Visit – Arrangements (Matthew Hunt)	Housing Strategy/ Rough Sleeping Prevention Strategy – Consultation (Graham Scanlan)  Visit to the Port of Sunderland – Cancelled and Rescheduled to December)	Annual Low Carbon Progress Report (Catherine Auld)	Sunderland BID (Sharon Appleby)  Events (Stephen Savage)	Business Centres (Catherine Auld)  Environmental Services Update (Marc Morley)  Visit to the Port of Sunderland (Matthew Hunt)	Culture Sector and the Local Economy (Rebecca Ball)  Housing Strategy (Graham Scanlan)	Housing Provider Consultation (Gentoo and Other Housing Providers)	UK Shared Prosperity Fund (Catherine Auld/James Garland)  Screen Industries – Update (Catherine Auld)	Siglion (Neil Guthrie/Anthony Crabb)  Future High Street Fund Programme (Anthony Crabb)  Annual Road Safety Report (Paul Muir)  Public Transport Update (Mark Wilson)
<b>Consultation Information and Awareness Raising</b>		Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22	Notice of Key Decisions  Work Programme 21-22

City Heat Network Projects – Update (Peter Graham) - TBC  
 E Scooter – Update (June 23)  
 Cycling Infrastructure – Update (Mark Wilson)

**NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS SUPPORT  
CO-ORDINATOR****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
220621/720	To approve funding options in respect of development at Nile and Villiers Street Sunnyside.	Cabinet	Y	23 February 2023 (published on the Notice dated 25 January 2023).	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230124/755	Proposals for the acquisition, preparation and disposal of development land adjacent to the Northern Spire Bridge.	Cabinet	Y	23 February 2023 (published on the Notice dated 25 January 2023).	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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230125/757	To seek approval for appointment of a preferred developer in relation to a proposed residential development at Murton Lane, Easington Lane	Cabinet	Y	23 February 2023 (published on the Notice dated 25 January 2023).	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
210709/612	To authorise the Executive Director of City Development to deliver the Washington F-Pit Museum Heritage Visitor Centre and Albany Park Improvement project, including the procurement of consultants and contractors.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220207/690	To approve the sale of the former Alex Smiles site and to undertake required remedial works.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220207/691	To approve the acquisition of strategic sites in the Commercial Road Area.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220524/714	To agree to the grant of an option to sell property at Richmond Street, Sheepfolds, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220712/722	To seek agreement to the proposed development strategy of the Council's Self and Custom Build Sites.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220719/723	To seek approval for the acquisition of Property at Crowtree Road and to grant a lease of the former Crowtree Leisure Centre	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
220725/725	To approve the Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Delivery Plan	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221121/734	To provide an update and to seek approval for the change in delivery approach in respect of the Sunderland Heat Network.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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220822/736	To update Cabinet on progress of the New Wear Footbridge (“the Scheme”) and seek approval to award the main works contract for the Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221018/747	To consider a disposal of land at Silksworth Road, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet Report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221101/750	To consider the outcome of the review of the governance and contract arrangements for Together for Children Sunderland Limited and approve the recommended next steps.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221110/753	To seek approval for the Disposal of an Industrial Property in Washington.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221123/754	To seek approval to procure a contractor and negotiate and enter into a build contract for the delivery of 13 one bed apartments at James William Street.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221130/756	To seek approval to procure a contractor and, negotiate and enter into a build contract in the delivery of 55 nos. bungalows and apartments for over 55s at land at St Luke Road.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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221216/767	To seek approval to acquire St. Cuthbert's Methodist Church and associated land to enable the build of 6 specialist supported bungalows and approval to procure a contractor and enter into a build contract for the delivery of the bungalows.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221216/768	To seek approval to acquire the former Halfway House Public House and, negotiate and enter into a build contract with Bright Ideas in the delivery of 8nos. 1-bed apartments for supported accommodation.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>



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221220/769	To approve the 2023 Siglion Business Plan	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221220/770	To approve the carrying out of a procurement exercise in order to establish a framework for ground investigation works and geotechnical services.  To delegate authority to the Executive Director of City Services in consultation with the Portfolio Holder to conclude the contractual arrangements.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230117/772	Changing Places Toilets Programme – Approval of Grant Agreement to Everyone Active to enable funding and installation of CPTs in key leisure venues across the city.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230123/773	To approve The Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policy – Updates and Amendments	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230123/774	To update Cabinet on progress on the Riverside Infrastructure Project (“the Scheme”) and seek approval to commit funds to a programme of projects under this Scheme.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230125/775	To receive a progress update in relation to the Housing Innovation and Construction Skills Academy and approve the proposed next steps	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230127/776	To approve a Homelessness Reduction and Rough Sleeping Strategy 2023 – 2028.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230130/777	To approve the Housing Delivery Investment Plan future strategic approach.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230130/778	To approve the Financial and Lease Agreement details for the New Sunderland Eye Infirmary on Riverside.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230201/779	To Seek approval for the acquisition of a Property on John Street, Sunnyside, Sunderland.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230207/780	To consider an update and proposed next steps in relation to the Regional Adoption Agency.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230207/781	To approve the Highway Maintenance (Including Bridges) and Integrated Transport Capital Programme 2023-2024.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230208/782	To apply uplift to Public Health contracts where staff are employed on NHS Agenda for Change terms and conditions, in line with Public Health Grant conditions for 2022/23.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230213/783	To make a decision relating to an exchange of land to facilitate to rebuild of St Patrick's RC Primary School (Ryhope)	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	N	Not applicable	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
230213/784	To approve the disposal of land at Farrington Row, Sunderland for a proposed residential scheme.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230215/786	To seek approval for the realignment of property interests at Keel Square.	Cabinet	Y	16 March 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>
221006/744	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	16 March to 30 June 2023	N	Not applicable.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <a href="mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk">committees@sunderland.gov.uk</a>

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230215/785	To approve the payment of financial assistance to a company locating in Sunderland in relation to the company's own investment plans.	Cabinet	Y	16 March to 30 June 2023	Y	The report is one which relates to an item during the consideration of which by Cabinet the public are likely to be excluded under Paragraphs 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, as the report will contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	Cabinet report	Governance Services City Hall Plater Way Sunderland SR1 3AA  <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 City Hall, Plater Way, Sunderland, or by email to [committees@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:committees@sunderland.gov.uk)

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**Who will decide;**

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

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

Elaine Waugh,  
Assistant Director of Law and Governance

15 February 2023