



# Council

## North Tyneside Council

### To All Members of the Council

9 January 2019

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council of the Borough of North Tyneside to be held in **The Chamber, Ground Floor, Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside at 6pm on Thursday 17 January 2019** for the transaction of the following business.

<b><u>Agenda Item</u></b>	<b><u>Page(s)</u></b>
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Five valid questions on notice have been received from members of the public for a response at this meeting.	
<b>2. Apologies</b>	
<b>3. To receive any Declarations of Interest</b>	
You are invited to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.	
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You are also invited to disclose any dispensation from the requirement to declare any registerable and/or non-registerable interests that have been granted to you in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.	
<b>4. Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 22 November 2018 (previously circulated)</b>	

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- To agree the final draft of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy.
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- To approve the designations of statutory roles of Monitoring Officer, Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Acting Returning Officer with effect from 25 February 2019.
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- To agree the programme of meetings for 2019/20.
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- To agree the Common Seal being affixed to all deeds and documents required for carrying into effect the various decisions of the Council made since its last meeting.
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- To receive any announcements by the Chair of Council.
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- To receive any announcements by the Elected Mayor.
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- Four valid questions on notice have been received from Members of the Council for a response at this meeting.

**Yours faithfully**



**Chief Executive**

# **North Tyneside Council Report to Council 17 January 2019**

## **ITEM 1**

### **Questions by Members of the Public**

Notice has been received of the following questions from members of the public to be put to the Council meeting.

#### **1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Ms Hawkins of North Shields**

What are the perceived benefits of moving the Shields ferry landing from North Shields to Royal Quays?

#### **2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr Radbourne of Whitley Bay**

As the driving force within the Council would it be possible for you to tell me what commitment you and your cabinet have for the future of the St Mary's nature reserve, both in terms of overall management strategies and specifically balancing visitor attendance whilst reducing wildlife disturbance levels.

#### **3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Ms Bennett**

St. Mary's Island Nature Reserve is to me the jewel in North Tyneside's crown. To have such a wonderful wilderness so close to urbanisation is truly a precious thing for all those that enjoy being amongst nature.

Nature reserves and other open spaces places help wildlife thrive whilst providing people with areas where they can reap the benefits of the natural world.

When local authorities declare an LNR they take on the duty of care to manage and look after the site. It is therefore the responsibility of the local authority to ensure visitor pressure is managed in a way that alleviates damage and disturbance caused to the wildlife habitats on these protected sites.

SMSW and its growing team of volunteers from the North Tyneside area has dedicated many thousands of volunteer hours to help maintain the delicate and often precarious balance between visitors and the wildlife on this much-loved site, maximising the visitor appeal whilst helping to safeguard the natural environment and the wildlife it supports.

SMSW anticipates continuing its commitment to our local wildlife and the many thousands of visitors who come to enjoy it. Whilst we applaud measures put in place by NTC to help alleviate, to some extent, the impact of visitor pressure we know these measures are not enough. A convincing commitment by North Tyneside Council to realise its management responsibility and fully address the impact of

visitor pressure on the wildlife habitats of this reserve is essential for the future of this site.

As the driving force within the Council would it be possible for you to tell me what commitment you and your cabinet have for the future of this nature reserve, both in terms of overall management strategies and specifically reducing wildlife disturbance levels.

#### **4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr Stevenson of Dudley**

I am considering the purchase of an electric or plug in hybrid vehicle and I would like to ask the council if it is planning to apply for grants from the OLEV on street charging point scheme and would also ask what is this councils policy on charging cables crossing public footpaths/highways if I was to have a home charger installed (I do not have access to off street parking). The majority of housing in the area will not be able to utilise this technology and thereby reduce pollution without the ability to charge on street.

#### **5. Question to the Elected Mayor by Mr Mill of North Shields**

Recently the Council made the decision to demolish the footbridge on Borough Road. What efforts have been made by the Council in order to preserve this footbridge to which many hundreds of people believe to be a part of the town's heritage and may an extension be made to this decision in order for local residents to attempt to find funding for repairing or replacing the bridge?

# North Tyneside Council Report to Council Date: 17 January 2019

**ITEM 5**  
**Safer North Tyneside  
Community Strategy  
2019-2024 – final  
proposals**

**Portfolio:** Community Safety and  
Engagement

**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Carole  
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**Report from Service  
Area:**

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**Wards affected:** All

## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

There is a statutory responsibility under the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for the Authority, in partnership with other agencies, to develop and publish a community safety partnership strategy that aims to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending within the community.

The Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Partnership has a Community Safety Strategy (the 'Strategy') in place that expires in March 2019 and therefore needs to be renewed.

This report outlines the strategic priorities of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Partnership for the period 2019-2024. It follows a comprehensive consultation exercise and commits the partnership to an annual Strategic Needs Assessment to identify specific areas of focus.

The Strategy forms part of the Authority's Policy Framework.

### **1.2 Recommendation:**

It is recommended that Council agree the final draft of the Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy attached as **Appendix 1** to this report.

### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

Twenty eight days notice of this report has been given and it first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 16 November 2018.

## 1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework

This report relates to the following priorities in the 2018 to 2020 Our North Tyneside Plan:

Our places will:

- Provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive and safe and sustainable environment.

Our People will:

- Be cared for, protected and supported.

The Strategy forms part of the Authority's Policy Framework and this report sets out the final proposals submitted to Council in pursuance of the established process under Part 4.7 of the Constitution to be followed in relation to the formulation and approval of plans and strategies comprised in the Policy Framework.

## 1.5 Information:

### 1.5.1 Background

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998, as amended by the Police Reform Act 2002, Police and Justice Act 2006, the Police and Crime Act 2009 and the Crime and Disorder (Formulation and Implementation of Strategy) Regulations 2011 (as amended), places a duty on 'responsible authorities' to work together, with other agencies, to tackle crime, disorder, substance misuse and reoffending within the community. The responsible authorities in North Tyneside are North Tyneside Council, Northumbria Police, Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority, Northumbria Probation Trust and North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group.

It is a statutory requirement for Community Safety Partnerships (known in this Borough as Safer North Tyneside or the SNT Partnership) to prepare an annual strategic assessment of crime and disorder activities and for this assessment to shape how the SNT Partnership responds to emerging issues. This process informs the Community Safety Strategy and the review of that Strategy.

The Safer North Tyneside Partnership has agreed that its next Strategy will cover the period 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024. The final proposals for the draft Strategy are included in **Appendix 1**. These final proposals have been considered and agreed by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee on 5 November 2018 and by Cabinet on 26 November 2018.

### 1.5.2 The Strategy in Context

North Tyneside is one of the safest areas of the country to live, work and visit with comparatively low levels of crime. The recent Safer Communities Survey showed that perceptions of crime being a problem in North Tyneside remain extremely low at 3%. This was the lowest of any area in the Northumbria Police force area, which had an average of 6%.

It is important to recognise the contribution all partners continue to make in ensuring the Borough remains a safe place. Since the implementation of the current Strategy the SNT Partnership has supported the following:

### Domestic Abuse

- Engaged in partnership work with other local authority areas to define and establish links with Domestic Abuse and the Health economy to enable victims to access appropriate health support;
- Helped to introduce North Tyneside Council's Domestic Abuse Champions Scheme. This is a network of trained staff volunteers who offer initial support to other staff who are domestic abuse victims;

### Victim Support

- Supported the introduction of a new Victim Support Scheme by the Police and Crime Commissioner to better support victims of crime by engaging with the service provider to help shape the services locally;

### Public Protection

- Overseen the procurement of mobile CCTV cameras for deployment in line with local policing priorities. These cameras are deployed when needed to manage crime and disorder in identified 'hot spot' areas across the Borough;
- Provided governance for the recent CCTV procurement project which will see the renewal of all current public space CCTV across the Borough as well as a new CCTV control room;
- Worked with North Tyneside Council to shape implementation of the new Public Spaces Protection Orders to help tackle environmental and anti social behaviour issues in our parks and public spaces;

### Hate Crime

- Established a Hate Crime task and finish group to identify the scope of hate crime in the Borough and to provide some signposting to support mechanisms for victims of all hate crimes;

### Anti-Social Behaviour

- Supported the Young Mayor who was successful in securing funding for the Anti-Bullying schools campaign. This campaign raised awareness of the issues around bullying and the impacts on victims in schools right across the Borough;
- Secured funding for taxi marshals in Tynemouth as an interim measure to help manage incidents of anti social behaviour;

### Prevent

- Secured funding for the local charity Walking With to undertake further educational work under the Prevent Strategy. This was specifically designed to assist with some refugee re-settlement work and to help provide further educational tools to help run training events for other voluntary organisations;
- Coordinated and facilitated Project Argus counter terrorism events for local businesses. These were part of a national training programme to help local businesses learn how they can assist in the initial response to a terrorist incident;
- Coordinated the introduction of a new multi agency Channel Panel process to tackle the early signs of radicalisation under the Prevent Scheme. This is a multi agency approach which aims to draw the person away from radicalisation and to address any underlying support issues that may assist the individual;
- Managed the production of a Coordination Plan for the multi agency response to a terrorist attack under the CONTEST legislation. This brings together a multi agency planned response to a terrorist attack in the Borough and identifies roles and responsibilities of the various responder organisations;

### Community Resilience

- Helped to introduce the Volunteer Flood Warden Scheme. This came about after Thunder Thursday in June 2012 and created a network of volunteers to help identify and assist vulnerable people during flooding as well as provide us with some up to the minute information from the ground before, during and after flooding;
- Supported the introduction of Response Pastors in the Borough to assist with the community response to an emergency. The Response Pastor scheme expands the role of a Street Pastor to those volunteers who can assist our communities during an emergency or major incident.

### 1.5.3 Developing the Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024

The draft Strategy has been developed by the SNT Partnership which has been mindful of the number of significant changes affecting the community safety landscape since the last Strategy was approved.

Council will remember the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner (the PCC) attended its meeting of 27 September 2018 and spoke about some of the emerging types of crime and disorder. Some of these emerging issues are not only a challenge for Northumbria Police but also for the Authority and its partners. There are a number of cross cutting issues that are complex in nature such as child sexual exploitation, modern day slavery, delivery of the Government's CONTEST (counter-terrorism) strategy and cyber crime. To fully address the cross cutting nature of these emerging issues the SNT Partnership intends to work even more closely with other agencies and partners including for instance the Safeguarding Adults Board and the Local Children's Safeguarding Board to ensure that there is a jointly informed understanding of the overall picture and priority activity is delivered through the respective work plans.

The SNT Partnership has considered the latest available crime and disorder strategic assessment, and the priorities included within Police and Crime Plan 2017-2024, developed by the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Strategy has also taken into account the priorities of the Elected Mayor which are included within the Our North Tyneside Plan, specifically to provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment and also to ensure that our people are cared for, protected and supported.

In addition, the SNT Partnership knows it needs to support the many strategic plans and projects that the Authority and its partners are delivering. This includes making links to the scoping work underway on the Drugs and Alcohol Strategy and Cabinet's recent approval of the Travel Safety Strategy; developed under the North Tyneside Transport Strategy; which considers a broad range of safety and personal security issues for transport users.

### 1.5.4 Identified Priorities

The SNT Partnership has identified four key priorities for North Tyneside:

- Safeguarding
- Public Protection
- Alcohol and Drugs; and
- Crime and Disorder.

These are set out in the final draft of the Strategy in **Appendix 1**.



For each identified priority, the Partnership will consider what current service provision exists, what current data sets and intelligence may be available, what current resource levels are available and what current awareness/communication strategies exist. This will shape the annual work plan and identify what actions need to be taken to support delivery of the Strategy over each of the five years the Strategy will be in place.

#### 1.5.5 Consultation

Following consideration of the initial draft Strategy in December 2017 by Cabinet and then in January 2018 by Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee, a formal public consultation exercise took place between 28 February 2018 and 26 March 2018. The consultation was available online and, in line with comments received by Members, the consultation also included the Schools Improvement Service (via the Authority's Community Engagement Team) and hard copies were also printed and distributed to all Libraries and Customer First Centres across the Borough.

In addition, the consultation was also extended to Members of the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership Executive and a range of other Partners and groups that would have a particular view on elements of the Strategy. These included:

- The current Residents Panel membership
- The Safer North Tyneside Hate Crime Group membership
- The membership of the local Police led Joint Engagement Group
- The Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- The local Safeguarding Adults Board
- The local Health and Wellbeing Board
- The Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

Prior to the formal consultation, the initial draft strategy was shaped by discussions with young people at the State of the Area event in October 2017. The session was developed by young Cabinet Members and explored community safety issues that are a concern to young people. Wider Members' feedback had also been considered through any Members' Enquiries which had identified community safety issues throughout 2017.

#### 1.5.6 Consultation Results and Feedback

In total 47 responses were received to the consultation exercise. A summary of the consultation results is attached in **Appendix 2**. Members will note that the feedback was positive overall and that the majority of respondents were in agreement with the priorities in the Strategy.

One amendment has been made to the final draft Strategy following a suggestion about making more specific reference to Domestic Abuse and Sexual Assault within the Safeguarding priority. Other comments related to wider issues and some were better addressed by our partners, so the comments were relayed to the appropriate party.

Since the consultation took place the SNT Partnership has reviewed the draft Strategy to ensure that it takes into account new matters such as; the Domestic Violence and Abuse Bill, and the policy steer given by the Elected Mayor and her Cabinet to encourage a greater sense of place in the Borough, particularly in relation to tackling anti-social behaviour and environmental crime.

### 1.5.7 Delivering the Strategy

The new Strategy will be supported by an annual work plan once it is approved. Work has already started to identify activities across partner organisations and these are being collated centrally for agreement by the SNT Partnership. Progress against this work plan will be reported by all relevant partners and the SNT Partnership will own and maintain the delivery plan.

Performance will be managed by the SNT Partnership and reported quarterly to the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership. An annual report on progress against the operational delivery plan will be presented to Cabinet at the end of each delivery year. The Housing Sub Committee provides ongoing scrutiny of the work of the SNT Partnership.

The SNP Partnership is also reviewing its membership with a view to expanding it. This review will be complete in good time for the implementation of the new Strategy.

### 1.6 **Decision options:**

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

#### Option 1

Council approves the draft Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

#### Option 2

Council does not approve the draft Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

Option 1 is the recommended option.

### 1.7 **Reasons for recommended option:**

Option 1 is recommended for the following reasons:

This will enable the Strategy to be considered by Council in accordance with the constitutional requirements of the budget and policy framework and ensure that it is in place by 1 April 2019 to meet the requirements of the provisions of the Crime and Disorder Act 1988.

### 1.8 **Appendices:**

Appendix 1: Draft Safer North Tyneside Strategy

Appendix 2: Summary of consultation responses

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## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) [The Crime and Disorder Act 1998](#)
- (2) [Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011](#)
- (3) [The Crime and Disorder \(Formulation and Implementation of Strategy\) Regulations 2007](#)
- (4) [The Crime and Disorder \(Formulation and Implementation of Strategy\)\(Amendment\) Regulations 2011](#)
- (5) [Safer North Tyneside Community Safety Strategy 2014-2019](#)
- (6) [Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021](#)
- (7) [Strategic Needs Assessment](#)
- (8) [Equality Impact Assessment](#)

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no financial or other resources implications arising directly from this report. The consultation on the Strategy outlined in the report was funded from existing revenue budgets. In addition, the operational delivery plan will be developed and delivered through existing resources. However, any future financial implications that might arise through the development of the Strategy, and which cannot be contained within existing budgets, would be reported to Cabinet for approval before any additional spend is committed .

### **2.2 Legal**

There is a statutory requirement under sections 5-7 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 for local 'responsible authorities' to create a partnership in each local authority geographical area in order to address community safety issues. The same legislation states that a Strategy must also be in place to support the work of the Partnership.

The Community Safety Strategy forms part of the Authority's Policy Framework and is required to be formulated and progressed in compliance with the requirements of the Policy Framework Procedure Rules at section 4.7 of the Constitution.

The Constitution recognises that a number of strategies or plans are prepared under partnership arrangements, and that such documents need to be negotiated and agreed by the relevant authorities. One such strategy is the Community Safety Strategy, the preparation of which is the responsibility of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership. The Constitution (at Article 4.4) makes clear that the Council should not usually overturn any plans and strategies already agreed with local partners provided that the Budget and Policy Framework Rules have been complied with.

## **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

### **2.3.1 Internal Consultation**

The draft Strategy has been considered by the Authority's Senior Leadership Team and Lead Member Briefing. Both the initial and final proposals have been considered by the Authority's Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee as part of the Budget and Policy Framework rules. Comments received have been incorporated into the final version of the Strategy.

Consideration and approval by Council of the final proposals meets the requirements of the Authority's Budget and Policy Framework rules and means that the Strategy can be implemented on 1 April 2019.

### **2.3.2 External Consultation/Engagement**

The Membership of the Safer North Tyneside Board has shaped the content of the Strategy and has already provided comment on the final draft Strategy. Public consultation took place during 2018 in line with the Authority's Community Engagement Strategy. The Membership of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership includes statutory community safety partners and representatives from the local community and voluntary sector.

As well as the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership, a range of other groups were consulted as part of the public consultation process:

- The current Residents Panel membership;
- Any specific groups currently engaged with relevant workstreams, such as project work with the Authority's Community Engagement Team;
- The Safer North Tyneside Hate Crime Group membership;
- The membership of the local Police led Joint Engagement Group;
- The Local Safeguarding Children Board;
- The local Safeguarding Adults Board; and
- The local Health and Wellbeing Board

The consultation was also provided to the Schools Improvement Service and hard copies were distributed to every Library and Customer First Centre.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Northumbria was also consulted on the priorities. The content of the Strategy has been written to help support the objectives in the local Police and Crime Plan.

The draft Strategy was also been discussed at State of the Area event with young people and comments taken into account in drafting the Strategy.

## **2.4 Human rights**

There are no human rights implications directly arising from this report.

## **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no adverse equality and diversity implications directly arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment on the consultation process was undertaken. There will be particular groups, for example those whose rights are protected by hate crime legislation, which the strategy will have a positive impact on. Any specific projects commissioned by the SNT Partnership will also be subject to an Equality Impact Assessment.

## **2.6 Risk management**

The Strategy considers community safety risks and the supporting delivery plan will set out work to help mitigate these risks and where appropriate, work to manage the consequences of those risks in communities.

## **2.7 Crime and disorder**

The Strategy deals with the reduction of crime and disorder in the borough as one of the Partnership's key priorities for North Tyneside.

## **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising directly from this report.

## **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

- Chief Executive ☒
- Head of Service ☒
- Mayor/Cabinet Member ☒
- Chief Finance Officer ☒
- Monitoring Officer ☒
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service ☒



# **SAFER NORTH TYNESIDE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

## **Safer North Tyneside Strategy 2019 – 2024**

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## Foreword

As Chair of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board I am pleased to introduce North Tyneside's Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024. Reducing crime and disorder and protecting vulnerable people are extremely important factors in improving the lives of people in North Tyneside. The Safer North Tyneside Partnership brings together all partners with responsibilities for keeping people safe. Everyone plays their part.

We enjoy living in one of the safest metropolitan boroughs in the UK. We are proud of all we have achieved but we know that more needs to be done.

We, as individuals, can do more too. There is a lot of crime prevention advice available to our residents and businesses to reduce the opportunities for criminals. We should look after the places that we live in, work in and visit, report crimes and anti social behaviour and take responsibility for our own actions in our neighbourhoods.

Welfare reforms, reductions in public resources and change in Police recording practices have all produced challenges for our Partnerships. However, the Safer North Tyneside Partnership remains committed to finding new ways of working together for the greater good.

Councillor Carole Burdis

Chair of the Safer North Tyneside Board



# Introduction

## Background

The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 placed a duty on local authorities and the police to work together with key partners and organisations to develop and implement local crime reduction strategies as a community safety partnership. Before developing such strategies, they must identify key local crime-and-disorder priorities through consultation, and by analysing crime-and-disorder levels and patterns in the area.

Our established Community Safety Partnership, Safer North Tyneside (SNT) oversees this statutory responsibility.

## Our Local Priorities

Following her re-election in 2016, the Police and Crime Commissioner Dame Vera Baird QC published the Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017 – 2021 setting out her priorities with the theme of Building Safer Communities and Effective Justice.

The Elected Mayor of North Tyneside, Norma Redfearn CBE has published the Our North Tyneside Plan which sets out the ambition to make North Tyneside an even greater place to live, work and visit. Included within that are the priorities to ensure that:

- **Our people** will be cared for, protected and supported
- **Our places** will provide a clean, green, healthy, attractive, safe and sustainable environment.

In order to meet these local priorities, we must work in partnership to create and maintain safe and resilient communities. The SNT Partnership is committed to work together with local partners to ensure that the most vulnerable people in our communities are protected and supported while improving community life overall for our residents, businesses and visitors.

## Developing a Strategy

A key requirement of the Partnership is the production of a Community Safety Strategy (the Strategy). Since the last Strategy was approved in 2014, there have been some significant changes in the community safety landscape where issues

such as child sexual exploitation, modern day slavery, delivery of the Government's CONTEST agenda and dealing with cyber crime demand attention. These issues provide new challenges for the Northumbria Police, the Council and its partners.

This new Strategy will cover the five year period from 1 April 2019 to 31 March 2024.

It was developed following a public consultation exercise which received positive feedback. At the beginning of its development the priorities were shaped by discussions that took place at the State of the Area event which was lead by our young people.

## **Governance and Reporting**

Performance will be reported to the Safer North Tyneside Partnership Board who has primary accountability for delivery of the Strategy. The Board then reports to the North Tyneside Strategic Partnership on a quarterly basis.

An annual report will be presented to Cabinet which will provide an update on progress made against the Strategy work plan. An annual report will also be provided to the Housing Sub Committee who maintain a scrutiny role on community safety matters.

## Our Priorities for 2019-2024

The Strategy covers the period from 1 April 2019 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 and identifies four key multi agency priorities.

The priorities set out here aim to build on some of the successes of the Safer North Tyneside Partnership (SNT Partnership) and the work of all its members. In setting the new priorities, the Board reflected on the previous Strategy and also considered new emerging crime patterns and trends.

In order to keep an eye on emerging issues, the Board will agree an annual work plan with activities designed to support the delivery of the Strategy priorities. We will conduct a Strategic Needs Assessment every year to help us identify specific areas for focus in line with the priorities set out which were strongly supported by a public consultation exercise undertaken during 2018.

## Safeguarding

The SNT Partnership will coordinate and support work to safeguard people in our communities. This includes:

- domestic abuse and sexual violence
- child sexual exploitation
- modern day slavery
- hate crime
- cyber crimes (including online bullying and stalking)

We will maintain links with the North Tyneside Safeguarding Adults Board and the North Tyneside Local Safeguarding Children's Board in order to coordinate progress on these cross cutting issues.

## Public Protection

The SNT Partnership will coordinate and support work to ensure that our communities are as safe as possible. This includes:

- community resilience before, during and after emergencies
- overseeing the production of emergency plans and response arrangements
- delivery of the government's 'CONTEST' Strategy.

We will support a multi agency approach to tackling environmental issues such as dog fouling and fly tipping.

## Alcohol and Drugs

The SNT Partnership will explore the relationship between the misuse of alcohol and drugs in relation to certain types of crime and disorder. This includes:

- domestic violence
- domestic homicide
- crimes which cause harm and distress to our communities

We will maintain links with the North Tyneside Health and Wellbeing Board in order to develop work which will support the Alcohol and Drugs Strategy.

## Crime and Disorder

The SNT Partnership will support partners to reduce crime and disorder in the borough. This includes:

- acquisitive crime
- crime and disorder associated with the night time economy
- crimes against persons which cause harm, especially anti social behaviour.

We will also engage partners and support campaigns and activities to promote feelings of safety amongst our communities.

## Links to other strategies

This Community Safety Strategy 2019 – 2024 links and complements the following strategies and plans:

[Northumbria Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021](#)

[Our North Tyneside Plan 2016-2019](#)

[Domestic Abuse Partnership](#)

[CONTEST Strategy](#)

[Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Plan 2018-19](#)

[Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Plan](#)

# Community Safety Strategy 2019-2024 Consultation with residents and stakeholders

**Date:** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018

**Version:** 1

**Author:** Policy, Performance and Research



North Tyneside Council

## 1. Introduction

The current five year Community Safety Strategy expires in 2019, a new Strategy is in development to be implemented from April 2019. A draft set of priorities for the new Community Safety Strategy was consulted on for four weeks during February and March 2018.

An electronic questionnaire along with the draft priorities was sent to partners, professionals. The questionnaire and draft priorities were published on the council's engagement Hub, "Have Your Say".

There were 47 respondents to the questionnaire. The majority of responses were from residents and the Community and Voluntary Sector. Three quarters of respondents were female and the majority were aged 45-59 years old (18).

<b>Respondent</b>	<b>Number of responses</b>
Resident	24
Community and Voluntary Sector	9
Business	5
Local Authority Officer	1
Local Councillor	3
Resident and Business Owner	1
National Probation Service	2
Other	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

Respondents were asked to state their postcode and there were 45 postcodes that could be matched to a ward. Respondents were spread across 16 wards; the majority of respondents were from Riverside ward (10), Whitley Bay Ward (6) and Camperdown (5).

<b>Ward</b>	<b>Number of respondents</b>
Battle Hill	2
Benton	1
Camperdown	5
Chirton	1
Collingwood	1
Cullercoats	2
Monkseaton South	1
Northumberland	4
Preston	3
Riverside	10
Tynemouth	3
Valley	4
Wallsend	2
Whitley Bay	6

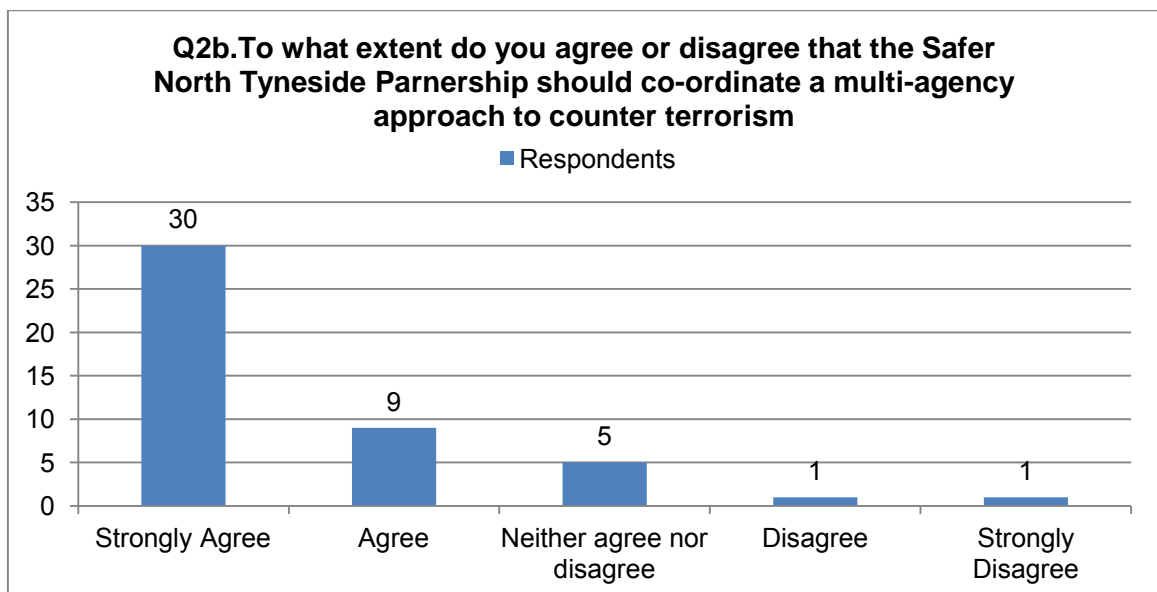
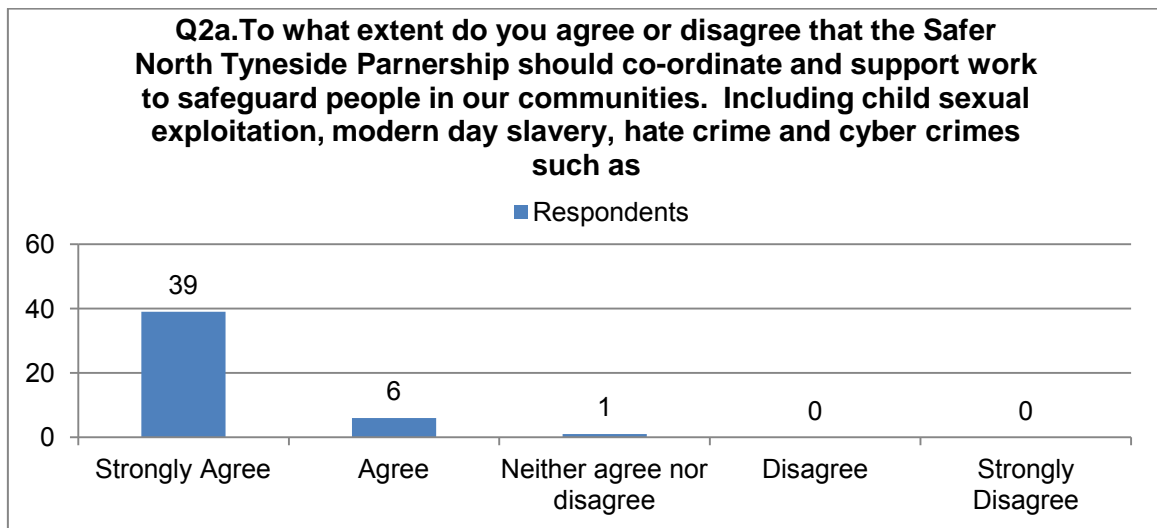
Unmatched postcodes	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>47</b>

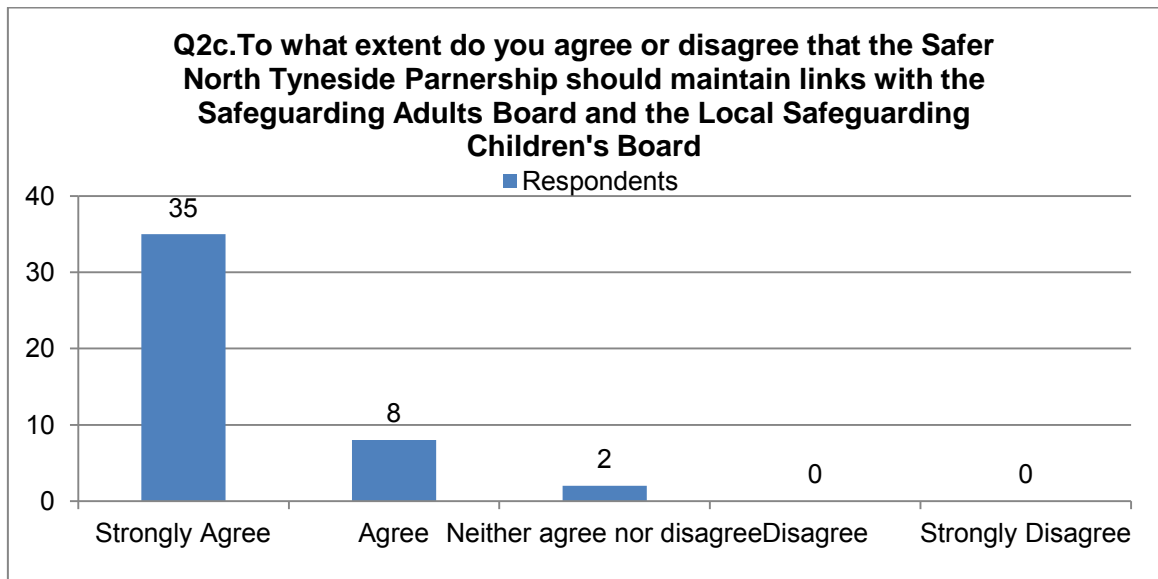
## 2. Views on Draft Community Safety Strategy 2019/24 Priorities

Respondents were asked for their views on the four main priorities; Safeguarding, Public Protection, Alcohol and Drugs and Crime and Disorder.

### Section A. Safeguarding

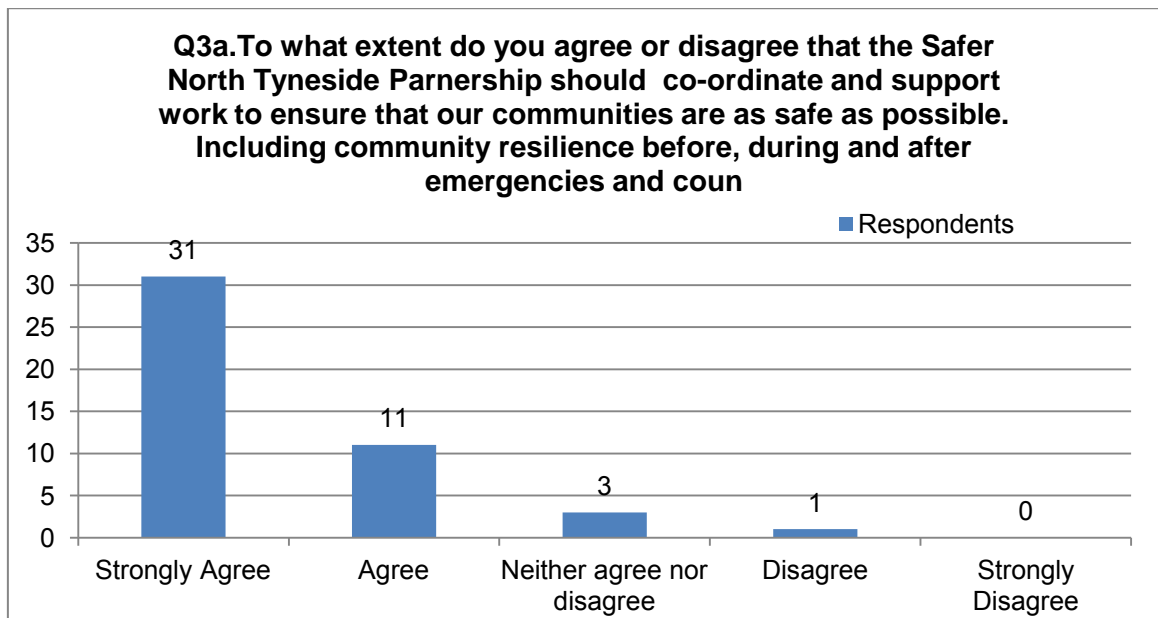
In relation to the Safeguarding priority, the majority of respondents either strongly agreed or agreed that the Safer North Tyneside Partnership should co-ordinate and support work to safeguard people in our communities, co-ordinate a multi-agency approach to counter terrorism and maintain links with the Safeguarding Adults Board and Local Safeguarding Children's Board.



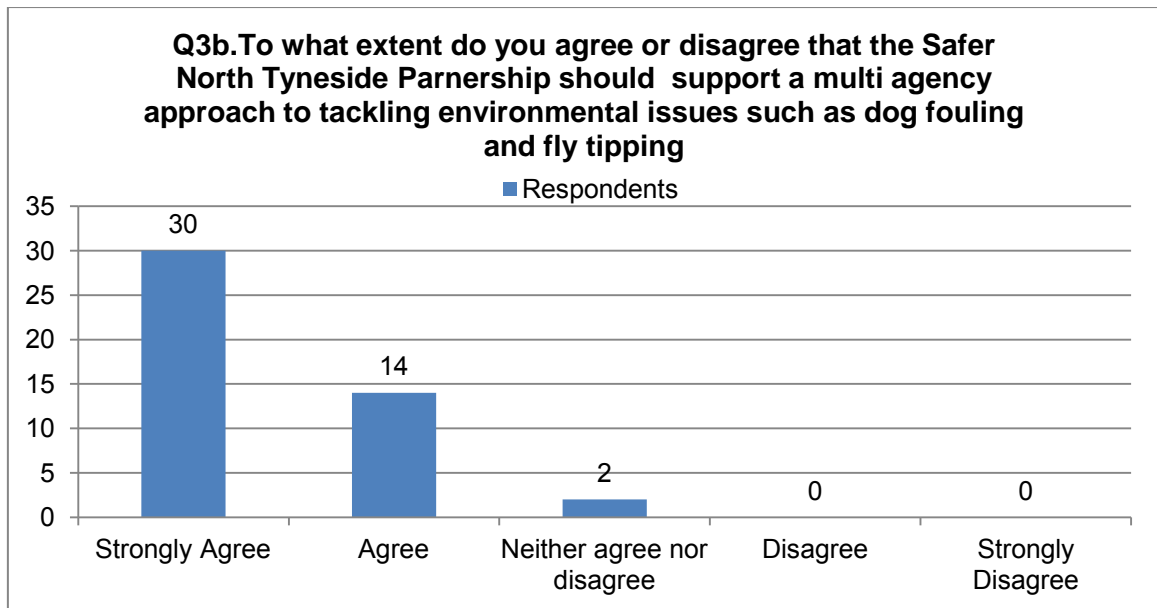


## Section B. Public Protection

The majority of respondents either strongly agree or agree that the Safer North Tyneside Partnership should co-ordinate and support work to ensure that our communities are as safe as possible and support a multi-agency approach to tackling environmental issues.

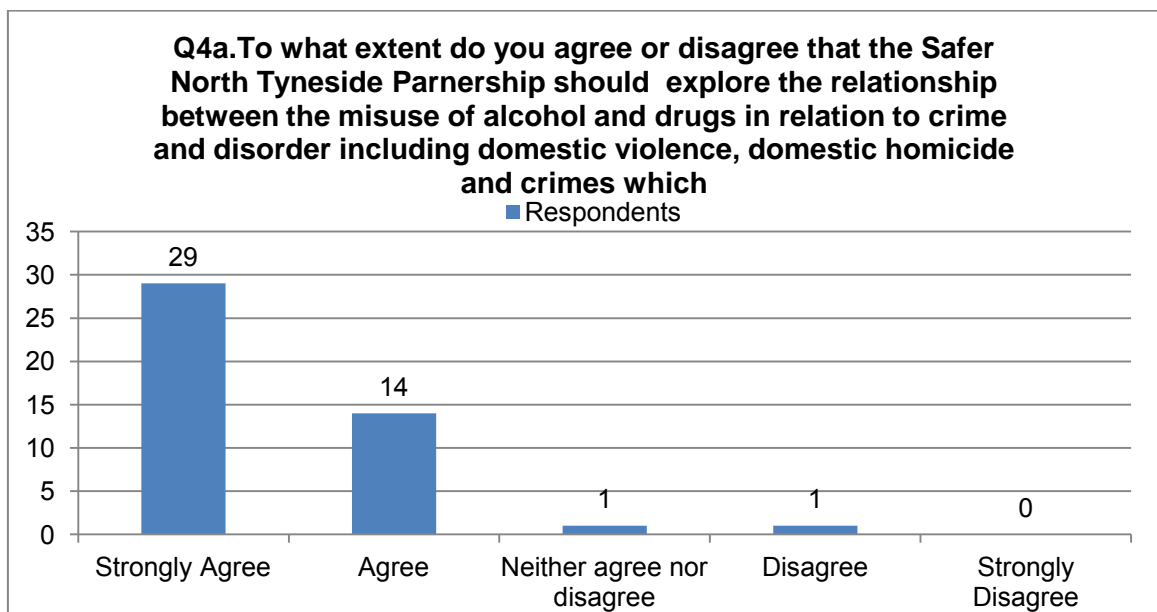


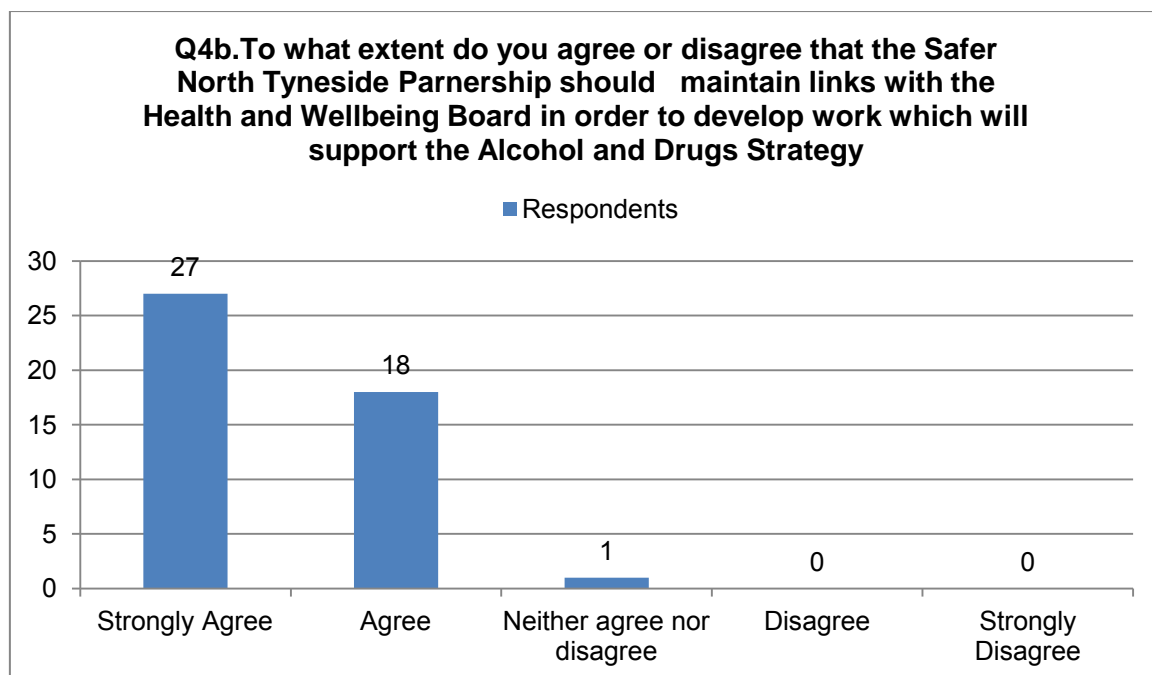




### Section C. Alcohol and Drugs

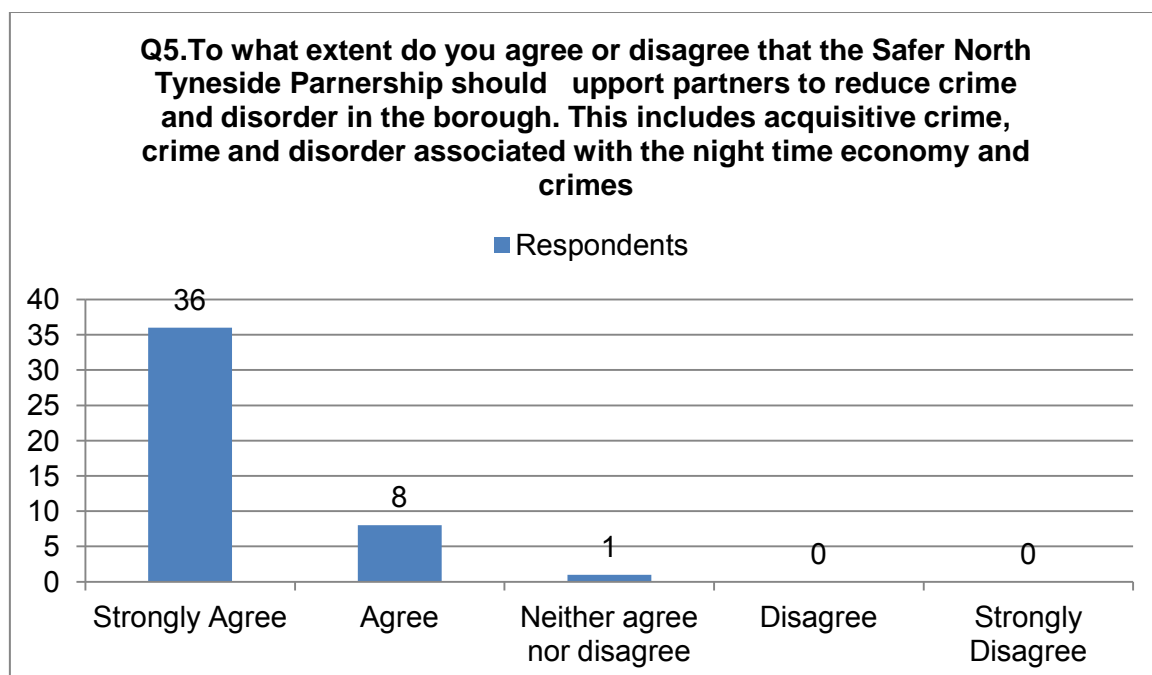
The majority of respondents either strongly agree or agree that the Safer North Tyneside Partnership should explore the relationship between the misuse of alcohol and drugs in relation to crime and disorder and maintain links with the Health and Wellbeing Board.





#### Section D. Crime and Disorder

The majority of respondents either strongly agree or agree that the Safer North Tyneside Partnership should support partners to reduce crime and disorder in the borough.



### 3. Summary

Respondents to the electronic questionnaire either strongly agreed or agreed with the draft priorities as part of the consultation exercise. Respondents were asked to describe any other priorities they felt the Safer North Tyneside Partnership

should deliver and there was a suggestion to include specific reference to Domestic and Sexual Violence under the Safeguarding priority.

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Council

### 17 January 2019

#### ITEM 6

Designation to Statutory  
Roles

<b>Portfolio(s):</b> Elected Mayor	<b>Cabinet Member(s):</b> N Redfearn
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**Report from:** Paul Hanson, Chief Executive **Tel:** 0191 643 7000

**Wards affected:** All Wards

## **PART 1**

### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

The Authority is requested to designate an Officer of the Authority to the statutory role of Monitoring Officer and similarly to allocate the roles of Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Acting Returning Officer following the appointment of a new Head of Law and Governance.

The responsibility for the designation of those roles is reserved to full Council.

### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that:

The Council designate Mr Bryn Roberts, who has been appointed to the post of Head of Law and Governance, as the Monitoring Officer, Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Acting Returning Officer from 25 February 2019 when he commences his employment with the Authority.

### **1.3 Forward plan:**

The report first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 30 November 2018.

### **1.4 Council plan and policy framework:**

This report has no direct relevance to the priorities contained within the Our North Tyneside Plan.

### **1.5 Information:**

#### **Background**

The Authority is required by Section 5 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 to designate an officer of the Authority as the Monitoring Officer. The designation has been held since 1 September 2018 by Ms Louise Watson, the Authority's Deputy Monitoring Officer, on an interim basis pending completion of a review of the structure of the Senior Leadership Team.

Following completion of the review of the structure of the Senior Leadership Team, Mr Bryn Roberts has now been appointed as the Authority's Head of Law and Governance and it is therefore proposed that Mr Roberts be designated as the Authority's Monitoring Officer with effect from 25 February 2019 when he takes up his post with the Authority.

The Monitoring Officer has responsibility for oversight of the lawfulness and fairness of decision making in the Authority, supporting the Standards Committee and maintaining the Constitution.

In addition the current Chief Executive, Mr Paul Hanson has fulfilled the roles of Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Acting Returning Officer since 1 September 2018 pursuant to the requirements of the Representation of the People Act 1983. The Returning Officer is the official with responsibility for the arrangements for the election of the Authority's Councillors. The Electoral Registration Officer has the responsibility for the preparation and maintenance of the register of electors and list of absent voters in North Tyneside. The Acting Returning Officer fulfils all the duties and responsibilities relating to the delivery of Parliamentary elections on behalf of the Authority.

The reallocation of these roles by the Council is also necessary and it is proposed that these roles are also undertaken by Mr Roberts, with effect from 25 February 2019 when he takes up the post of Head of Law and Governance with the Authority.

The temporary arrangements for the designation of the above roles will continue in the interim period.

#### **1.6 Decision options:**

Council may choose to:

- Designate Mr Bryn Roberts, who will become Head of Law and Governance, as the Monitoring Officer, Returning Officer, Electoral Registration Officer and Acting Returning Officer; or
- Decline to make any or all of the designations and defer the designation(s) to an extraordinary meeting of the Council to enable a suitably qualified Officer as an alternative candidate for the relevant role(s) to be proposed.

#### **1.7 Reasons for recommended option:**

The recommended approach fulfils the Authority's duties in relation to the statutory roles referred to. The Authority is required to designate officers of the Authority to the roles to comply with legislative requirements.

#### **1.8 Appendices:**

None.

#### **1.9 Contact officers:**

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Stephen Ballantyne – Legal Manager: Governance and Employment Tel (0191) 6435329  
Claire Emmerson, Senior Manager Financial Strategy and Planning Tel (0191) 643 8109

## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author.

Representation of the People Act 1983  
Local Government and Housing Act 1989  
North Tyneside Council Constitution

## **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

### **2.1 Finance and other resources**

There are no specific financial implications arising from this report.

### **2.2 Legal**

The Authority is required to designate an officer of the Authority as the Monitoring Officer pursuant to the Local Government and Housing Act 1989. Appointments to the offices of Electoral Registration Officer, Returning Officer and Acting Returning Officer must be made by the Authority pursuant to the Representation of the People Act 1983.

The responsibility for the designation of those roles is reserved to full Council.

### **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

The Elected Mayor and Cabinet Members have been consulted on the proposals.

### **2.4 Human rights**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

### **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **2.6 Risk management**

There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

### **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

### **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

### **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

- Chief Executive ☐ X
- Head of Service ☐ X
- Mayor/Cabinet Member(s) ☐ X
- Chief Finance Officer ☐ X
- Monitoring Officer ☐ X
- Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service ☐ X

# North Tyneside Council

## Report to Council

### 17 January 2019

#### ITEM 7

Programme of Meetings  
2019/20

Portfolio(s): Elected Mayor

Cabinet Member(s): Mrs Norma Redfearn

Report from: Paul Hanson, Chief Executive

Tel: (0191) 6437000

Wards affected: All

#### **PART 1**

##### **1.1 Executive Summary:**

This report presents a draft programme of Council and committee meetings for the 2019/20 municipal year. It also requests the Council to determine which Council meetings during 2019/20 should be designated for the purposes of public question time.

##### **1.2 Recommendation(s):**

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) agree the programme of meetings for 2019/20, as set out in Appendix A to this report; and
- (2) agree that the meetings of the full Council proposed for 25 July 2019, 28 November 2019 and 16 January 2020 be those at which questions will be taken from members of the public.

##### **1.3 Forward Plan:**

This report first appeared on the Forward Plan that was published on 30 November 2018.

##### **1.4 Council Plan and Policy Framework**

This report has no direct relevance to any priorities identified in the Our North Tyneside Plan.

##### **1.5 Information:**

- 1.5.1 The Council is requested to consider a programme of meetings for the Council and its committees for the 2019/20 municipal year, attached as Appendix A to this report. The Authority's Constitution states that where possible the Council will set a programme of



ordinary meetings of its committees and sub-committees for each year ahead. The timetable of meetings is normally agreed each year at the January Council meeting to allow Members and officers to plan ahead.

#### 1.5.2 The draft programme provides for:-

- a) A timetable of meetings of the Council, its overview and scrutiny, regulatory and other committees and sub-committees;
- b) minimal number of meetings being scheduled in August, April and the later weeks in December and no meetings on key religious days;
- c) The commencement times of meetings based on those agreed for each committee and sub-committee for the 2018-19 Municipal Year;
- d) The provisional dates of Cabinet meetings are included in the timetable for information. These are determined by the Elected Mayor;
- e) In June, September, November, January and March, two Member briefings per month, one in the afternoon and one in the evening;
- f) Member development including the provision of training for regulatory committees taking place between the Annual Council Meeting and the first meeting of these committees.

#### 1.5.3 The Council is requested to specify those Council meetings during the year at which questions from members of the public will be taken. For Members' information, in the current municipal year, three meetings were specified for that purpose.

### 1.6 Decision options:

The following decision options are available for consideration by Council:

- (a) To agree the programme of meetings of the Council and its committees for the 2019/20 municipal year as set out in Appendix A.
- (b) To not agree the programme of meetings, in which case a further programme of meetings would be prepared and submitted to a future meeting of the Council for approval taking into account the reasons given by Council for not agreeing the programme.

### 1.7 Reasons for recommended option:

Option (a) is recommended for the following reasons:

To have in place scheduled meeting dates to enable the Authority's committees to transact their business during the Municipal Year and to enable Members and officers to plan ahead for individual committee work programmes.

## **1.8 Appendices:**

Appendix A – Draft Programme of meetings of the Council and its committees for the 2019/20 municipal year.

## **1.9 Contact officers:**

Dave Brown, Senior Manager: Democratic and Electoral Services (0191) 643 5358  
Claire Emmerson, Senior Manager Financial Strategy and Planning Tel (0191) 643 8109

## **1.10 Background information:**

The following background papers/information have been used in the compilation of this report and are available at the office of the author:

- (1) Report to Council on the Programme of Council meetings – 18 January 2018
- (2) The Authority's Constitution

# **PART 2 – COMPLIANCE WITH PRINCIPLES OF DECISION MAKING**

## **2.1 Finance and other resources**

The running costs associated with the committee meetings held in 2019/20 can be contained within current budgets.

As a number of committee and sub-committee meetings commence at 6:00pm there are implications in terms of work-life balance for those officers who are frequently required to attend and support evening meetings.

## **2.2 Legal**

The Authority's Constitution requires a programme of ordinary meetings of the Council for the year to be approved by the Council. The Council has agreed that the timetable of meetings of the Council and its committees/sub committees should be agreed each year at the January Council meeting to allow Members and officers to plan ahead and to enable the decision making processes to be complied with.

## **2.3 Consultation/community engagement**

Consultation on the proposed timetable of meetings for 2019/20 has taken place with the Elected Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Group Leaders, Chief Executive, Heads of Service and officers within Democratic Services and Resources..

## **2.4 Human rights**

There are no human rights implications arising from this report.

## **2.5 Equalities and diversity**

There are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

## **2.6 Risk management**

Failure to put in place a schedule of meetings will put at risk the ability of the Authority to transact its business efficiently.

## **2.7 Crime and disorder**

There are no crime and disorder implications arising from this report.

## **2.8 Environment and sustainability**

There are no environment and sustainability implications arising from this report.

### **PART 3 - SIGN OFF**

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| • Chief Executive                                 | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Head(s) of Service                              | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Mayor/Cabinet Member(s)                         | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Chief Finance Officer                           | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Monitoring Officer                              | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |
| • Head of Corporate Strategy and Customer Service | <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> |

## Programme of Scheduled Meetings 2019/20

Meeting	Day	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020
<b>Council</b>	Thur 6.00pm	16 Ann		25		26		28		16	6* & 20*	5* & 19		21 Ann
<b>Cabinet</b>	Mon 6.00pm	28 (Tues)	24	29		9	14	25		20 & 27	24	30		
<b>Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee</b>	Mon 6.00pm		17	18 (Thurs)		2		4		13		2		
<b>Economic Prosperity Sub Committee</b>	Tues 6.00pm			2		3		5		7		3		
<b>Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub Committee</b>	Thurs 6.00pm		6	4		5	3	7		30		12		
<b>Environment Sub Committee</b>	Tues 6.00pm			9		10		12		21		10		
<b>Children, Education and Skills Sub Committee</b>	Thurs 6.00pm			11		12		21		23		26		
<b>Finance Sub Committee</b>	Tues 6.00pm			25		17			2 (Mon)		11	31		
<b>Housing Sub Committee</b>	Mon 6.00pm			22		23		11		27		23		
<b>Culture and Leisure Sub Committee</b>	Tues 6.00pm			30			1		3	28		24		
<b>Planning Committee</b>	Tue 10.00am	14	11	9	6	3	1 & 29	26	17	21	18	17	14	12
<b>Regulation and Review Committee</b>	Thur 6.00pm		27				24				27			
<b>Regulation and Review Committee (Panels)</b>	Thur 10.00am		6	18	29		10	28		16	13	19	23	
<b>Licensing Committee</b>	Thur 6.00pm												2	
<b>Audit Committee</b>	Wed 6.00pm	29		24				20				25		

Meeting	Day	May 2019	June 2019	July 2019	Aug 2019	Sept 2019	Oct 2019	Nov 2019	Dec 2019	Jan 2020	Feb 2020	Mar 2020	Apr 2020	May 2020
Health & Wellbeing Board	Thur 2.00pm		13			12		14		9		12		
Standards Committee	Thur 6.00pm		13					14					9	
Member Briefing	Tue 2.00pm		4			3		5		7		10		
Member Briefing	Wed 6.00pm		5			4		6		8		11		
Member Development		21,22 & 23				11	22	27		22		16		

**Notes:**

1. \* denotes Extraordinary Council meetings to be held as part of the budget process. Any notices of objection would be considered at the Council meeting on 20 February 2020.
2. Additional meetings of regulatory committees such as the Regulation and Review Committee and the Licensing Sub-Committees, may be arranged as and when required.
3. Training for regulatory committees to be held at 10.00am as follows: Planning 21 May 2019, Licensing 22 May 2019 and Regulation & Review 23 May 2019.
4. Member development dates are set out above for Members' information.

# **North Tyneside Council Report to Council 17 January 2019**

## **ITEM 11**

### **Questions by Members of the Council**

Notice has been received of the following questions from Members of the Council to be put to the Council meeting.

#### **1. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Alison Austin**

A recent report in both local and national newspapers named the 384 worst primary schools in England, schools where the Government's standards for performance across eight mainstream subjects including English and Maths had failed to be reached. Three of those schools were in North Tyneside, namely, Forest Hall Primary, Percy Main Primary, and Monkseaton Middle schools.

Parents of pupils at those schools have understandably expressed their concerns - what assurances can the Mayor give that this issue will be investigated and measures taken to reverse the decline in performance?

#### **2. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Davey Drummond**

Would the Elected Mayor like to comment and also join Cllr Craven and I in congratulating the hard work and determination of pupils, staff and governors at Woodlawn School in Monkseaton South Ward following their recent OFSTED inspection moving from "needs improvement" to "Good"?

#### **3. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Matthew Thirlaway**

Would the North Tyneside Elected Mayor and our other representatives work to ensure the regeneration of the North bank of the Tyne is a priority for the new North of Tyne Combined Authority?

#### **4. Question to the Elected Mayor by Councillor Matthew Thirlaway**

Would the Elected Mayor provide the Council with an update on the regeneration of Wallsend?