

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

All

**Purpose of the Report**

To provide information to the Council on issues considered by the Cabinet at its meeting held on 14 December 2022 to enable Members to ask related questions by no later than midday 3 working days before the day of the meeting

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**1. Adoption of the Inclusive Economic Strategy Key Decision:  
REG/08/22 - Cabinet Portfolio Holder - Councillor Elizabeth Scott,  
Portfolio Holder for Economy and Partnerships**

We considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth which sought approval to adopt the County Durham Inclusive Economic Strategy (IES) that had been developed through the County Durham Economic Partnership (CDEP).

**Decision**

We adopted the County Durham Inclusive Economic Strategy presented in Appendix 2 to the report.

**2. Ecological Emergency: Outline Strategy and Action Plan Key  
Decision: NCC/04/22 - Cabinet Portfolio Holder – Councillor Mark  
Wilkes, Portfolio Holder for Neighbourhoods and Climate  
Change**

We considered a report of the Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change which outlined an initial strategy and action plan for Council activities in response to the declaration of an ecological emergency made by Cabinet on 6 April 2022.

We also noted that further iterations of these plans would be integrated into a wider Local Nature Recovery Strategy for County Durham, as well as future Climate Change Emergency Response Plans

### **Decision**

We approved the Ecological Emergency Action Plan (EEAP) as set out in the report.

### **3. County Durham Plan Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) 2021/22– Cabinet Portfolio Holder – Councillor Elizabeth Scott, Portfolio Holder for Economy and Partnerships**

We considered a report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth which sought approval for the content of the Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) of the County Durham Plan (CDP) and to agree to its publication.

The Council adopted its new local plan, the County Durham Plan on 21 October 2020. This was the second AMR, but the first that covered a full year, of the adopted CDP and covered the period from 1 April 2021 to 31 March 2022.

### **Decision**

We agreed the content of the County Durham Plan Annual Monitoring Report presented at Appendix 2 to the report and agreed its publication on the Council's website.

### **4. Proposed revisions to the constitution for the Durham County Council Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE)– Cabinet Portfolio Holders - Councillor Amanda Hopgood, Leader of the Council and Councillor Ted Henderson, Portfolio Holder for Children and Young People's Services**

We considered a report of the Corporate Director of Children and Young People's Services which brought to our attention a request from DCC Standing Advisory Council for Religious Education (SACRE) to make a change to its membership, which action required altering the constitution.

## **Decision**

We

- (a) noted the current membership arrangements of Durham's SACRE;
- and
- (b) approved the request that Cabinet alters the constitution to enable Humanist representation.

## **Background Papers**

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Councillor A Hopgood,  
Leader of the Council  
17 January 2023