

# Council Agenda



**6.00 pm Thursday, 18 July 2019**  
**Council Chamber, Town Hall,**  
**Darlington. DL1 5QT**

**Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.**

1. Introductions / Attendance at Meeting.
2. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meetings of this Council held on 25 April 2019 and 23 May 2019 (Pages 1 - 10)
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Sealing.
5. Announcements.
6. Questions - To answer questions (where appropriate notice has been given from):-
  - (a) The Public;
  - (b) Members to Cabinet/Chairs;
  - (c) Members to the Police, Crime and Victims' Commissioner for Durham and Darlington.
7. Council Reports.
  - (a) Honorary Freeman and Honorary Aldermen – Report of the Managing Director (Pages 11 - 14)
8. Cabinet Reports.
  - (a) Overview Report of the Leader of the Council; (Pages 15 - 18)

- (b) Overview Report of the Adult Social Care Portfolio; (Pages 19 - 20)
  - (c) Overview Report of the Children and Young People Portfolio; (Pages 21 - 24)
  - (d) Overview Report of the Community Safety Portfolio; (Pages 25 - 28)
  - (e) Overview Report of the Economy and Regeneration Portfolio; (Pages 29 - 32)
  - (f) Overview Report of the Efficiency and Resources Portfolio; (Pages 33 - 36)
  - (g) Overview Report of the Housing, Health and Partnerships Portfolio; and (Pages 37 - 40)
  - (h) Overview Report of the Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio. (Pages 41 - 46)
9. Scrutiny Reports - To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports:-
- (a) Adults and Housing Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 47 - 48)
  - (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 49 - 50)
  - (c) Health and Partnerships Scrutiny Committee; and (Pages 51 - 52)
  - (d) Place Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 53 - 54)
10. Notice of Motion - To consider a Motion to be moved by Councillor Howarth, and seconded by Councillor Snedker –

### **Climate Emergency**

This Council notes that many Darlington residents are demanding action on climate change.

Council accepts that in order to limit the effects of global warming it is necessary for the world population to reduce its annual carbon emissions from the current 6.5 tonnes per person to less than 2 tonnes, as soon as possible.

Council recognises that individuals cannot be expected to make this reduction on their own.

All governments nationally and locally have a duty to limit the negative impacts of global warming. This Council has already acknowledged the importance of addressing the issue of Climate Breakdown, having signed up to the Global Covenant of Mayors. Darlington Borough Council also supports the Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy 2010-2020<sup>1</sup>, which notes that a 'business as usual' approach to reducing carbon emissions will not deliver anywhere near the savings needed to meet local and national targets.

The world is on track to overshoot the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C limit before 2050<sup>2</sup>. Local councils should not wait for their national governments to change their policies.

Council therefore resolves to:

- a) Declare a 'Climate Emergency';
- b) Sign up to a science-based carbon reduction target that is consistent with achieving the Paris Agreement of no more than 1.5°C global temperature increase;
- c) Work with nurseries, schools and colleges to include age appropriate learning about climate change while calling for the national curriculum to be reformed to include "the ecological crisis as an educational priority";
- d) Work to make the borough of Darlington carbon neutral by 2030 and call on central government to provide the funding and powers to make this possible;
- e) Work with other organisations and governments within the UK and internationally to determine and implement best practice methods to limit Global Warming to less than 1.5°C;
- f) Work with partners to run a conversation with residents, Trade Unions, public sector organisations, businesses and the third sector on developing a plan with the actions and milestones required to reach this target;
- g) Report the progress to Full Council every 6 months.

<sup>1</sup> Tees Valley Climate Change Strategy:  
<https://www.darlington.gov.uk/media/1537/tvccpreport.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> The IPCC's Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C:  
<https://www.ipcc.ch/report/sr15/>

11. Membership Changes - To consider any membership changes to Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies.



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**Wednesday, 10 July 2019**

## **Town Hall Darlington.**

### **Membership**

The Mayor, Councillors Ali, Allen, Baldwin, Bartch, Bell, Boddy, Dr. Chou, Clarke, Cossins, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Curry, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Harker, Haszeldine, Heslop, Holroyd, Howarth, Howell, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Johnson, B Jones, Mrs D Jones, Keir, Laing, Layton, Lee, Lister, Lucas, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, Mills, Newall, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, Paley, Preston, Renton, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott, Snedker, Tait, Tostevin and Wright

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