

Council Agenda



**6.00 pm Thursday, 26 November 2020
via Microsoft Teams**

In accordance with Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020, this meeting will be held on a virtual basis. Members of the Public can view a live stream of the meeting at:

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Members of the Public may submit questions to be asked on their behalf of the relevant Portfolio Holder. Questions should be submitted to Paul Dalton (paul.dalton@darlington.gov.uk) by 6.00 pm on Wednesday, 25 November 2020.

1. Introductions / Attendance at Meeting.
2. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of this Council held on 24 September 2020 (Pages 1 - 4)
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;
7. Council Reports.
 - (a) Review of Policies and Conditions relating to Hackney Carriages, Private Hire Vehicles and their Drivers and Operators –
Report of the Director of Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services
(Pages 5 - 326)
8. Cabinet Reports.

- (a) Overview Report of the Leader of the Council; (Pages 327 - 330)
 - (b) Overview Report of the Stronger Communities Portfolio; (Pages 331 - 338)
 - (c) Overview Report of the Adults Portfolio; (Pages 339 - 342)
 - (d) Overview Report of the Children and Young People Portfolio; (Pages 343 - 348)
 - (e) Overview Report of the Economy Portfolio; (Pages 349 - 354)
 - (f) Overview Report of the Health and Housing Portfolio; (Pages 355 - 360)
 - (g) Overview Report of the Local Services Portfolio; and (Pages 361 - 366)
 - (h) Overview Report of the Resources Portfolio. (Pages 367 - 370)
 - (i) The Council Plan 2020-2023 –
Report of the Chief Officers Executive
(Pages 371 - 386)
 - (j) Council Tax Support - Scheme Approval 2021-2022 –
Report of the Managing Director
(Pages 387 - 430)
 - (k) Treasury Management Annual and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2019/20 –
Report of the Managing Director
(Pages 431 - 450)
9. Scrutiny Reports - To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports:-
- (a) Adults Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 451 - 452)
 - (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 453 - 458)
 - (c) Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 459 - 460)
 - (d) Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee; and (Pages 461 - 464)
 - (e) Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 465 - 468)
10. Notice of Motion
- (a) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Harker, and seconded by Councillor Mrs. H. Scott –

‘The group More In Common Darlington (MICD) were inspired by Jo Cox, the MP for Batley and Spen, who became a victim of hate when she was murdered in 2016. Like Jo Cox, MICD believes that people have more in common than anything that might divide them. The group's aim is to find ways of reducing animosity towards people from different nations and faiths, towards women, the

LGBTI community, those with disabilities, the homeless and others.

As part of Hate Crime Awareness Week MICD created a United Darlington Charter. It asks us to make a declaration to afford everyone who lives, or works, or visits Darlington to equal respect, status, trust, hospitality, friendship, and kindness.

This Council therefore resolves and agrees to:

- a) Commend the work done by More In Common Darlington and The Jo Cox Foundation;
 - b) Adopt the United Darlington Charter.’
(Pages 469 - 470)
- (b) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Wallis, and seconded by Councillor Snedker –

‘Council resolves:

To ask Cabinet to consider a report at its meeting on 12th January 2021 which will prevent vehicular highway access between the proposed Skerningham development and the existing highway network between the A167 at its junction with the A1150 to the west, and the river Skerne to the east.

This report to specifically give consideration to preventing access from the Skerningham development onto Whitebridge Drive, Beaully Drive, Sparrowhall Drive, Whinbush Way (including any potential access between Caithness Way and Galloway) and Barmpton Lane, and to maintain the integrity of Green Lane from its junction with Whinfield Road to its junction with Glebe Road.’

- (c) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Paley, and seconded by Councillor Holroyd –

‘Council resolves:

To ask Cabinet at its meeting on 12th January 2021 to consider a report which will protect Springfield Park on its current boundaries from any future development, including highways work. This report will include consideration of creating a Deed of Dedication for the park.’

- (d) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Snedker, and seconded by Councillor Holroyd –

Motion to reinstate the Climate Change Working Group

‘This Council notes that:

On 18 July 2019 an amended Climate Emergency motion was passed.

One of the resolutions (h) contained in the motion, as amended, was to “Set up

a cross-party working group to develop an action plan and milestones to achieve carbon neutral status.”

Our view is that the working group was systematically undermined and its terms of reference changed, without explanation, contrary to the motion, including that it should limit itself to monitoring progress only and should only meet quarterly or twice a year and recently stood down altogether

At this time, the action plan referred to in the motion is still not ready for implementation and there are no milestones in place.

The motion that was passed required this council to undertake various actions (including but not limited to):

- Set up a cross party working group
- To develop an action plan and milestones
- To achieve carbon neutral status

At this time, these actions remain undone.

This Council resolves to:

Ask Cabinet to bring forward a plan at its meeting on 12 January 2021 to reinstate the cross-party working group.

That this plan include terms of reference that provide confidence to any members serving on the working group that they will be allowed to work towards meeting the resolutions contained in the Climate Emergency motion.’

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



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Wednesday, 18 November 2020

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, Howell, C L B Hughes, L Hughes, Johnson, B Jones, Mrs D Jones, Keir, Laing, Layton, Lee, Lister, Lucas, Marshall, McCollom, Mills, Newall, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, Paley, Preston, Renton, A J Scott, Mrs H Scott, Snedker, Tait, Tostevin, Wallis and Wright

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