



# Council Agenda

6.00 pm, Thursday, 25 November 2021

Sports Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5RP.

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

1. Introductions / Attendance at Meeting.
2. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of this Council held on 30 September 2021 (Pages 5 - 8)
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) The Code of Conduct for Members –  
Report of the Monitoring Officer  
(Pages 9 - 58)

- (b) Gambling Act Policy –  
Report of the Group Director of Services  
(Pages 59 - 116)
  - (c) Council Tax Support Scheme 2022-23 –  
Report of the Group Director of Operations  
(Pages 117 - 166)
  - (d) Eastbourne Sports Complex - Release of Capital –  
Report of the Group Director of Services  
(Pages 167 - 178)
8. Cabinet Reports.
- (a) Overview Report of the Leader of the Council; (Pages 179 - 182)
  - (b) Overview Report of the Stronger Communities Portfolio; (Pages 183 - 188)
  - (c) Overview Report of the Adults Portfolio; (Pages 189 - 192)
  - (d) Overview Report of the Children and Young People Portfolio; (Pages 193 - 198)
  - (e) Overview Report of the Economy Portfolio; (Pages 199 - 204)
  - (f) Overview Report of the Health and Housing Portfolio; (Pages 205 - 210)
  - (g) Overview Report of the Local Services Portfolio; and (Pages 211 - 214)
  - (h) Overview Report of the Resources Portfolio. (Pages 215 - 218)
  - (i) Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2020/21 –  
Report of the Group Director of Operations  
(Pages 219 - 240)
9. Scrutiny Reports - To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports:-
- (a) Adults Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 241 - 242)
  - (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 243 - 248)
  - (c) Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 249 - 252)
  - (d) Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 253 - 254)
  - (e) Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 255 - 258)
10. Notice of Motion

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

### **Climate Emergency**

In light of the increased need for comprehensive and urgent action to avert the worst consequences of the global heating, I propose that this council updates the terms of its Climate Emergency Declaration, agreed by Council at its meeting held on 18 July 2019, by renaming paragraphs g) and h) to h) and i) and inserting the following additional paragraph g) as follows :-

g) Acknowledge the impact of decisions made by Darlington Borough Council on the emissions across the whole Borough of Darlington, measure the carbon impact of decisions taken by the Council on the emissions across the whole Borough, monitor and declare the carbon emissions of the whole Borough of Darlington.

### **For clarity, if carried, the Council Motion will therefore read**

- 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 Darlington Borough Council carbon neutral by 2050 and call on central government to provide 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) Acknowledge the impact of decisions made by Darlington Borough Council on the emissions across the whole Borough of Darlington, measure the carbon impact of decisions taken by the Council on the emissions across the whole Borough, monitor and declare the carbon emissions of the whole Borough;
- h) Set up a cross-party working group to develop an action plan and milestones to achieve carbon neutral status;
- i) Report the progress to Full Council every 6 months.

- (b) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Harker, and seconded by Councillor

Holroyd –

### **Climate Emergency**

This Council recalls the Climate Emergency resolution that was agreed by Council at its meeting held on 18 July 2019.

This Council resolves to make the following change to that resolution:

delete paragraph d) and replace it with the following :-

d) Work to make Darlington Borough Council carbon neutral by 2030 and call on central government to provide funding and powers to make this possible.

**Note** – *Should the 2019 Motion be amended by Agenda Item 10 (a) above, the above Motion will refer to the 2019 Motion, as subsequently amended.*

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



**Luke Swinhoe**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Wednesday, 17 November 2021**

**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, 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, Sowerby, Tait, Tostevin, Wallis, Willis and Wright

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