



**DARLINGTON**  
Borough Council

# Council Agenda

6.00 pm, Thursday, 25 January 2024

Central 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 November 2023 (Pages 5 - 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;
7. Council Reports.
  - (a) Council Tax Calculation of Tax Base 2024/25 – Report of the Group Director of Operations (Pages 11 - 18)
  - (b) Members' Allowances Review – Report of the Chief Executive (Pages 19 - 70)
  - (c) Review of Polling Districts, Polling Places and Polling Stations 2023 – Report of the

Group Director of Operations  
(Pages 71 - 114)

8. Cabinet Reports.

- (a) Mid Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2023/24 – Report of the Group Director of Operations (Pages 115 - 130)
- (b) Overview Report of the Leader of the Council; (Pages 131 - 134)
- (c) Overview Report of the Economy Portfolio; (Pages 135 - 138)
- (d) Overview Report of the Adults Portfolio; (Pages 139 - 140)
- (e) Overview Report of the Children and Young People Portfolio; (Pages 141 - 150)
- (f) Overview Report of the Health and Housing Portfolio; (Pages 151 - 154)
- (g) Overview Report of the Local Services Portfolio; (Pages 155 - 160)
- (h) Overview Report of the Resources Portfolio; and (Pages 161 - 164)
- (i) Overview Report of the Stronger Communities Portfolio; (Pages 165 - 170)

9. Scrutiny Reports - To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports:-

- (a) Adults Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 171 - 174)
- (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 175 - 178)
- (c) Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 179 - 182)
- (d) Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee; and (Pages 183 - 188)
- (e) Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 189 - 194)

10. Notice of Motion

- (a) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Durham and seconded by Councillor Bartch –

**Constitutional Amendment**

**Preamble**

- 1. This Council has often found itself debating issues which it has no operational responsibility for, or influence over, most recently, in respect of the conflict in the Middle East.

2. As Councillors, we are elected to represent residents within the Borough on matters which this Council has control over, we are not elected to protest, champion a cause or political ideology.
3. The lack of focus hasn't gone unnoticed by residents, who, quite rightly, expect those they elect to focus on Darlington and nothing else.
4. This very simple Motion provides residents with comfort that is all we are focused on and I hope all Members see no need for a prolonged debate on this and support this Motion.

### **Proposed Motion**

This Council resolves to amend paragraph 22 of Council Procedure Rules, contained within this Council's Constitution to include:-

'Any motion submitted to the Council shall be about matters for which the Council has statutory powers, duties or functions or address the built or natural environment of the Borough of Darlington or address a matter of local, regional or national policy that affects the lives of people in the Borough of Darlington. The ruling of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Mayor shall be final as to the relevance of the motion.'

(**NOTE** – If the Motion is approved, paragraph 22 will subsequently read :-

A Motion given on notice, must be given in writing to the Assistant Director Law and Governance, at least seven clear working days (that is not counting the day of the meeting or the day of delivery) before the relevant meeting and be signed by the Member(s) giving the notice. Any Motion submitted to the council shall be about matters for which the Council has statutory powers, duties or functions or address the built or natural environment of the Borough of Darlington or address a matter of local, regional or national policy that affects the lives of people in the Borough of Darlington. The ruling of the Monitoring Officer in consultation with the Mayor shall be final as to the relevance of the Motion.)

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



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

**Wednesday, 17 January 2024**

**Town Hall  
Darlington.**

**Membership**

The Mayor, Councillors Ali, Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bartch, Beckett, Coe, Crudass, Crumby, Mrs Culley, Curry, Dillon, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Garner, Harker, Haszeldine, Henderson, Holroyd, Johnson, Kane, Keir, Laing, Lawley, Layton, Lee, Mahmud, Mammolotti, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, McGill, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, Pease, Porter, Ray, Renton, Dr. Riley, Robinson, Roche, Mrs Scott, Snedker, Storr, Toms, Tostevin, Wallis and Walters

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