



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

Adults Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am, Tuesday, 20 June 2023

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Appointment of Chair for the Municipal Year 2023/2024
3. Appointment of Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2023/2024
4. To consider the times of meetings of this Committee for the Municipal Year 2023/2024 on the dates agreed in the Calendar of Meetings by Cabinet at Minute C258/Feb/23
5. Declarations of Interest
6. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 7 February 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)
7. Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update –
Verbal Update from the Assistant Director, Adult Services
8. Work Programme 2023-2024 –
Report of the Assistant Director Law and Governance
(Pages 7 - 20)
9. SUPPLEMENTARY ITEM(S) (if any) which in the opinion of the Chair of this Committee are of an urgent nature and can be discussed at this meeting

10. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Monday, 12 June 2023

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Anderson, Crumbie, Donoghue, Layton, Mammolotti, M Nicholson, Renton, Storr, Toms and Tostevin.

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ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Donoghue (Chair), Mrs Culley, Curry, Holroyd, B Jones, Layton, M Nicholson, Mrs H Scott and A J Scott.

APOLOGIES – Councillor Johnson.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Sarah Allen (Executive Director, Contract Management and Business Development, We Are With You), Ann Baxter (Independent Chair of the Darlington Safeguarding Children Board), Gary Besterfield (Contract Manager, We Are With You), Christine Bruce (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust), Paul Dalton (Elections Officer), Joss Harbron (Assistant Director - Adult Social Care), Abbie Kelly (Public Health Portfolio Lead) and Martin Short (Director of Place - North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board)

AD27 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

AD28 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 13 DECEMBER 2022 AND 10 JANUARY 2023

Submitted – the Minutes (previously circulated) of the meetings of this Scrutiny Committee held on 13 December 2022 and 10 January 2023.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes be approved as correct records.

AD29 REFORMS TO ADULT SOCIAL CARE - UPDATE

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, advised Members that there was no further update subsequent to the previous meeting.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

AD30 DEMENTIA CARE SERVICES - UPDATE

The Director of Place, North-East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board, provided an update on Dementia Services. The presentation advised Members of the current position in Darlington, together with projections to 2040, and gave an overview of the Well Pathway for Dementia, including the strands covering prevention, diagnosis, support, living and dying.

Members entered into discussion on the size of the predicted increase in Dementia cases to 2040, and whether there were proposals for the budget to be increased accordingly. The Committee were keen to learn more about the support available for carers within the home setting, and how the available support was communicated to carers. It was noted that some family members or carers may be reluctant to recognise or acknowledge early indications of Dementia.

Particular reference was made to the Crisis Team, and whether this could be accessed by the general population, or whether the support was only available to those already within the system, with a focus also made to communication and signposting of the service.

Discussion ensued on the improvements made to services, including advice on financial support and specialist equipment. Members were also keen to learn more about cross-authority arrangements, and how effective safeguarding measures were for those being cared for in the home setting.

RESOLVED – That the content of the presentation be noted.

AD31 SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE UPDATE: SUPPORT TREATMENT AND RECOVERY IN DARLINGTON THROUGH EMPOWERING (STRIDE)

The Contracts Manager, We Are With You, and the Executive Director, Contract Management and Business Development, We Are With You, gave a presentation on the Substance Misuse Service (STRIDE).

Members heard that the service provided pharmacological interventions, psychosocial interventions, harm reduction and needle exchange, health and wellbeing assessments, group programme and awareness sessions, signposting and onward referral, ambassador training programme, and an outreach team to support individuals who are finding it difficult to engage with the service. The programme included drop in sessions, awareness sessions and structured groups.

The Contracts Manager, With You, advised the Committee that STRIDE worked with a range of partners, including the Police, Social Services, Children's Services, Safeguarding Teams, Housing Teams, the Darlington Carers Service, Mental Health Services (Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS), and domestic abuse services. Members also heard of the ambitions for the service.

Members were keen to establish when the service would be moving into the Tubwell Row site, and heard that the operational team were ready, however were awaiting final agreement from the Estates Team, although it was anticipated that it would be within this financial year.

It was suggested that alcoholism within the Middle Class was on the rise, however that there was a reluctance from those involved to recognise this, and Members were keen to discover what targeted work was being undertaken to address this. Members were also keen to establish what work was being undertaken with Balance and GP practices, and what was being done to liaise with habitual / binge drinkers.

Members were pleased to learn that peer-2-peer and outreach work was taking place, and were keen to learn more about how this worked in practice.

Disappointment was expressed that there was no mention of organisations such as the 700 Club, Number Forty and the Y.M.C.A., however Members were reassured that work was undertaken with the voluntary sector.

Members were keen to ascertain the number of service users per group, how feedback in relation to the service was obtained, and how many staff and partners carried Naloxone. A number of questions were posed during the meeting to which a written response was offered.

RESOLVED – That the content of the presentation be noted.

AD32 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS MID YEAR REPORT 2022-23

The Assistant Director – Adult Social Care submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide Members with performance data against Key Performance Indicators for 2022-23.

The submitted report provided performance information in line with an indicator set and Scrutiny Committee distribution agreed by Monitoring and Coordination Group on 4 June 2018, and subsequently by Scrutiny Committee Chairs. The indicators scrutinised by this Scrutiny Committee are aligned with key priorities.

The submitted report highlighted that twelve indicators are reported to this Committee, ten on a six-monthly basis, and two annually. Of the ten indicators reported on a six-monthly basis, two indicators showed performance better or the same compared to this point last year (ASC003 and ASC019); three indicators showed a decline in comparison to the same period last year (ASC002, ASC045, ASC046, ASC049, ASC054 and ASC055); one indicator showed a performance that was the same as the same time last year (ASC050); and three indicators were not comparable and were reviewed at a point in time (ASC208, ASC209 and ASC211).

Members entered into discussion on the lasting impact of the Covid pandemic on the performance information, and enquired as to whether Care Homes had seen an post-Covid increase in admissions. Members also scrutinised the figures in terms of the number of people with Learning Disabilities in Employment, noting the success of Hartlepool Borough Council in this area, and acknowledging that the true figure of those in employment could be higher, but who did not require Adult Social Care input.

RESOLVED – That the performance information provided in the submitted report be noted.

AD33 DARLINGTON SAFEGUARDING PARTNERSHIP ANNUAL REPORT - 2021/2022

The Assistant Director – Adult Social Care submitted a report (previously circulated) to enable Members to receive and comment upon the Annual Report of the Darlington Safeguarding Partnership (DSP) for the period 2021/22.

The submitted report stated that the Local Safeguarding Partnership was required to produce an Annual Report to account for the Partnership's achievements over the previous year and make an assessment of the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding arrangements within the local area. The submitted report outlined what the Partnership had done over the period 2021/22, drawing upon a range of data and information to outline the progress made and illustrate the effectiveness of multi-agency safeguarding partnership arrangements across Darlington.

Members welcomed the report and entered into discussion on the work being undertaken in relation to self-neglect and hoarders, and what actions local Councillors could take in relation to concerns about vulnerable people. Members noted that the legislation governing children and young people seemed clearer than that governing the care of adults, and were keen to see information provided in 'layman terms'. It was acknowledged that funding remained an issue and a challenge, however Members noted that it was pleasing that there had been no serious case reviews.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

AD34 WORK PROGRAMME

The Assistant Director - Law and Governance submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that Members gave consideration to the Work Programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during 2022/23, and to any additional areas that Members would like to be included.

RESOLVED – That the content of the report be noted.

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
20 JUNE 2023**

WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the work programme items scheduled to be considered by this Scrutiny Committee during the 2023/24 Municipal Year and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included.

Summary

2. Members are requested to consider the attached draft work programme (**Appendix 1**) for the remainder of the Municipal Year, which has been prepared based on Officers recommendations and recommendations previously agreed by this Scrutiny Committee in the last Municipal Year.
3. Once the work programme has been approved by this Scrutiny Committee, any additional areas of work which Members wish to add to the agreed work programme will require the completion of a quad of aims in accordance with the previously approved procedure (**Appendix 2**).

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that Members note the current status of the Work Programme and consider any additional areas of work they would like to include.
5. Members' views are requested.

**Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance**

Background Papers

No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

Author: Paul Dalton

S17 Crime and Disorder	This report has no implications for Crime and Disorder
Health and Well Being	This report has no direct implications to the Health and Well Being of residents of Darlington.
Carbon Impact	There are no issues which this report needs to address.
Diversity	There are no issues relating to diversity which this report needs to address
Wards Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Ward is considered to be minimal.
Groups Affected	The impact of the report on any individual Group is considered to be minimal.
Budget and Policy Framework	This report does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	This is not a key decision.
Urgent Decision	This is not an urgent decision
Efficiency	The Work Programmes are integral to scrutinising and monitoring services efficiently (and effectively), however this report does not identify specific efficiency savings.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

6. The format of the proposed work programme has been reviewed to enable Members of this Scrutiny Committee to provide a rigorous and informed challenge to the areas for discussion.
7. In addition, where appropriate, each topic links to performance indicators from the Performance Management Framework (PMF) to provide robust and accurate data for Members to use when considering topics and the work they wish to undertake. There are some topics where appropriate PMF indicators have not yet been identified however; these can be added as the work programme for each topic is developed.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

8. Once the Work Programme has been agreed by this Scrutiny Committee, any Member seeking to add a new item to the work programme will need to complete a Quad of Aims.
9. A copy of the index of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.

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ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	20 June 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Presentation from a Nursing Care Home Manager	20 June 2023	Christine Shields / Clare Laybourn		Care Home Manager, Antony Gatley and his Deputy, Victoria Goodchild, from Hundens Park Care Home provisionally agreed to attend. <i>Deferred to a future meeting per Officer request. Action delayed due to non-availability of a Nursing Care Home Manager.</i>
Autism Update	20 June 2023	Integrated Care Board and Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV).		<i>Deferred to a future meeting per Officer request. Action delayed due to ongoing restructuring in Health partners.</i>
Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements	20 June 2023	Rachel Watt / Sukhdev Dosanjh		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group' – six monthly report to this Committee. <i>Deferred to the Ordinary Meeting of this Scrutiny Committee on 22 August 2023, per Officer request.</i>
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	22 August 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.

Presentation on the Care Quality Commission Regulatory Framework (as it applies to Older Persons Residential and Domiciliary Care)	22 August 2023	Sarah Dronsfield (CQC)		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group'.
Performance Indicators End of Year Report 2022-23	22 August 2023	Joss Harbron / Sharon Raine / Wendy Excell	ASC 002 ASC 003 ASC 019 ASC 045 ASC 046 ASC 049 ASC 050 ASC 208 ASC 209 ASC 211	To monitor Key Performance Indicators. To receive six-monthly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	24 October 2023	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements	9 January 2024	Rachel Watt / Sukhdev Dosanjh		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group' – six monthly report to this Committee.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	9 January 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	20 February 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.

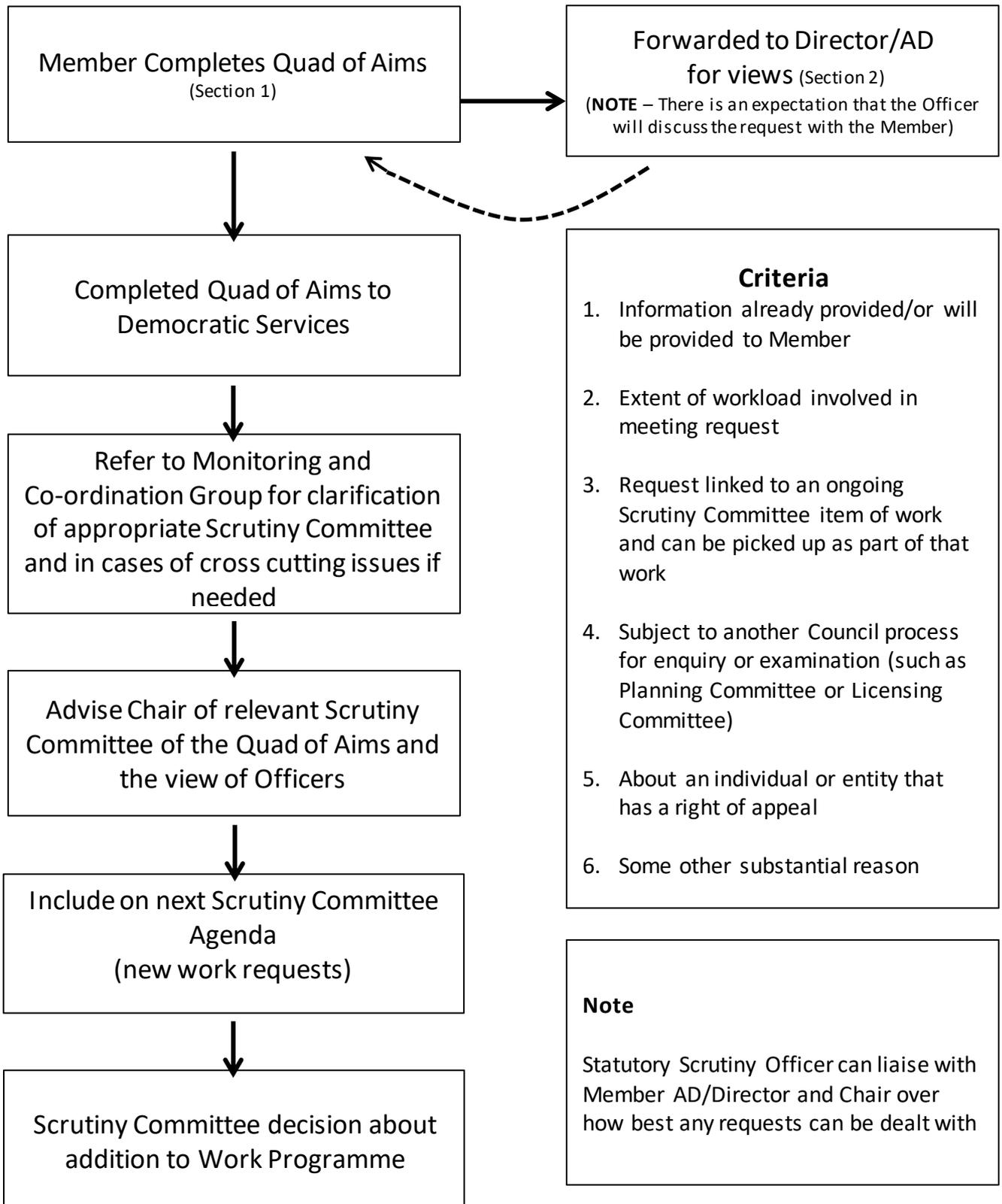
Performance Indicators Quarter 2 2023/2024	20 February 2024	Joss Harbron / Sharon Raine / Wendy Excell	ASC 002 ASC 003 ASC 019 ASC 045 ASC 046 ASC 049 ASC 050 ASC 208 ASC 209 ASC 211	To monitor Key Performance Indicators. To receive six-monthly monitoring reports and undertake any further detailed work into particular outcomes if necessary.
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership - Annual Report	20 February 2024	Ann Baxter / Amanda Hugill	ASC 028 ASC 029 ASC 059 ASC 061 ASC 062 ASC 199 ASC 200 ASC 201 ASC 202 ASC 203 ASC 204 ASC 205 ASC 206 ASC 207 ASC 209 ASC 210 ASC 213 ASC 214	To consider the Annual Report on the work of the Board and to receive reassurance that adult safeguarding is being addressed and an effective approach is in place. To be advised of the key issues for the Board and funding.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	16 April 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.

Task and Finish Review Group(s)

- **‘Loneliness and Connected Communities’ Task and Finish Review Group** – commenced Tuesday, 28th January 2020;
- **‘Review of Adult Care Services during Covid Task and Finish Group’** – commenced Friday, 21st May 2021.

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PROCESS FOR ADDING AN ITEM TO SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S PREVIOUSLY APPROVED WORK PROGRAMME



QUAD OF AIMS (MEMBERS' REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE CONSIDERED BY SCRUTINY)

SECTION 1 TO BE COMPLETED BY MEMBERS

NOTE – This document should only be completed if there is a clearly defined and significant outcome from any potential further work. This document should **not** be completed as a request for or understanding of information.

REASON FOR REQUEST?	RESOURCE (WHAT OFFICER SUPPORT WOULD YOU REQUIRE?)
PROCESS (HOW CAN SCRUTINY ACHIEVE THE ANTICIPATED OUTCOME?)	HOW WILL THE OUTCOME MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Signed Councillor

Date

SECTION 2 TO BE COMPLETED BY DIRECTORS/ASSISTANT DIRECTORS
(NOTE – There is an expectation that Officers will discuss the request with the Member)

	Criteria
1. (a) Is the information available elsewhere? Yes No If yes, please indicate where the information can be found (attach if possible and return with this document to Democratic Services)	1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member
(b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?	2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request
2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?	3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work
3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?	4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)
4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?	5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal
5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?	6. Some other substantial reason
6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme ?	

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Signed **Position** **Date**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN**



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**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JUNE 2023 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2023**

Title	Decision Maker and Date
Adaptation Plan	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Annual Procurement Plan Update	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Ingenium Parc - Proposed Development of Plot 1	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Introduction of the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Representation on Outside Bodies 2023/24	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Schedule of Transactions	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Skerningham Garden Village Design Code Supplementary Planning Document (SPD)	Council 20 Jul 2023
Annual Audit Letter 2020/21	Cabinet 13 Jun 2023
Annual Audit Letter 2020/21	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Collection of Council Tax, Business Rates and Rent 2022-23	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Council Plan 2020/23 Performance Report - Quarter 4	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
House Building - Proposed Joint Venture	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Premises at Brignall Moor Crescent, Darlington - Proposed long lease extension	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring Outturn 2022/23	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Renewal of Dog Public Space Protection Order	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Revenue Budget Outturn 2022/23	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report	Cabinet 4 Jul 2023
Annual Review of the Investment Fund	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Asset Management Plan	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2022/23	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village - Proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Offset Strategy	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter One 2023/24	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter One	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
School Term Dates 2025/26	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023

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FORWARD PLAN**

Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2022/23	Cabinet 5 Sep 2023
Procurement Plan Update	Cabinet 10 Oct 2023