



DARLINGTON

Borough Council

Adults Scrutiny Committee Agenda

9.30 am, Tuesday, 9 January 2024

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington DL1 5QT

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions/ Attendance at Meeting
2. Declarations of Interest
3. To approve the Minutes of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 24 October 2023 (Pages 3 - 6)
4. Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 - 2027/28 – Report of the Assistant Director Resources (Pages 7 - 78)
5. Social Care Reforms - Update – Report of the Assistant Director, Adult Social Care (Pages 79 - 82)
6. Substance Misuse Service Update: Support Treatment and Recovery In Darlington through Empowering (STRIDE) – Report of the Interim Director of Public Health (Pages 83 - 120)
7. Work Programme 2023/24 – Report of the Assistant Director, Law and Governance (Pages 121 - 132)
8. 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
9. Questions



Luke Swinhoe
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Friday, 29 December 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, 24 October 2023

PRESENT – Councillors Crumbie (Chair), Anderson, Donoghue, Layton, M Nicholson, Renton and Toms.

APOLOGIES – Councillors Mammolotti, Storr and Tostevin.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE – Councillor Curry.

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE – Joss Harbron (Assistant Director - Adult Social Care), Yvonne Hall (Service Manager - Contracts and Brokerage) and Paul Dalton (Democratic and Elections Officer).

AD15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

AD16 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 22 AUGUST 2023

Submitted – The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Scrutiny Committee held on 22 August 2023.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of this Committee held on 22 August 2023, be approved as a correct record.

AD17 SOCIAL CARE REFORMS - UPDATE

The Assistant Director, Adult Social Care, submitted a report (previously circulated) to provide Members with an update on the Social Care reforms introduced as part of the Health and Social Care Act 2022.

The submitted report stated that the Act included a series of measures including the return of Care Quality Commission (CQC) assessment of Council Adults' services, default powers for the Secretary of State in relation to Adult Social Care, the implementation of Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) and Integrated Care Partnerships, a cap on care costs (paused until 2025), mandatory learning disability and autism training, and professional regulation.

The submitted report summarised the key areas of impact, informed Members of the Council's current position in relation to the Health and Care Act 2022, detailed a number of service objectives to enable delivery, and outlined the Transformation Delivery Plan 2023-2026.

Members entered into discussion on how the cap on social care costs would impact on service delivery, how the baseline success of the Transformation Delivery Plan would be measured and the current situation in relation to the rise in Covid-19 cases and service delivery.

RESOLVED – (a) That the contents of the report be noted.

(b) That update reports outlining the progress on the actions outlined in the Transformation Delivery Plan 2023-2026, be submitted to this Scrutiny Committee.

AD18 ADULT SOCIAL CARE - BUDGET OVERVIEW

The Assistant Director, Adult Services, delivered a presentation which provided Members with an overview of the Adult Social Care Budget and Outturn for 2021/22 and 2022/23. The presentation gave a breakdown of total budget, outturn and variance for each service area across both financial years.

Members entered into discussion on the use of Direct Payments and how funding was used to improve lives for adults, and the Assistant Director, Adults Services, explained that a strength-based approach was adopted, with a focus provided on what the individual could do for themselves, and support given to enable an individual to live as independently as possible, whilst acknowledging risks. A further discussion subsequently ensued on the need for more supported living flats.

Focus turned to the overlap that existed, and the transitional arrangements in place, between Adults Services and Children's Services with regard to the provision for younger adults.

Concerns were raised in relation to the approximate £3M debt that was being carried forward, and Members enquired as to whether the Covid pandemic had contributed to the accrument of this figure.

RESOLVED – That the content of the presentation be noted.

AD19 PERFORMANCE INDICATORS END OF YEAR REPORT 2022-23

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

The submitted report outlined performance information in line with an indicator set and Scrutiny Committee distribution agreed by the Monitoring and Coordination Group on 4 June 2018, and subsequently agreed by Scrutiny Committee Chairs. It was stated that the indicators were aligned with key priorities. Twelve indicators were reported to this Committee, ten on a six monthly basis and two annually.

It was reported that, of the ten indicators reported at six months, one of the indicators showed performance better than at this time last year; four indicators showed performance which had declined in comparison with the same period last year, yet was still continuing to be monitored and managed; two indicators showed performance that was the same as at this time last year, and that three indicators were not comparable, as were reviewed at a point in time.

It was reported that the two indicators recorded annually (ASC054 - The proportion of people who use Adult Care services who find it easy to find information about services – and

ASC055 - The proportion of people who are carers who find it easy to find information about services) were not included within the report as the 2021-22 results of the survey had appeared in the Mid-Year Scrutiny Report.

Members entered into discussion on increase in the number of recorded safeguarding concerns, and the reasons for this, and the number of strategy meetings undertaken. Members were also keen to understand more about Direct Payments, and how this could be better promoted, with possible links to GP practices and Social Prescribers.

Members scrutinised the Key Performance Indicators in relation to residential and nursing care and were keen to explore the projected cost increases in future years.

Discussion ensued on the decline in the proportion of adults with a learning disability who reside at home, and the proportion of adults with learning disabilities in paid employment, and examined the reasons around these reductions, with Members keen to know whether lessons could be learnt from exemplars, such as Hartlepool Borough Council.

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

AD20 QUALITY STANDARDS MONITORING OUTCOMES 2023-2024 AGREEMENT FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FOR ADULTS AND OLDER PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS 2013-2024

The Assistant Director, Commissioning, Performance and Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated) to inform Members of the outcome of the quality standards assessment for 2023-2024. The submitted report stated that the level of compliance against the quality standards would determine the fee levels for the current year.

The submitted report outlined that the results of the quality standards for 2023-2024 demonstrated an increase in the number of homes which had achieved an A Grade, with 16/19 (84%) achieving an A Grade compared to 13/19 (68%) in 2022. It was noted that no homes achieved eight standards or less.

Members noted that the environmental standards were quite dated and expressed the wish to see higher standards in future, however were pleased to learn that the quality standards were being reviewed. Members were keen to understand more about the training and actions plans implemented where shortfalls existed.

RESOLVED – That the contents of the report be noted.

AD21 WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

The Assistant Director, Law and Governance, submitted a report (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme and to consider any additional areas which Members would like to suggest should be included in the previously approved Work Programme.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme be noted.

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**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 JANUARY 2024**

MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN 2024/25 – 2027/28

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2024/25 to 2027/28.

Summary

2. Attached at **Appendix 1** is the MTFP report which has been approved by Cabinet as a basis for consultation.
3. Members received a briefing on this Plan by the Assistant Director Resources on 13 December 2023.

Recommendations

4. It is recommended that:
 - (a) Members are requested to consider the MTFP 2024/25 to 2027/28 and forward any views, and in particular those in relation to the services and finances which are specifically within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
 - (b) That the Chair, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers supporting this Scrutiny Committee, be given authority to agree the Minutes of this Scrutiny Committee, to enable the Minutes to be considered at a Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee scheduled to be held on 18 January 2024.

**Brett Nielsen
Assistant Director Resources**

Background Papers

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

Brett Nielsen: Extension 5403

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.
Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
Efficiency	The report contains updated information regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

MAIN REPORT

Information and Analysis

5. Cabinet at its meeting held on 5 December 2023, approved the attached Medium Term Financial Plan as a basis for consultation.
6. Each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees are meeting to discuss and consider the overall contents of the MTFP, however, Members are asked to particularly consider those services and finances within the plan which specifically relate to those areas within their remit and forward any views to a Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee for consideration.
7. Once all the Scrutiny Committees have met, a further Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee will be held on 18 January 2024, to agree a formal response to Cabinet on behalf of all the Scrutiny Committees as part of the consultation. The Chairs of the other Scrutiny Committees will be invited to attend this meeting to present their findings and answer any questions.
8. In view of the timescales involved in responding to the consultation, it is not possible for the individual Scrutiny Committees to formally approve their Minutes prior to the Special Meeting of the Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee on 18 January 2023, and it is therefore being suggested that authority be given to the Chairs, in consultation with the Lead Scrutiny Officers, to agree the Minutes in advance of the next Ordinary Meetings. The

Minutes will still be an item on the agenda of the next meeting for formal approval as usual.

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**CABINET
5 DECEMBER 2023**

**MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL PLAN (MTFP)
FOR CONSULTATION**

**Responsible Cabinet Member - Councillor Stephen Harker
Leader and all Cabinet Members**

Responsible Directors – Chief Officers Executive

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for 2024/25 to 2027/28 for consultation, including setting a budget and Council Tax increase for 2024/25.

Summary

2. The Council is facing unparalleled financial challenges stemming from reductions in public spending between 2010 and 2019 where the Council's budget was reduced by £46m in real terms, a 36% reduction in budget. This financial position has been further compounded in the aftermath of covid and the current economic climate, the cost of living is increasing, and income deprivation and poverty rising. It is a challenge for everyone including the Council with a spiralling increase in demand for children's social care, high inflation, and rising interest rates, all of which have a direct impact on the Council's contracted expenditure.
3. The Council has previously met the challenges faced head on through value for money service delivery, shared services, economic growth, and strong financial management and has utilised built up reserves to continue to provide vital services for the residents of Darlington. However, the additional demands and inflationary increases are putting an unprecedented pressure on affordability and our reserves will be fully depleted by the end of 2025/26.
4. Unless additional government funding is forthcoming the Council will need to undertake a fundamental review over the course of 2024 to decide what and how services will be delivered in the coming years. Extensive consultation with residents, staff, charities, businesses and key stakeholders will be carried out to explore how we can deal with the scale of the financial challenge we face.
5. Over two thirds of our expenditure is spent on Adult and Children's social care, caring for our most vulnerable residents and children. The rise in inflation and interest rates directly impacts on our adult care contracts which increased by 15.6% over the last year, in addition, since the pandemic there has been a continual rise in the demand for children's

care services. We are seeing more vulnerable children with increasingly complex needs requiring help and support, there has been a 33% increase in children in our care since pre pandemic levels. These are our largest budgets, and we have a statutory requirement to provide the services, but they only touch 4% of our population.

6. Darlington has the second lowest Council Tax in the North East and as such we cannot raise sufficient income from Council Tax charges to fund the spending pressures we face, every 1% increase in Council Tax increases revenue by £0.625m. Darlington has a low tax base with 44% of our properties in Band A and 79% Band A - C, this along with the council tax level means we generate significantly less Council Tax than some other more affluent areas. If Darlington had the average England Band D Council Tax level, we would generate an additional £8.7m per year. This highlights the disparity in how local government is funded.
7. To protect services as far as possible and push back the impending cliff edge, all budgets have been reviewed and challenged and savings of £4.019m achieved through back office efficiencies, restructures and income generation which do not affect front line service delivery. In addition a proposed Council Tax increase of 2.99% and a 2% social care precept to help fund adult social care has been made which would generate £1.869m and £1.250m respectively to help continue to provide vital services.
8. Darlington has some significant inequalities challenges across the borough from a financial as well as a health perspective. Duncan Selbie, the prior Chief Executive of Public Health England said the best thing you can do to improve health is a good home, a good job, and a good friend. The Council is determined to address inequalities, and to have the best possible chance of doing this we need to continue to grow the Darlington economy, attract businesses and companies to the area helping to create more better paid jobs and provide energy efficient affordable homes to ensure inclusive growth for our residents.
9. However, this ambition is not an overnight fix, inclusive economic growth takes time, particularly in this economic climate. We have made a great start over the last 10 years, the structural landscape of Darlington has changed, new businesses and government departments have relocated to the town bringing high quality jobs, and 293 new Council houses have been built providing good quality affordable housing. There is significant investment going into Darlington station paving the way for improved rail services for the town and wider area as well as the redevelopment of Darlington's railway heritage quarter, both of which will help regeneration and jobs. But more needs to be done and we will allocate the resources we do have into realising this ambition.
10. This report has been prepared before the 2024/25 Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS) which is likely to be received late December 2023, however in October 2021, the spending review announced a three-year local government settlement, albeit only a one-year financial settlement that year. Subsequently the Chancellors 2022 Autumn Statement confirmed this spending review still stands on a cash flat basis, with inflation of 1% to follow from 2025/26 along with additional grant funding for social care and changes to the Council Tax referendum limits which were increased to 3% for Council Tax and 2% for Social Care Precept. The Chancellors 2023 Autumn Statement gave no indication this position would change.

11. The Local Government Finance Settlement is not anticipated until late December, consequently this draft 2024/25 Budget and MTFP has an eye to future years but does not seek to presume what the future will look like. It aims to ensure that the Council can set a legal budget in 2024/25 and continue to provide our core offer level of services to the residents of Darlington.
12. The Council has performed well in responding to the financial challenges over the years, taking early action to ensure that it is ahead of the curve and not therefore pushed into short term decisions. However the overwhelming demand for services, increased contract costs linked to inflation and living wage increases is making future budgets untenable without additional government funding.
13. Darlington is not alone in facing these pressures, Council's across the country are struggling with the same issues which have been widely reported in the media over the last year with a number indicating the inability to balance their books. A review of local government finances was discussed by Government in 2019 however proposals have been postponed over the years and it is not clear when, or if, a fundamental review will take place. The financial pressures faced have been raised with the Local Government Association and the Department for Levelling up Housing and Communities (DLUHC) directly.
14. The Council operates a core offer which is at a statutory service level with a small provision for discretionary services and this is the base level the new MTFP has been prepared on. A healthy level of reserves had been maintained for medium term stability and this is now a crucial component of the budget strategy given the unprecedented pressures faced in the coming year. The reserves will be utilised to meet the 2024/25 funding gap and allow time for detailed work to be completed on savings options during 2024 if no government funding is forthcoming.
15. In summary, if the recommendations are agreed, the Council can deliver a 2024/25 budget which will allow net revenue investment in Darlington and its residents of £127m and new capital investment of £98m to add to the current capital programme of £317m. It also allows time to undertake a detailed review of all service provision during 2024/25 to deliver savings required in future years.

Recommendation

16. It is recommended that Cabinet approve for consultation the Revenue MTFP as set out in **Appendix 6** and the Capital Programme as set out in **Appendix 7**, including the following:
 - (a) A Council Tax increase of 2.99% plus a 2% Adult Social Care Precept to help fund social care for 2024/25.
 - (b) The Schedule of Charges as set out in **Appendix 3**.
 - (c) Funding for Children's Services to address the dependence on expensive external provision and improve placement sufficiency for children and young people in Darlington as noted in paragraphs 40 - 45.

Reasons

17. The recommendation is supported by the following reasons:

- (a) The Council must set a budget for the next financial year.
- (b) To enable the Council to continue to plan services and finances over the medium term.
- (c) To ensure decisions can be made in a timely manner.
- (d) To reduce the pressures on the MTFP in the medium term.
- (e) To ensure investment in our assets is maintained.

Chief Officers Executive

Background Papers

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

Elizabeth Davison: Extension 5830

S17 Crime and Disorder	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Crime and Disorder responsibilities
Health and Well Being	The report contains proposals to continue to allocate resources in support of the Council's Health and Well Being responsibilities
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	The proposals in the report seek to continue to support the Council's responsibilities and ambitions to reduce carbon impact in the Council and the Borough.
Diversity	There are no specific proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected
Groups Affected	All groups are affected by the Council Tax increase.
Budget and Policy Framework	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Key Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Urgent Decision	The MTFP, Budget and Council Tax must all be decided by full Council
Council Plan	Within the constraints of available resources, it is necessary for the Council to make decisions involving prioritisation. The proposals contained in

	this report are designed to support delivery of the Council Plan within those constraints.
Efficiency	Efficiency savings which do not affect service levels have been included in the MTFP.
Impact on Looked After Children and Care Leavers	Children's social care continues to be resourced to provide good outcomes for Looked after Children or Care Leavers.

MAIN REPORT

Background and context

18. The Council is facing unparalleled financial challenges stemming from reductions in public spending between 2010 and 2019 where the Council's budget was reduced by £46m in real terms, a 36% reduction in budget. This financial position has been further compounded in the aftermath of covid and the current economic climate, the cost of living is increasing, and income deprivation and poverty rising. It is a challenge for everyone including the Council with a spiralling increase in demand for children's social care, high inflation, and rising interest rates, all of which have a direct impact on the Council's contracted expenditure.
19. The Council has previously met the challenges faced head on through value for money service delivery, shared services, economic growth and strong financial management and has utilised built up reserves to continue to provide vital services for the residents of Darlington. However, the additional demands and inflationary increases are putting an unprecedented pressure on affordability and our reserves will be fully depleted by the end of 2025/26.
20. Over two thirds of our expenditure is spent on Adult and Children's social care, caring for our most vulnerable residents and children. The rise in inflation and interest rates directly impacts on our adult care contracts which increased by 15.6% over the last year, in addition, since the pandemic there has been a continual rise in the demand for children's care services. We have seen more vulnerable children with increasingly complex needs requiring help and support, referrals have increased by 118% and early help assessments by 165% in the last two years alone, and there has been a 33% increase in children in our care since pre pandemic levels. These are our largest budgets, and we have a statutory requirement to provide the services, but they only touch 4% of our population.
21. Darlington is not alone in facing these pressures, Council's across the country are struggling with the same issues which have been widely reported in the media over the last year with a number of Councils indicating the inability to balance the books. A fundamental review of how local government is financed (the Fair Funding Review) was announced by government back in 2019 with but it has continually been postponed with no indication on when or if this will happen. The pressures Darlington faces have been raised with the Local Government Association and DLUHC directly.
22. The Council's core offer budget, which is based on statutory service provision along with a small discretionary provision, is the starting position for the 2024/25 budget. Back in 2014

it was recognised that strong economic growth was needed to help the Council's overall financial position but that it takes time to realise so we needed to maintain reserves as far as possible. This strategy to preserve reserves worked well to date allowing time for the financial impact of the economic growth strategy to come to fruition, however, the additional demands and increased costs have escalated the financial pressures faced to unprecedented levels and our reserves will be fully depleted by the end of 2025/26. Unless additional government funding is forthcoming the core offer will be unaffordable, and the Council will need to undertake a fundamental review over the course of 2024 to decide what and how services will be delivered in the coming years.

23. Income and resource levels are discussed in detail later in this paper, however as the Local Government financial settlement will not be received until late December, along with the turbulent times we find ourselves in, it makes it challenging to predict expenditure and income levels moving forward. Consequently, best estimates have been used and assumptions made on the impact of inflation and demand in 2023/24 going into 2024/25 and the income and resources we will receive in future years.

Financial Analysis

Projected Expenditure

24. As noted previously the core offer budget is the level of service provision the MTFP is based upon. Estimates attached at **Appendix 1** have been prepared based on current service levels and include known pressures and the savings proposed which are summarised below and detailed in **Appendix 2**. The most significant are discussed in the following paragraphs. The assumptions used when preparing the estimates are set out at **Appendix 4**.

<u>Summary of Pressures</u>	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Service Demand	4.049	5.287	5.634	5.776
Price Inflation	1.629	2.776	3.309	4.745
Reduced Income	0.555	0.400	0.492	0.427
Pay award	1.808	1.857	1.920	1.966
Other	0.421	0.434	0.448	0.464
Total	8.462	10.754	11.803	13.378

Pressures

25. There are some significant pressures emerging which fall into one of five categories being increased demand, price inflation, reduced income, pay award and other.
26. **Increased Service demand** – The largest area by far regarding increased demand is Children's Services, accounting for £3.631m of the 2024/25 pressure, and £18.889m across the MTFP. The past year has seen a 36% increase in the number of contacts (from partner agencies and the public concerned for a child's welfare) compared to pre covid numbers in 2019/20. This has led to an increase in referrals of over 71% which must statutorily be

responded to by a social work assessment. The increases in demand have subsequently led to an increase in the numbers of Children in Care, which at the time of writing is a 33% increase from pre pandemic levels.

27. Darlington is not alone in seeing these pressures and Councils across the country are experiencing the same issues. Darlington has been proactive and partnered with Leeds City Council and the Department for Education in 2019 to develop Strengthening Families, a restorative and relational approach designed to improve family partnership working and reduce the need for children to become looked after. The approach we are taking is one of three nationally recognised best practice approaches and whilst increases to Children in Care has been experienced, it is the view of the service that the increases would have been much greater had the approach not been in place. Through the approach we have significantly increased the number of children being diverted from care through our Keeping Families Together Edge of Care Team and our Family Group Conferencing Team, both of whom have won prestigious national awards over recent years.
28. It is also worth noting that the governments independent review of children's social care (the MacAllister review) concluded that children's social care needed to be reset and to do that required an investment of £2bn. To date only £200m had been allocated.
29. **Price Inflation** – is a significant strain on the budget at £1.629m next year and £12.459m over the MTFP. 93% of that strain is related to our adult and children's social care contracts. The Adults care contracts are linked to various inflation factors including the Consumer Price Index which in October stood at 4.6%, the national living wage of £11.44 per hour from 1 April 2024 – an increase of 9.8%, which automatically feeds through to the care providers. Also, the residential care contract contains an additional factor for interest rates increasing by 7.25% which impacts on the contract rate. Whilst this is a significant pressure on the Council's finances the pressure on the care sector is recognised and these uplifts are required to ensure stability in a very fragile market.
30. In the increased demand section, the rise in the number of children looked after was highlighted, whilst the number of children requiring help and support and in particular care has increased significantly, so too has the availability of care placements and the costs of care placements for children. The cost of commissioning external foster placements and external residential placements for children, which Darlington are heavily reliant upon due to our own limited number of in-house placements have increased by 17% and 33% respectively.
31. As a proactive measure to reduce the reliance on costly external provision a proposal has been put forward to reduce dependency on these placements for children as noted in paragraph 40 below.
32. **Reduced Income** - The main area of reduced income is crematorium fees with a reduction in numbers of people using the service, some of this is due to new facilities opening in the nearby area. There has also been slippage in Joint Venture investment returns which have been deferred for a year due to slower progress on schemes because of nutrient neutrality issues.
33. **Pay Award** – the 2023/24 pay award was settled at a flat rate of £1,925 per employee. The percentage increase was therefore different depending upon base salary; however,

the average increase was approximately 6.5%. The 2023/24 MTFP budgeted for a 5% increase hence the pressure which is recurring each year. Given the high inflation rates a 4% award has been budgeted for in 2024/25 reverting back to 2% thereafter. Together this is a significant pressure of £7.551m over the life of the MTFP.

34. **Other** – this section includes a number of smaller pressures across all service areas, the main one being an increase in external audit fees of £110k, a 151% increase. This is due to the fragile state of the external audit market and an attempt by Public Sector Audit Appointments to alleviate the backlogs. The Government are looking to reset the system and take action to address the backlog and make the system more sustainable and timelier. The increase in fees should address the issue in part.

Savings

<u>Summary of Savings</u>	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Back office efficiencies & general house keeping	(2.420)	(1.801)	(1.869)	(1.901)
Energy savings	(0.550)	(0.550)	(0.550)	(0.550)
Increased income	(1.049)	(1.747)	(1.859)	(1.601)
Total	(4.019)	(4.098)	(4.278)	(4.052)

35. To protect front line services to our residents as far as possible we continually work to maximise savings and efficiencies across the Council. In total over £4m per year has been identified, £16.447m across the MTFP.
36. By reducing costs in management, back office, general housekeeping, £2.420m has been identified in 2024/25, and £7.991m over the life of the MTFP. These savings come from staffing vacancies through redesign of service provision, removal of historic underspends and reduction in supplies and services budgets e.g. subscriptions, travel, printing, stationary, furniture and equipment.
37. Energy usage has been closely monitored over the year given the substantial increase and £2.200m in savings over the MTFP are anticipated following reduced rates and usage savings.
38. We have also reviewed income streams and anticipated an additional £1.049m in 2024/25 £6.256m over the MTFP. This includes additional income from partners, rental income, increases in sales income at our leisure facilities, increase car parking patronage and additional income from garden waste collections.

Previous budget provision

39. **Stronger Communities Fund** – the stronger communities fund was established in 2021/22 to assist in grass roots projects and initiatives in each of the elected members wards with £0.001m made available to each member to utilise as they see fit in their communities and reviewed on an annual basis. At this point no provision has been made in the estimates

but the utilisation will be reviewed over the next few months with a recommendation on the future of the fund included in the final draft for recommendation in February 2024.

Children's sufficiency investment

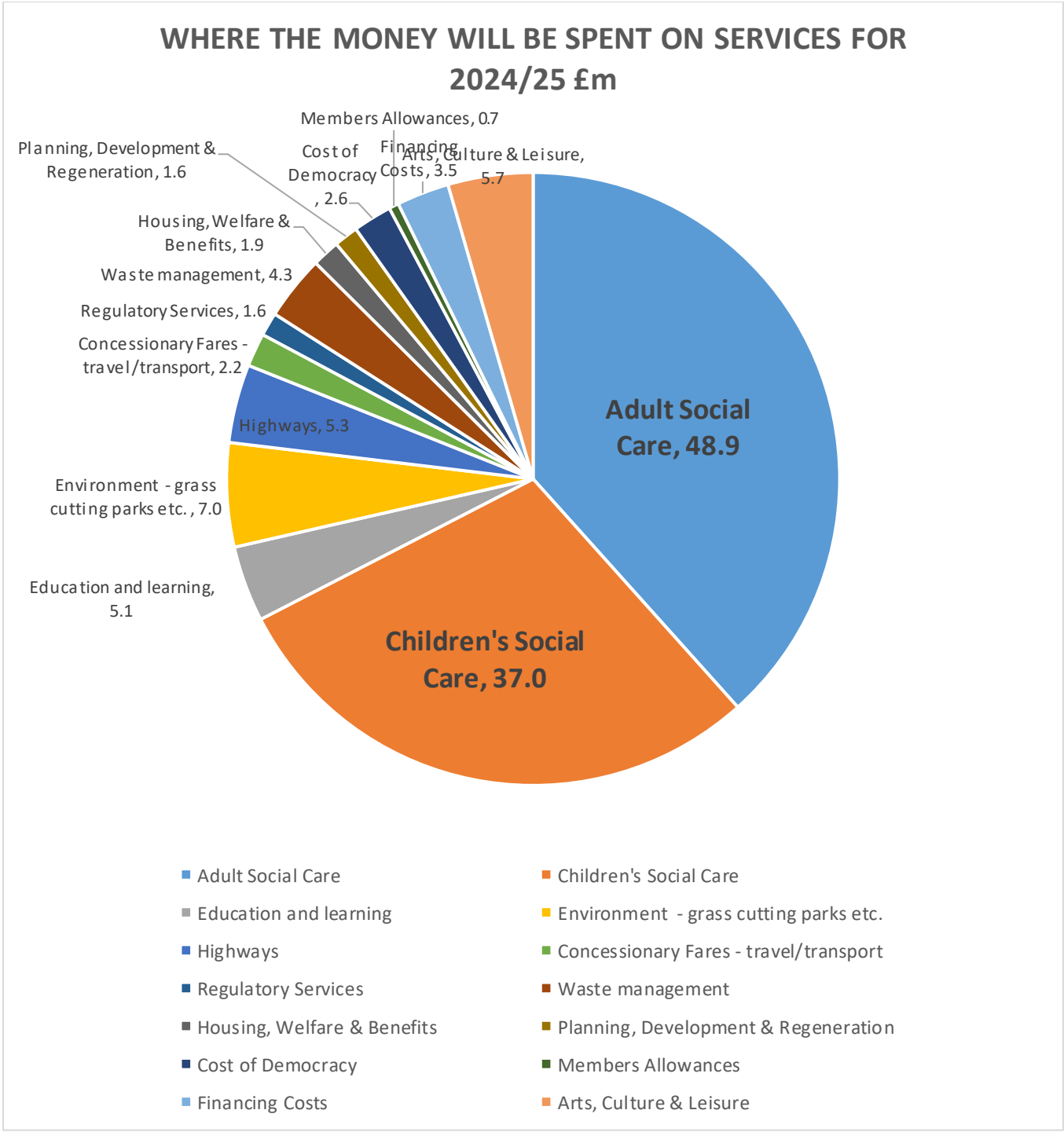
40. Sourcing placements for looked after children is at crisis point nationally with an increasing reliance on high-cost unregulated emergency placements or expensive residential care due to a lack of more appropriate placements. This issue has been compounded in Darlington by increases in our looked after population and the mandated National Transfer Scheme for unaccompanied asylum-seeking children (UASC).
41. The increased number of children cared for by Darlington Borough Council, coupled with a lack of placement sufficiency has resulted in a significant increase in placement expenditure along with a reduction in placement stability for children and young people looked after by Darlington Borough Council.
42. A range of responses to these challenges have already been implemented which includes a panel to provide the needed peer challenge and ensure when a decision is made to make a child looked after, it is after all other options have been exhausted. There is a strong focus on discharging Care Orders where children are living with parents.
43. These measures on their own cannot effectively meet the scale of the pressure. Darlington do not have the in-house sufficiency to meet the diverse needs of children downstream and our baseline support offer benchmarks negatively in the region in terms of core support.
44. A number of proposals have been developed in response which comprise the enhancement and growth of the Darlington Borough Council foster care service along with the expansion of Darlington's own residential support provision.
45. The proposals are detailed in the Children's Sufficiency Cabinet report discussed earlier on the Cabinet agenda ([Children's Social Care Cabinet report](#)), but in summary the proposals require a net investment of £1.292m in 2024/25 which is anticipated to deliver savings of £0.270m, £0.507m and £0.736m in 2025/26, 2026/27 and 2027/28 respectively.

Total Expenditure

46. Taking the above savings, pressures and children's sufficiency proposal into account the summarised projected expenditure is shown in the table below:

	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
People Services	84.432	86.880	89.906	92.790
Chief Executives Office & Economic Growth	1.472	1.566	1.416	1.448
Services	25.147	26.070	26.735	27.372
Operations	13.580	13.964	14.268	14.571
Financing costs	3.529	3.704	3.521	3.450
Investment Returns - Joint Venture	(1.517)	(1.828)	(1.750)	(1.452)
Council Wide Pressures	0.631	0.643	0.658	0.669
Council Wide Contingencies	0.202	0.202	1.655	1.664
Total Expenditure	127.476	131.201	136.409	140.512

47. This proposed net investment in services of £127m in 2024/25 covers a wide range of areas from adult residential care to refuse collection, from Childrens services to street lighting and grass cutting to our Leisure and Culture provision. The chart below shows the split of investment and as can be seen Social Care, both Children's and Adults, are the most significant proportion of funding, accounting for two thirds of the overall budget.



Projected Income

Spending Review and Local Government Finance Settlement

48. This report has been prepared before the 2024/25 Local Government Finance Settlement (LGFS) which is likely to be received late December 2023, however in October 2021, the spending review announced a three-year local government settlement, although there was only a one-year financial settlement that year. Subsequently the Chancellors 2022 Autumn Statement confirmed this spending review still stands on a cash flat basis, with inflation of 1% to follow from 2025/26 along with additional grant funding for social care and changes to the Council Tax referendum limits which were increased to 3% for Council Tax and 2% for Social Care Precept. The Chancellors 2023 Autumn Statement gave no indication this position would change.
49. The draft 2025/26 – 2027/28 MTFP has therefore been based on the 2023/24 finance settlement, given it is the most up to date information available at the time of writing, and will be updated in the MTFP proposals at the February 2024 Cabinet meeting. All assumptions are summarised in **Appendix 4** and detailed in the sections below, however the overriding principle is that we will receive cash equivalent grant funding for all government funding streams unless otherwise stated.

Core Grant funding to Local Government

50. **Revenue Support Grant (RSG)** has become a reducing element of the Council core funding over recent years; however, it has been assumed this will continue into future years with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) linked rise in 2024/25 and annual inflationary increase of 2%.
51. **Better Care fund and Adult Social Care Support Grant**- these funds were in recognition of the significant challenges faced in the Adult Social care sector and were initially time based. They have however been included as core funding for the last couple of years so it has been assumed this funding will continue into future years on a cash equivalent basis.
52. **Services Grant** – was announced in 2021 as an un-ringfenced package of support for Local Government, the Council received £1.579m in 2022/23 reduced to £0.926m in 2023/24. It has been assumed this level will continue into future years on a cash flat basis.
53. **Social Care Grant** - this funding was announced in two tranches in the 2021 and 2022 spending reviews and can be spent on children's and adult social care. Whilst the 2022 grant was repurposed monies from delaying the charging reforms in 2023/24 and 2024/25 it is anticipated this funding will continue into future years given the significant pressures on the system.

Council Tax Income

54. Due to reduction and reliance on Government funding over the last ten years, Council Tax is now by far the largest single funding stream and will increase further as a percentage over the coming years representing 59% of projected resources anticipated by 2027/28. The ongoing increases reflect the Cabinet's view that income from Council Tax needs to increase to protect key service provision and enable investment in vital services. Members will recall that a 1% increase in Council Tax equates to an annual revenue of £0.625m.

55. In recognition of the significant pressures facing local authority budgets particularly in regard to social care with contract inflation, demographic demand and increased complexity of needs, the Chancellor announced in the 2022 Autumn Statement that further flexibilities would be given to Councils in both Council Tax and the Social Care Precept for two years with the referendum limit set at 5%, 3% for Council Tax and 2% for the Social Care Precept.
56. This MTFP assumes a Council Tax increase of 2.99% for 2024/25 reducing to 1.99% thereafter and an Adult Social Care precept of 2% for 2024/25 reverting to 1% thereafter. As can be seen in the chart in paragraph 47, Adult Social Care is by far our largest overall budget with a spend of £49m. The precept will raise £1.2m which is crucial to meet the overall costs and pressure faced in this service area.
57. Darlington has the second lowest Council Tax in the North East, to put this in perspective if Darlington had the average North East Band D level the Council would generate an additional £3.3m per annum, and if we had the average England band D level, we would generate an additional £8.7m per annum.
58. Darlington has a low Council Tax Base with 44% of our properties in Band A and 79% of our homes in Band A – C, meaning we are limited to the amount we can collect.
59. Nutrient Neutrality has had an impact on the Council Tax Base with planning permissions stalled whilst mitigation schemes or credits are obtained by developers. It was also anticipated there would be an impact on housing demand due to rising interest rates and mortgage costs however we are still seeing a buoyant housing market and moving forward planning estimates anticipate growth levels to be an average of 511 Band D equivalent properties over the period of this plan which is a growth on the tax base of 1.4% per annum. These figures have been used to prepare the estimates; clearly should this be any different income levels will differ. The collection rate (of collectable debt) is anticipated to remain at 99% in 2024/25.

National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR)

60. The Council retains 49% of NNDR collected and can gain or lose depending on whether the net tax collected increases or decreases. The Government via the valuation office sets rateable values and the rate paid in the pound is increased each year in line with the Consumer Price Index (CPI). The business tax-base is far more volatile than the Council Tax base and requires very close monitoring. In addition to the potential to “lose” income due to business closures, the Council also carries the risk of losing appeals by businesses against valuations.
61. Growing the economy is the key priority for the Council and the Economic Strategy gives priority to increasing business within the borough and significant effort has been put into achieving growth. This has been rewarded with a positive net increase in NNDR collection. Sites such as Symmetry Park and Central Park are all contributing to the growth and the new Darlington Economic campus has been confirmed at Brunswick Street in 2026 housing His Majesty’s Treasury Department along with several other government departments including the Department for Levelling up, Housing and Communities. This is providing a boost to the town with other employers looking to relocate to Darlington.

62. Notwithstanding these major developments, attracting businesses into the town by their very nature takes time and upfront investment and therefore is an area which needs continued prioritisation and pump prime funding so growth can continue. It needs to be remembered that net growth in NNDR collected relies on growth outstripping revaluations and reductions which can be very challenging in the current economic climate.
63. One area of uncertainty is the business rate reset. The business rates system changed in 2013 and Councils received 49% of the NNDR collected above the base level, this was to incentivise Councils to drive economic growth. The system was due to be reviewed in 2020, with the intention of resetting the baseline and a review of need across the board and a subsequent redistribution of funding. This was part of the Fair Funding Review which has been postponed for several years now and there is no indication if this will happen in 2024/25. As Darlington has seen a healthy increase in business rates any reset would likely reduce funding in this area. Given the review has been postponed and there would need to be consultation on any new formula system, it has been assumed this would not impact on Darlington until 2026/27.
64. The in-year collection rate target for NNDR is 98.0% and as at the end of October 2023 is 67.9% and on track to achieve the target.

Collection Fund

65. The Collection Fund account reflects the statutory requirements for the Council to maintain a separate fund in relation to the operation of Council Tax and the Business Rates Retention Scheme (BRRS). The Fund records all the transactions for billing in respect of National Non-Domestic Rates (NNDR) and Council Tax, exemptions and discounts granted, provision for bad debts and appeals and payments made to the Council's General Fund, the Police and Fire and Rescue precept authorities and Central Government.

Other Grants

66. Set out below are the estimated specific grants which as the title suggests are for specific areas of expenditure as dictated by the government and cannot be used for other areas; the main areas being the Dedicated Schools Grant which funds Darlington's maintained schools, special educational needs and early years provision and Public Health Grant, both which are ring-fenced. These grants are included in service estimates at Appendix 1.

Description	2024/25 £m
Public Health Grant	9.239
PFI Grant	3.200
Market Sustainability & Improvement Fund	1.764
Youth Justice Board	0.272
Local Reform & Community Voices	0.057
Adult & Community Learning	1.142
Staying Put	0.056
Remand Grant	0.037
Garden Village	0.088
Pupil Premium	1.662
Dedicated Schools Grant	29.704
Virtual Headteacher	0.150
School Improvement	0.040
Domestic Abuse	0.051
Unaccompanied Asylum-Seeking Children	0.356
Homeless	0.184
Home Office Anti-Social Behaviour	0.120
Towns Fund	0.087
	48.209

Fees and charges

67. The proposed fees and charges of the Council are set out in **Appendix 3** the increases proposed are based on the cost of providing the services and take account of inflation and market conditions. Overall, the proposed increases are anticipated to generate approximately £300,000 of income to help offset the cost of service provision.

Total Income

68. The table below summarises the Council's estimated income for the period of this plan which thanks to continued economic growth and house building activity, and the subsequent increases in Council Tax and NNDR, confirms a much-needed increase in income given our expenditure pressures.

Resources - Projected and assumed	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Council Tax	65.647	68.546	71.737	74.950
Business rates retained locally	25.063	24.989	16.110	16.110
Top Up Grant	8.509	8.988	15.816	15.817
RSG	4.381	4.469	4.558	4.649
New Homes Bonus	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Better Care Fund	4.488	4.488	4.488	4.488
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.753	3.753	3.753	3.753
Social Care Grant	6.034	6.034	6.034	6.034
Services Grant	0.926	0.926	0.926	0.926
Strengthening Families Grant	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Resources	119.301	122.193	123.422	126.727

Projected MTFP

69. Set out in the table below are the projections based on the income and expenditure analysis discussed in the previous sections, as can be seen there is a significant funding gap in each financial year. We are anticipating having £16m reserves which can be utilised to support the plan which would cover the position until 2025/26, however it is clear significant expenditure reductions will be required in future years if additional government funding is not forthcoming.

	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Estimated Expenditure	121.741	124.815	129.391	131.922
Children's Sufficiency	1.292	(0.270)	(0.507)	(0.736)
Pressures / Additional Savings	4.443	6.656	7.525	9.326
Projected Total Expenditure	127.476	131.201	136.409	140.512
Projected Total Resources	(119.301)	(122.193)	(123.422)	(126.727)
Projected budget deficit	8.175	9.008	12.987	13.785

Revenue Balances

70. The projected revenue outturn for 2023/24 detailed at **Appendix 5**, after taking into account the Risk Reserve of £5.350m, it is anticipated we will have £16m of reserves which will be fully utilised at the end of 2025/26. This is not a sustainable position, and a full review of service provision will need to be undertaken during 2024/25 to reduce expenditure and increase income unless further government funding is received.
71. In light of the significant financial pressures the Council is facing, efficiency measures and savings to reduce expenditure in areas which do not directly hit service provision has been undertaken and services are continually reviewed in this regard, a number of those savings at £4.019m are noted in the paragraphs above.
72. The Council has reviewed its earmarked reserves and there are three areas where it has been determined the provision can be released or partially released. £0.826m was held in the Covid reserve, £0.315m in the EU exit preparation reserve, both of these can be released fully. There is also £0.151m in the insurance reserve which it is felt prudent to release. In total, £1.292m will be transferred into general fund balances as show below.

Revenue Balances	2024/25 £m	2025/26 £m	2026/27 £m	2027/28 £m
Opening balance	16.003	10.120	1.112	(11.875)
Net contribution from Collection Fund	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Release of Earmarked Reserves	1.292	0.000	0.000	0.000
Contribution to/(from) balances	(8.175)	(9.008)	(12.987)	(13.785)
Closing balance	10.120	1.112	(11.875)	(25.660)

Capital Expenditure

73. The Council has an extensive capital programme with significant resources invested to purchase, improve, protect, and maintain our assets, to enable the Council to deliver its priorities, for example purchasing land to enable road improvements or investing in modernising school buildings and housing. The Council continues to deliver a significant capital investment programme in the main funded from the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) and grant or other external funding which is targeted at specific schemes and programmes such as Transport and Schools. Furthermore, investment from the Tees Valley Combined Authority (TVCA) along with other external funding sources are being used for economic growth initiatives.
74. The Council can also supplement these funding sources with its own resources such as capital receipts or prudential borrowing where there is a need, however as capital receipts are limited, and prudential borrowing comes with future revenue implications there must be a strong case for doing so.

75. In recent years there has been significant investment in economic growth either funded or pump primed by the Council; schemes such as Central Park including the National Biologics Centre and Business Central along with the Development of Feethams House which is now the temporary home for the Darlington Economic Campus, and recent Town Centre purchases funded from the Towns Fund and Indigenous Growth Fund are helping to make Darlington a more vibrant place to be. The Council's Investment Fund and Economic Growth Investment Fund are both being utilised to invest in these areas which ultimately increases business rates and the finances of the Council helping vital services to be funded.
76. The current capital programme stands at £317m as summarised in Table 1 below. The programme is monitored monthly and reported to Cabinet on a quarterly basis; the latest available monitoring report for 2023/24 was presented to Cabinet on 7 November 2023 and noted there was a projected £0.728m underspend on the approved capital programme.

Table 1

	Construction				Other Schemes/Not Allocated			Total
	Live Schemes 75k & Over	Annualised Schemes	Completed Schemes awaiting review	Live Schemes under 75k	Non construction	Capital investment fund	Housing New Build - not yet allocated	
Area	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m	£m
Housing	60.099	10.021	0.627	0.033	1.205	0.000	15.673	87.658
Economic Growth	41.593	0.080	3.388	0.337	10.817	33.481	3.476	93.172
Highways/Transport	63.152	10.011	14.949	1.380	1.645	1.877	1.512	94.526
Leisure & Culture	29.883	0.000	2.618	0.176	0.000	0.000	0.000	32.677
Education	5.279	0.230	0.007	0.361	0.079	0.000	0.290	6.246
Adult Social Care	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.071	0.000	0.000	0.071
Other	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.455	0.000	0.000	2.455
Total	200.006	20.342	21.589	2.287	16.272	35.358	20.951	316.805

77. In addition to the current agreed programme the Council looks ahead to future capital requirements based on the principles of the capital strategy. A four-year timeframe has been adopted to fall in line with the revenue Medium Term Financial Plan. Attached at **Appendix 7** are the priority proposals for addition to the plan along with the funding methods. The majority of schemes are focused on 'Housing and Transport, funded via the HRA and government grants respectively; there are also a number of Council funded corporate schemes that have already been approved.
78. The following paragraphs describe the major elements of the capital programme priorities for approval. Specific scheme funding release will be subject to detailed reports to Cabinet.

Corporate Schemes – funding required.

79. As noted previously the Council can supplement government capital funding, albeit options are limited in the current financial climate. Funding can come from prudential borrowing, repaid via revenue, which puts additional pressure on the revenue account or from capital receipts. Given the financial position of the Council only schemes that are a

health and safety risk or that are self-funding have been considered while there is uncertainty over the overall funding envelope.

80. The risk assessed usable capital receipts over the next four years are in the region of £10m although they are not guaranteed.
81. There will be many competing priorities against the available resources for both regeneration and refurbishment and these schemes will emerge over the coming year/s. At this stage Members are requested to make capital provision for three priority schemes with a total value of £1.930m, which will be subject to full reports to Cabinet in due course, these are:
- (a) **A167 Victoria Road culvert repairs - £1.400m** - B19 Victoria Road Culvert is a large structure that carries the A167 over the River Skerne through Darlington. It was designed 60 years ago for modern weights and traffic volume; however it is overdue major maintenance to maintain its structural function. It requires replacement of its 20 expansion joint and concrete repairs and reinforcement due to water ingress caused by the failure of its expansion joints. Currently these repairs can be carried out from inside the culvert without affecting traffic flows or full carriageway reconstruction and resurfacing that would be necessary should more major works be necessary due to further deterioration.
 - (b) **Changing places accessible toilet at the Hippodrome - £0.030m** – for the provision of a changing places accessible toilet large enough to allow parents and carers to change their children in a safe environment. The total cost is £0.070m due to the positioning of the toilet and the complexity of the work in the space, however £0.040m has been received in grant so the ask is £0.030m.
 - (c) **Capitalised repairs - £0.500m** – £0.250m is required for repairs on the Council building stock in 2026/27 and 2027/28 to ensure it is fit for purpose. This is a rolling programme and funding has already been agreed for 2024/25 – 2025/26. Details on specific areas of spend will be brought to Cabinet for consideration.

Government Funding

82. Set out below are details of the levels of Government funding available for investment by the Council in 2024/25 and an outline of the proposed use of these funds.

	2024/25 £m
Children's Services	
School Condition Allocation	0.067
Transport	
Local Transport Plan	3.068
Other	
Disabled Facilities Grant	1.063

Total Capital Grant Available	4.198

School Condition Allocations

83. The Local Authority now only receives school condition funding for Maintained Schools. Maintenance funding for Academies is available through other routes. The funding received by the Local Authority will be spent in line with key priorities identified with each maintained school through the locally agreed asset management planning (LAMP) process, carried out each January. There are no strict spend deadlines for these small-scale condition related projects which are prioritised and completed as funding becomes available.

Transport and Highways

84. A new Local Transport Plan for the Tees Valley was endorsed by the Tees Valley Cabinet in 2021. This will help set the spending plans for the funding allocations from the Department for Transport and from the Devolution deal. The Integrated Transport Programme (ITP) of TVCAs Investment plan identifies £256.7m of investment over the next 10 years. There will be projects and initiatives delivered in Darlington from this fund.
85. The new Tees Valley Local Transport Plan has a number of accompanying documents that set the strategy and vision for different modes of transport. Each Local Authority is required to produce a Local Improvement Plan, which will effectively replace the local authority Local Transport Plan. These plans will cover local priorities and maintenance requirements. Prior to this year the Council received funding via TVCA that was based on needs formula. However, all the funding has now been merged into the new City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS), which is a 5-year allocation of funding. The Tees Valley have been allocated £310m. The details of this allocation have been finalised and the Council has been awarded £15.340m over the 5 years to 2026/27. The annual amount of £3.068m is based on the following breakdown which includes £0.893m for the Integrated Block, £1.206m for the Highways Maintenance Block plus £0.969m for the Pothole action programme. The new CRSTS will provide the opportunity to deliver larger improvement schemes in Darlington identified in the Tees Valley and Darlington transport plans and these are currently being developed on an individual scheme basis.

Disabled Facility Grants

86. These grants are available if you are disabled and need to make changes to your home with examples being:
- (a) Widen doors and install ramps,
 - (b) Improve access to rooms and facilities – e.g., stair lifts or a downstairs bathroom,
 - (c) Provide a heating system suitable for your needs, and
 - (d) Adapt heating or lighting controls to make them easier to use.

Housing

87. All Housing capital schemes are funded fully from the Housing Revenue Account. The priorities identified through the Housing Business Plan will be funded from the estimated capital resources for 2024/25. Further detail is given in the Housing Revenue Account financial plan but in summary includes:

- (d) Adaptations and lifts - £0.214m
- (e) Heating Replacement - £1.286m
- (f) Structural Works - £0.427m
- (g) Lifeline Services - £0.250m
- (h) Repairs before Painting - £0.066m
- (i) Roofing and Repointing work - £1.050m
- (j) Garages - £0.050m
- (k) External Works - £0.210m.
- (l) Pavements - £0.027m
- (m) Window & Door Replacement - £1.495m
- (n) Internal planned maintenance (IPM) - £2.898m
- (o) Communal Works - £0.160m
- (p) Energy Efficiency Improvements - £3.068m
- (q) New Build housing - £15.815m
- (r) Fees -£0.254m

Consultation

88. This report will be available for public viewing from the 27 November with official consultation running from 5 December 2023 to 22 January 2024.

Conclusion

89. The Council has faced significant financial challenges over the last decade, with significant reductions in government funding followed by the financial instability during the pandemic, but to date has risen to these challenges well which has previously enabled a balanced MTFP.
90. 2023 has presented further challenge with continued high inflation, and demand for services increased since the pandemic, particularly in children's social care where there is a £4.5m overspend this financial year anticipated to increase in 2024/25.
91. The future of Local Government financing is still uncertain; there have been a number of Councils issuing a section 114 notice and evidence of more to come, however, it is clear from the Autumn Statement that public funding will not keep up with inflation. The Council can deliver a balanced position until 2025/26 utilising reserves as per our financial strategy, however there is a significant annual budget deficit which is not sustainable and will need to be addressed. Unless additional government funding is forthcoming the Council will need to undertake a fundamental review over the course of 2024 to decide what and how services will be delivered in the coming years.
92. Planning beyond the current year is extremely difficult, given the uncertainty around future funding and the review of the new Local Government financial system, inflation, and economic uncertainty. Current planning suggests reserves will be depleted in 2025/26 and there will be a budget deficit of £11.9m the year after, however for the reasons above,

this will certainly change. At this stage it is not possible to know whether this will be a positive or negative position.

93. In summary, the Council continues to face significant financial challenges which have increased substantially over the last year due to the demand in children's services. However, due to the healthy reserves position which now play a crucial role in the budget strategy, the Council can afford a 2024/25 budget and have reserves available enabling time to achieve the savings required for future years. Making these savings will be challenging, there are no easy options and there are risks given current economic uncertainty and estimated impacts of interest rates, inflation and demand have been factored in, if these change plans will need to be adjusted.
94. As the Council's Statutory Chief Financial Officer, the Group Director of Operations must advise the Council on the robustness of the budget and adequacy of reserves. The budget presented to Members in this report has been based on the most accurate information available at this point in time, therefore the Director is confident that they are an accurate reflection of the Council's financial position. Notwithstanding this there is a significant degree of uncertainty about the future economic position and local government funding so the position presented whilst as accurate as possible will change, however at this juncture I cannot be sure if that will be for the better or worse.
95. General Fund reserves are adequate for the coming financial year; however, the Council is carrying a significant financial risk over the lifetime of the plan with an unsustainable annual deficit which will need to be met from changes in service provision and/or increased income if no further government funding is realised. It is essential we maximise income where possible, ensure we are providing our services in the most efficient manner, and address the growing pressures in social care through transformation, as the Council needs to preserve reserves and allow as much time as possible to reduce the ongoing annual funding gap.

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REVENUE ESTIMATES 2024/25 -SUMMARY

APPENDIX 1

	2023/24	2024/25			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
People Group	76,459	150,700	(18,574)	(47,694)	84,432
Services Group	28,356	61,836	(36,569)	(120)	25,147
Operations Group	13,887	48,188	(34,388)	(220)	13,580
Chief Executive Office & Economic Growth Group	1,799	3,916	(2,269)	(175)	1,472
Group Totals	120,501	264,640	(91,800)	(48,209)	124,631
Financing Costs	3,477	3,529	0	0	3,529
Investment Returns - Joint Ventures	(1,816)	(1,517)	0	0	(1,517)
Council Wide Pressures / Savings	1,359	631	0	0	631
Contingencies	1,131	202	0	0	202
Grand Total	124,652	267,485	(91,800)	(48,209)	127,476

PEOPLE GROUP - Revenue Estimates 2024/25

	2023/24	2024/25			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Group Director of People	598	611	0	0	611
<u>Children & Adult Services</u>					
Transformation & Performance	883	846	(53)	0	793
Business Support	1,572	1,661	(13)	0	1,648
<u>Children's Services</u>					
Children's Services Management & Other Services	662	711	(30)	0	681
Assessment Care Planning & LAC	4,355	4,645	0	(165)	4,480
First Response & Early Help	3,827	3,622	(35)	0	3,587
Adoption & Placements	16,750	21,718	0	(284)	21,434
Disabled Children	1,230	1,473	(152)	0	1,321
Youth Offending	317	711	(132)	(272)	307
Quality Assurance & Practice Improvement	138	253	(114)	0	139
<u>Development & Commissioning</u>					
Commissioning	2,530	2,352	(198)	(187)	1,967
Voluntary Sector	294	350	0	(57)	293
<u>Education</u>					
Education	481	31,177	(1,589)	(28,886)	702
Schools	0	7,012	0	(7,012)	0
Transport Unit	3,089	3,165	(54)	0	3,111
<u>Public Health</u>					
Public Health	0	9,271	(32)	(9,239)	0
<u>Adult Social Care & Health</u>					
External Purchase of Care	32,784	50,292	(12,966)	(1,440)	35,886
Intake & Enablement	677	3,072	(2,175)	0	897
Older People Long Term Condition	1,604	2,157	(495)	0	1,662
Physical Disability Long Term Condition	15	41	(27)	0	14
Learning Disability Long Term Condition	2,034	2,272	(19)	0	2,253
Mental Health Long Term Condition	1,218	1,637	(474)	0	1,163
Service Development & Integration	1,070	1,220	0	(152)	1,068
Workforce Development	331	431	(16)	0	415
Total People Group	76,459	150,700	(18,574)	(47,694)	84,432

SERVICES GROUP - Revenue Estimates 2024/25

	2023/24	2024/25			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Group Director of Services	174	184	0	0	184
<u>Transport & Capital Projects</u>					
AD Transport & Capital Projects	136	138	(27)	0	111
Building Design Services	54	588	(526)	0	62
Capital Projects	408	663	(289)	0	374
Car Parking R&M	583	612	0	0	612
Concessionary Fares	2,791	2,249	(2)	0	2,247
Flood & Water Act	249	89	0	0	89
Highways	4,665	5,368	(1,130)	0	4,238
Highways - DLO	(478)	9,181	(9,618)	0	(437)
Investment & Funding	558	202	(112)	0	90
Sustainable Transport	175	166	(70)	0	96
<u>Community Services</u>					
AD Community Services	150	99	0	0	99
Allotments	16	27	(8)	0	19
Building Cleaning - DLO	206	941	(685)	0	256
Cemeteries & Crematorium	(974)	1,063	(1,893)	0	(830)
Dolphin Centre	1,018	4,655	(3,682)	0	973
Eastbourne Complex	24	260	(224)	0	36
Emergency Planning	103	105	0	0	105
Head of Steam	291	433	(64)	0	369
Hippodrome	285	5,704	(5,482)	0	222
Indoor Bowling Centre	31	19	0	0	19
Libraries	908	988	(42)	0	946
Move More	48	137	(106)	0	31
Outdoor Events	572	555	(33)	0	522
Community Catering - DLO	78	339	(257)	0	82
Strategic Arts	125	122	0	0	122
Street Scene	6,148	8,267	(2,081)	0	6,186
Transport Unit - Fleet Management	205	273	(81)	0	192
Waste Management	3,681	3,909	0	0	3,909
Winter Maintenance	615	609	(24)	0	585
<u>Community Safety</u>					
CCTV	264	758	(474)	0	284
Community Safety	825	918	(17)	(120)	781
General Licensing	7	174	(174)	0	0
Parking	(1,639)	283	(2,332)	0	(2,049)
Parking Enforcement	(20)	188	(170)	0	18
Private Sector Housing	132	122	(10)	0	112
Stray Dogs	50	55	(1)	0	54
Taxi Licensing	58	233	(205)	0	28
Trading Standards	258	266	(6)	0	260
<u>Building Services</u>					
Construction - DLO	(307)	6,094	(6,460)	0	(366)
<u>Corporate Landlord</u>					0
Corporate Landlord	5,644	4,595	(284)	0	4,311
<u>General Support Services</u>					
Works Property & Other	114	76	0	0	76
<u>Joint Levies & Boards</u>					
Environment Agency Levy	125	129	0	0	129
Total Services Group	28,356	61,836	(36,569)	(120)	25,147

OPERATIONS Group - Revenue Estimates 2024/25

	2023/24	2024/25			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Group Director of Operations	130	230	(94)	0	136
<u>Resources</u>					
AD Resources	115	120	0	0	120
Financial Services	1,649	2,031	(433)	0	1,598
Financial Assessments & Protection	279	380	(43)	(36)	301
Xentrall (D&S Partnership)	1,830	2,617	(649)	0	1,968
Human Resources	896	1,051	(371)	0	680
Health & Safety	193	240	(39)	0	201
<u>Head of Strategy Performance & Communications</u>					
Communications & Engagement	1,154	1,183	(139)	0	1,044
Systems	1,162	1,132	0	0	1,132
<u>Law & Governance</u>					
AD Law & Governance	131	136	0	0	136
Complaints & FOI	297	330	0	0	330
Democratic Services	1,316	1,398	(17)	0	1,381
Registrars	(23)	268	(294)	0	(26)
Administration	595	644	(94)	0	550
Legal	1,669	1,921	(153)	0	1,768
Procurement	183	250	(55)	0	195
Coroners	278	321	0	0	321
<u>Xentrall Shared Services</u>					
ICT	1,076	1,013	(202)	0	811
<u>Maintenance</u>					
Maintenance DLO	(646)	7,085	(7,769)	0	(684)
<u>Housing & Revenues</u>					
Local Taxation	468	956	(483)	0	473
Rent Rebates / Rent Allowances / Council Tax	(132)	21,543	(21,675)	0	(132)
Housing Benefits Administration	433	1,122	(671)	0	451
Customer Services	329	525	(201)	0	324
Homelessness	349	1,382	(852)	(184)	346
Service, Strategy & Regulation and General Services	156	310	(154)	0	156
Total Operations Group	13,887	48,188	(34,388)	(220)	13,580

CHIEF EXECUTIVES OFFICE & ECONOMIC GROWTH - Revenue Estimates 2024/25

	2023/24	2024/25			
	Net Budget	Gross Budget	Income	Grants	Net Budget
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
<u>Chief Executive</u>					
Chief Executive	209	216	0	0	216
Darlington Partnership	74	188	(103)	0	85
<u>AD Economic Growth</u>					
AD - Economic Growth	149	155	0	0	155
Building Control	168	405	(213)	0	192
Consolidated Budgets	265	46	0	0	46
Development Management	23	758	(706)	0	52
Economy	310	346	0	(87)	259
Environmental Health	352	376	(25)	0	351
Place Strategy	665	717	(26)	(88)	603
Property Management & Estates	(416)	709	(1,196)	0	(487)
Total Chief Executives Office & Economic Growth	1,799	3,916	(2,269)	(175)	1,472

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APPENDIX 2

Analysis of Pressures/Savings	Estimate 24/25 £m	Estimate 25/26 £m	Estimate 26/27 £m	Estimate 27/28 £m
Savings				
Consolidated Budgets - reduced budget	(0.145)	(0.145)	(0.145)	(0.145)
People Services - reduced running costs	(0.478)	(0.464)	(0.427)	(0.408)
Operations - reduced running costs	(0.384)	(0.384)	(0.455)	(0.494)
Concessionary Fares & Sustainable Transport - reprofiled expenditure	(0.779)	(0.544)	(0.578)	(0.590)
Services - reduced running costs	(0.550)	(0.264)	(0.264)	(0.264)
Financing Costs - reduced borrowing costs on property funds	(0.084)	0.000	0.000	0.000
Corporate Landlord - reduced utility prices	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)	(0.450)
Street Lighting - reduced utility prices	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)	(0.100)
Adults - additional OT grant	(0.170)	(0.170)	(0.170)	(0.170)
People Service - increased partner income	(0.155)	(0.155)	(0.155)	(0.155)
Children's Services - additional Youth Offending Grant	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.051)
JV Investment Returns - additional income/reprofile	0.000	(0.698)	(0.620)	(0.322)
Car Parking - additional income from patronage	(0.380)	(0.380)	(0.380)	(0.380)
Dolphin Centre & Eastbourne Sports Complex - additional income from patronage	(0.194)	(0.194)	(0.194)	(0.194)
Estates - income from Feethams House	0.000	0.000	(0.190)	(0.229)
Waste Service - increase garden waste income	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.040)	(0.040)
Registrars - increase ceremony income	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.008)	(0.009)
Council Tax/NNDR - increased penalty charges	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.051)	(0.051)
	(4.019)	(4.098)	(4.278)	(4.052)
Increased Demand				
Adults - Packages of Care - increased overall package costs	0.368	0.352	0.338	0.409
Childrens Service's - Packages of Care - increased overall package costs	3.427	3.832	4.212	4.237
Childrens Service's - increased numbers of families/children requiring support	0.079	0.044	0.002	0.002
Children's Services - social work increased caseload demand	0.025	0.025	0.026	0.026
Strengthening Families Team - increase in children needing support	0.000	0.832	0.851	0.869
Children's Legal Fees - increased demand and complexity of cases	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100
Systems Team - staffing changes	0.000	0.050	0.052	0.054
Waste Disposal - increased growth with new builds	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.024
Waste Disposal - increased demand from DIY waste	0.050	0.052	0.053	0.055
	4.049	5.287	5.634	5.776
Price Inflation				
Adult - Packages of Care - contractual inflation	0.760	1.453	1.686	2.979
Economic Growth - contractual inflation and fixed rental income	0.001	0.001	0.039	0.059
Children's - Packages of Care/Contracts - contractual inflation	0.813	1.193	1.333	1.348
School Transport - contractual inflation	(0.064)	0.003	0.030	0.054
Operations - contractual inflation	0.014	0.014	0.018	0.034
Services - contractual inflation	(0.035)	(0.032)	0.054	0.118
Waste Disposal - contractual inflation	0.140	0.144	0.149	0.153
	1.629	2.776	3.309	4.745
Reduced Income				
Estates - rent slippage and rent review	0.041	0.041	0.010	0.010
Education - reduction in grant income	0.029	0.030	0.031	0.032
Educational Psychology - reduction in traded income	0.041	0.041	0.041	0.041
Financing Costs - lower investment returns	0.000	0.040	0.157	0.086
JV Investment Returns - slipped schemes	0.201	0.000	0.000	0.000
Customer Services - reduced income from the DFE	0.020	0.020	0.020	0.020
Crematorium - reduced income from competition & changes in regulatory services	0.165	0.170	0.175	0.180
Tree Team - reduced levels of work from other service areas	0.058	0.058	0.058	0.058
	0.555	0.400	0.492	0.427
Other and Contingencies				
LD Day Service - increase in rent and cleaning	0.077	0.077	0.077	0.077
Economic Growth - staffing changes	0.010	0.012	0.013	0.014
Corporate Management - members allowance review due 2024/25	0.010	0.010	0.010	0.010
External Audit Fees - increased contract cost	0.110	0.110	0.110	0.110
Operations - staffing changes	0.078	0.085	0.094	0.103
Customer Services - additional security	0.011	0.012	0.013	0.014
Archives Service - increased charge from DCC	0.020	0.021	0.021	0.021
Coroners Service - increased charge from DCC	0.035	0.036	0.037	0.041
Street Scene - fly tipping and back lane clearance	0.070	0.071	0.073	0.074
	0.421	0.434	0.448	0.464
Pay Award				
Pay Award 2023/24	0.660	0.713	0.752	0.778
Additional Estimated Pay Award 2024/25	1.148	1.144	1.168	1.188
	1.808	1.857	1.920	1.966
Total Net Pressures	4.443	6.656	7.525	9.326

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SCHEDULE OF CHARGES 2024/25				
Description	Type*	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
*KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
LEARNING SKILLS - LEARNING FOR LIFE				
Fees Policy: August 2023 to July 2024 (Next Review July 2024)				
Full Fees (including enrolment and tuition fees) per hour	L	3.00	3.00	NIL
<p>Accredited Learning Full accreditation fee (if applicable) - if the course has a qualification there will be additional fees to pay for registration and certification.</p> <p>No fees will be charged for publicly subsidised courses where:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learners are aged 16-18 (on 31st August of the academic year) Learners are aged 19-24 (on 31st August of the academic year) with a learning difficulty and / or disability as evidenced through an Education, Health and Care (EHC) Plan or Learning Difficulty Assessment (LDA) Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2, and the learner is studying English or Maths Learners are aged 19-23 (on their first day of study) and are studying their first 'full' level 2 or first 'full' level 3, excludes English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Learners are aged 19 or older where the learning aim is up to and including level 2 (including ESOL), the skills training will help them into work, and the learner is classed as unemployed and one of more of the following apply: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> They receive Job Seeker's Allowance (JSA) - this includes those receiving National Insurance credits only, or They receive Employment and Support Allowance (ESA) and the learner is in the work-related activity group (WRAG), or They receive of Universal Credit, earn less than 16 times the national minimum wage or £330 a month and are determined by Jobcentre Plus (JCP) as being in one of the following groups: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> All Work Related Requirements Group Work Preparation Group Work Focused Interview Group They are released on temporary licence (RoTL) and studying outside a prison environment and not funded through the Offender's Learning and Skills Service (OLASS) <p><i>Evidence required: Letter of entitlement from Job Centre Plus indicating the date and claim or for copy of licence (RoTL) from Probation Service</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Learners aged 19-24 who are unemployed and on a Traineeship <p>Courses with no public subsidy For learners aged 19 or above and where the learning aim is level 3 or above (except for exclusion above), learners may need to take out an Advanced Learning Loan, subject to funding availability. Further details can be found on our Student Loans page. Asylum Seekers - individuals will be assessed for eligibility in conjunction with SFA guidance Special fees - some courses have special fees, cost on application. FE course - NVQ and similar price on application. The following courses are free: Family Learning, Functional Skills, Distance Learning, Continuing Professional Development, Learning for Inclusion, Bespoke Employer Led Programmes, Multiply, Study Programme and courses which are funded through external projects. Additional Learning Support (ALS) Is intended to enable disadvantaged learners to achieve their learning goal by providing funding, on top of programme funds, to help them overcome their barriers to learning. The funding is intended to be flexible and to help support learners who have a range of learning difficulties and / or disabilities.</p>				

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REGISTRATION OF BIRTHS, DEATHS, MARRIAGES AND CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
Marriages				
Entering a Notice of Marriage or Civil Partnership	N			
For a Registrar to attend a Marriage at the Register Office	N			
Civil Partnership Registration	N			
Incumbents for every Entry Contained in Quarterly Certified	N			
Copies of Entries of Marriage	N			
Registrars fee for attending a marriage at a registered building or for the housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attesting a notice of marriage away from his office for housebound or detained	N			
Superintendents Registrar fee for attending the marriage of the housebound or detained	N	These charges set nationally by Statute and will be charged at the advised rate for 2023/24	These charges set nationally by Statute and will be charged at the advised rate for 2024/25	
Certification for Worship and Registration for Marriages				
Place of Meeting for Religious Worship	N			
Registration of Building for Solemnisation of Marriage	N			
Certificates issued from Local Offices				
Standard Certificate (SR)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (at time of Registration)	N			
Standard Certificate (RBD) (after Registration)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (SR)	N			
Short Certificate of Birth (RBD)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at time of Ceremony)	N			
Certificates of Civil Partnership (at later date)	N			
General Search fee	N			
Each Verification	N			
Civil Partnership Ceremony	N			
All Ceremonies – Approved Premises				
Application Fee for licence as an approved venue (valid for 3 years)	N	1,750.00	1,750.00	
Fee for Attendance - All days including Bank Holidays	L	580.00	610.00	
Non-refundable booking fee (inclusive of VAT)	L	50.00	50.00	
All Ceremonies – Town Hall				
The Council Chamber (Monday to Saturday)	L	310.00	325.00	
The Council Chamber Foyer (Monday to Saturday)	L	140.00	147.00	
REGISTER OF ELECTORS, OPEN REGISTER AND MONTHLY UPDATES - SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
Register – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
LIST OF OVERSEAS ELECTORS – SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT.				
List – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	5.00	5.00	
List – Data Form	N	20.00	20.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.50	1.50	
MARKED COPY OF THE REGISTER OF ELECTORS AND MARKED ABSENT VOTERS LIST - SALE				
The following fees do not incur VAT				
Register – Printed Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Printed	N	2.00	2.00	
Register – Data Form	N	10.00	10.00	
Per 1,000 Names – Data	N	1.00	1.00	
				8,000

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TOWN HALL				
Hire of Committee Rooms – all charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate.				
All rooms are to be charged by the hour, rather than by session				
Committee Rooms per hour	L	33.00	33.00	
				NIL
LAND CHARGES				
The following fees are inclusive of VAT				
Search Fees				
Standard Search - Residential Property (post or DX)	L	95.50	95.50	
Standard Search – Residential Property (electronic)	L	93.50	93.50	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (post or DX)	L	145.50	145.50	
Standard Search – Commercial Property (electronic)	L	143.50	143.50	
Con 29 Required				
Residential Property				
One Parcel of Land	L	80.00	80.00	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	25.00	25.00	
Commercial Property				
One Parcel of Land	L	130.00	130.00	
Several Parcels of Land – Each Additional Parcel	L	25.00	25.00	
Con 29 Optional				
Each Printed Enquiry	L	6.00	6.00	
Own Questions	L	6.00	6.00	
Official Search – LLCI	L	15.00	15.00	
Official Search – NLIS (National Land Information Service) or email	L	13.00	13.00	
Expedited Search (Residential)	L	172.00	172.00	
Expedited search (Commercial)	L	234.00	234.00	
Personal Search	L	No charge	No charge	
				NIL

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FINANCIAL PROTECTION SERVICES				
Category				
I. Work up to and including the date upon which the court makes an order appointing a deputy for property and affairs	N	745.00	745.00	
II. Annual management fee where the court appoints a local authority deputy for property and affairs, payable on the anniversary of the court order:				
- for the first year	N	775.00	775.00	
- for the second and subsequent years	N	650.00	650.00	
where the net assets are below £16,000, the local authority deputy for property and affairs will take an annual management fee not exceeding 3% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy				
Where the court appoints a local authority deputy for health and welfare, the local authority will take an annual management fee not exceeding 2.5% of the net assets on the anniversary of the court order appointing the local authority as deputy for health and welfare up to a maximum of £500.				
III. Annual property management fee to include work involved in preparing property for sale, instructing agents, conveyancers, etc or the ongoing maintenance of property including management and letting of a rental property	N	300.00	300.00	
IV. Preparation and lodgement of an annual report or account to the Public Guardian	N	216.00	216.00	
V. Conveyancing Costs				
Where a deputy or other person authorised by the court is selling or purchasing a property on behalf of P, the following fixed rates will apply except where the sale or purchase is by trustees in which case, the costs should be agreed with the trustees:	N	See Description	See Description	
A value element of 0.15% of the consideration with a minimum sum of £350 and a maximum sum of £1,500, plus disbursements				
Travel Rates are allowed at a fixed rate per hour for travel costs	N	40.00	40.00	
Please note that these rates are set by The Office of Public Guardian and are the rates as of 1st April 2017, these may be amended during 2024/25				
Administration Fee				
Administration fee for arranging the care and support needs for those with capital in excess of the upper capital limit or those who have chosen not to disclose their financial information.	L	119.00	127.00	
				Minimal
DEFERRED PAYMENT FEES				
Administration cost for setting up a Deferred Payment Agreement	L	365.00	390.00	
plus cost of valuation (this will be dependant on property type)	L	Actual cost of valuation	Actual cost of valuation	
				Minimal

Description	Type*	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
*KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
LIBRARIES				
Fines On Overdue Items				
Adults – per day	L	No charge	No charge	
Maximum charge per book	L	No charge	No charge	
Senior Citizens – per day	L	No charge	No charge	
Children – per day	L	No charge	No charge	
Non-collected reservations				
Per item	L	0.50	0.50	
Reservation Fees for Books Obtained from Outside the Authority				
Single charge for all books obtained from other libraries	L	6.00	6.00	
Repeat Fee for Renewal of Books from Outside the Authority				
Single Charge for all books obtained from other local authorities	L	6.00	6.00	
Replacement Tickets				
Adults	L	1.50	1.50	
Senior Citizens	L	1.50	1.50	
Children/Unemployed	L	1.50	1.50	
Language Courses (per element)				
Subscription for whole course to be paid in advance	L	1.35	1.35	
Local History Research				
Look Up Service	L	5.00	5.00	
Photocopies				
A4 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A3 B&W	L	0.40	0.40	
Printing				
Text Printouts				
A4 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A3 B&W	L	0.40	0.40	
Test Printouts				
A4 colour	L	0.60	0.60	
Reproduction of Images from Stock				
Digital copies for Private/Study purposes – per photo	L	5.50	5.50	
Digital copies for small local commercial use – per photo	L	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	5.50 + 2 copies of publications	
Digital copies for local commercial use - per photo	L	10.50 + 2 copies of book	10.50 + 2 copies of book	
Digital copies for national/international commercial	L	110.00	110.00	
Scan and e-mail Service				
First sheet	L	1.00	1.00	
Each subsequent sheet	L	0.50	0.50	
Hire of Locker	L	0.50	0.50	
Internet Use				
Library members First 60 minutes FREE , Members & Non Members £1.00 per 30 minutes hereafter	L	1.00	1.00	
Lost & Damaged Items	L	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	Full current Replacement Cost (non-refundable)	
Room Hire				
Per hour	L	20.00	20.00	
Partner organisations per hour	L	15.00	15.00	
				NIL

Description	Type*	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
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PLANNING FEES Planning fees are set nationally				
PLANNING – PRE APPLICATION ADVICE All charges include VAT at 20%				
Large Major Development (200+) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Small Major Development (10-199) for a written response, including up to 2 meetings	L	600.00	600.00	
Minor Development for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	400.00	400.00	
Other Developments				
Minerals Processing	L	Based on areas above	Based on areas above	
Change of use for a written response to include a meeting if necessary	L	50.00	50.00	
Householder developments	L	36.00	36.00	
Advertisements	L	25.00	25.00	
Listed Building consents (to alter/extend/demolish)	L	Free	Free	
Certificates of lawful development	L	Application advice not appropriate	Application advice not appropriate	
Telecommunications Notifications	L	126.00	126.00	
Other Charges				
Pre-Application meeting involving Planning Committee Members	L	1,000.00	1,000.00	
				NIL

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*KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
LICENSING The following fees do not incur VAT				
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	50.00	60.00	
General Licensing				
Pavement Café Licence, per person				
1-20	L	0.00	100.00	
21-40	L	0.00	100.00	
41-60	L	0.00	100.00	
61-80	L	0.00	100.00	
81-99	L	0.00	100.00	
100 or over	L	0.00	100.00	
Duplicate licence fee	L	0.00	50.00	
Transfer of licence	L	0.00	50.00	
Change of detail	L	0.00	30.00	
Variation of Covers	L	0.00	100.00	
Goods on Highway Licence	L	155.00	155.00	
Sex Shop Grant of application	L	3,885.00	3,885.00	
Sex Shop Renewal	L	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Sex Shop transfer	L	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Cosmetics				
Premise Grant	L	294.00	294.00	
Personal Grant	L	68.00	68.00	
Variation	L	68.00	68.00	
Scrap Metal Dealers				
Collectors Licence (3 years) - grant	L	158.00	158.00	
Collectors Licence (3 years) – renewal	L	158.00	158.00	
Major Variation	L	53.00	53.00	
Minor Variation	L	16.00	16.00	
Site Licence (3 years) Grant	L	368.00	368.00	
Additional Sites (per site per year of licence)	L	205.00	205.00	
Site licence (3 years) – renewal	L	284.00	284.00	
Additional sites (per site per year of licence)	L	205.00	205.00	
Minor Variation Site	L	16.00	16.00	
Major Variation Site	L	53.00 + 68.00 per additional site per year	53.00 + 68.00 per additional site per year	

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Caravan Sites				
New Application for a permanent residential site licence;	L			
1-5 pitches	L	210.00	210.00	
6-20 pitches	L	236.00	236.00	
21-50 pitches	L	252.00	252.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	273.00	273.00	
Annual Fees associated with administration and monitoring of site licences;				
1-5 pitches	L	No charge	No charge	
6-50 pitches	L	231.00	231.00	
Greater than 50 pitches	L	273.00	273.00	
Cost of Laying Site Rules	L	26.00	26.00	
Cost of Variation/Transfer	L	105.00	105.00	
Zoo Licensing Act				
New Application (4 years) or renewal (6 years) for a Zoo Licence (excluding the inspection costs of appointed inspector)	L	473.00	473.00	
Animal Welfare				
Breeding of Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	258.00	258.00	
2 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
3 Year Licence	L	352.00	352.00	
Breeding of Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	226.00	226.00	
2 Year Licence	L	273.00	273.00	
3 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	265.00	265.00	
2 Year Licence	L	312.00	312.00	
3 Year Licence	L	359.00	359.00	
Pet Vending Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	233.00	233.00	
2 Year Licence	L	280.00	280.00	
3 Year Licence	L	327.00	327.00	
Pet Vending Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	258.00	258.00	
2 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
3 Year Licence	L	352.00	352.00	
Pet Vending Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	226.00	226.00	
2 Year Licence	L	273.00	273.00	
3 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Grant of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	247.00	247.00	
Keeping or Training Animals for Exhibition - Renewal of Licence				
3 Year Licence	L	226.00	226.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	278.00	278.00	
2 Year Licence	L	325.00	325.00	
3 Year Licence	L	372.00	372.00	
Hiring Out of Horses - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	247.00	247.00	
2 Year Licence	L	294.00	294.00	
3 Year Licence	L	341.00	341.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	321.00	321.00	
2 Year Licence	L	368.00	368.00	
3 Year Licence	L	415.00	415.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Commercial - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	289.00	289.00	
2 Year Licence	L	336.00	336.00	
3 Year Licence	L	383.00	383.00	

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Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	258.00	258.00	
2 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
3 Year Licence	L	352.00	352.00	
Boarding of Dogs and Cats Home - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	226.00	226.00	
2 Year Licence	L	273.00	273.00	
3 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	258.00	258.00	
2 Year Licence	L	305.00	305.00	
3 Year Licence	L	352.00	352.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care Up to 7 Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	226.00	226.00	
2 Year Licence	L	273.00	273.00	
3 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Grant of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	320.00	320.00	
2 Year Licence	L	367.00	367.00	
3 Year Licence	L	414.00	414.00	
Boarding of Dogs Day Care 8+ Dogs - Renewal of Licence				
1 Year Licence	L	289.00	289.00	
2 Year Licence	L	336.00	336.00	
3 Year Licence	L	383.00	383.00	
		137.00 + 11.00 per host + 68.00 per host inspection fee + 47.00 annual enforcement fee per year	137.00 + 11.00 per host + 68.00 per host inspection fee + 47.00 annual enforcement fee per year	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Grant of Licence	L			
		105.00 + 11.00 per host + 68.00 per host inspection fee + 47.00 annual enforcement fee per year	105.00 + 11.00 per host + 68.00 per host inspection fee + 47.00 annual enforcement fee per year	
Dog Boarding Franchise in Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L			
		63.00 + 63.00 per host	63.00 + 63.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Grant of Licence	L			
		58.00 + 63.00 per host	58.00 + 63.00 per host	
Dog Boarding Franchise out of Darlington - Renewal of Licence	L			
Additional Fees				
Cost per additional licensable activity - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	68.00	68.00	
Mandatory mid licence inspection fee - Grant and Renewal (each)	L	32.00	32.00	
Variation of licence where no inspection is required (each)	L	37.00	37.00	
Variation of licence where inspection is required (each)	L	95.00	95.00	
Application for Re-Rating (each)	L	74.00	74.00	
Copy Licence	L	16.00	16.00	
Administration Fee	L	37.00	37.00	
Dangerous Wild Animals (not including vets fee)	L	126.00	126.00	

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Street Trading				
November / December - Full Calendar Month	L	1,024.00	1,024.00	
- Week	L	404.00	404.00	
- Day (minimum of 4 days)	L	89.00	89.00	
January / October - Full Calendar Month	L	693.00	693.00	
- Week	L	284.00	284.00	
- Day (minimum of 4 days)	L	63.00	63.00	
Note- The above to apply to Itinerant traders. For regular all year round traders - fees as follows				
Annual Consent - Town Centre	L	7,350.00	7,350.00	
If Paying Monthly	L	651.00	651.00	
If Paying Weekly	L	179.00	179.00	
Buskers selling CD's – Half Day	L	25.00	25.00	
Full Day	L	45.00	45.00	
Mobile vehicles (moving or lay-by)	L	273.00	273.00	
New Vendor Permits	L	35.00	35.00	
Skips, Scaffolding and Hoardings				
Place a skip on the highway (less than 3 days notice)	L	40.00	40.00	
Place a skip on the highway (more than 3 days notice)	L	25.00	25.00	
Erection of scaffolding	L	60.00	60.00	
Hoardings	L	60.00	60.00	
Administration Charge (per hour or part thereof)	L	37.00	37.00	
Statutory Fees				
Petroleum Licences				
Less than 2,500 litres	L	45.00	45.00	
2,500 – 50,000 litres	L	61.00	61.00	
More than 50,000 litres	L	128.00	128.00	
Gambling Act				
Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.				
Adult Gaming Centres – Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Betting Shops - Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Bingo Halls - Annual Fee	N	600.00	600.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	1,200.00	1,200.00	
Family Entertainment Centres – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	
Betting (tracks) – Annual Fee	N	550.00	550.00	
New Application	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Variation	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Transfer	N	950.00	950.00	
Provisional Statement	N	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Licence Reinstatement	N	950.00	950.00	

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<u>Permit Type – The following fees are set by statute and will be revised as changed nationally</u>				
Small Society Lottery Registration	N	40.00	40.00	
Small Society Annual Fee	N	20.00	20.00	
FEC gaming machine – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
FEC gaming machine – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Application fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Renewal fee	N	300.00	300.00	
Prize gaming – Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Prize gaming – Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - application Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - variation Fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - transfer Fee	N	25.00	25.00	
Gaming machines (3 or more) - annual Fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Change of name	N	25.00	25.00	
Copy Permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Notice of intent 2 or less gaming machines available	N	50.00	50.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) application fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Club Premises cert (S 72f Licencing Act 2003) renewal fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Other applicants - application fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Other applicants - renewal fee	N	200.00	200.00	
Variation fee	N	100.00	100.00	
Annual fee	N	50.00	50.00	
Copy permit	N	15.00	15.00	
Initial fee	N	40.00	40.00	
Annual fee	N	20.00	20.00	
Temporary use notice	N	500.00	500.00	
Copy/replacement/endorsed copy of notice	N	25.00	25.00	
Licensing Act Fees				
Statutory Fees- The following gambling fees are set within statutory bands and will be revised as changed nationally.				
Premises Licences				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	
Band D with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	900.00	900.00	
- Annual fee	N	640.00	640.00	
Band E with Multiplier - Initial fee	N	1,905.00	1,905.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Club Premises Certificates				
Band A (RV £0 - £4,300) - Initial fee	N	100.00	100.00	
- Annual fee	N	70.00	70.00	
Band B (RV £4,301 - £33,000) - Initial fee	N	190.00	190.00	
- Annual fee	N	180.00	180.00	
Band C (RV £33,001 - £87,000) - Initial fee	N	315.00	315.00	
- Annual fee	N	295.00	295.00	
Band D (RV £87,001 - £125,000) - Initial fee	N	450.00	450.00	
- Annual fee	N	320.00	320.00	
Band E (RV > £125,001) - Initial fee	N	635.00	635.00	
- Annual fee	N	350.00	350.00	

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Large Scale Events				
5,000 to 9,999 - Initial fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	500.00	500.00	
10,000 to 14,999 - Initial fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
15,000 to 19,999 - Initial fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
20,000 to 29,999 - Initial fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
30,000 to 39,999 - Initial fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	8,000.00	8,000.00	
40,000 to 49,999 - Initial fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	12,000.00	12,000.00	
50,000 to 59,999 - Initial fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	16,000.00	16,000.00	
60,000 to 69,999 - Initial fee	N	40,000.00	40,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	20,000.00	20,000.00	
70,000 to 79,999 - Initial fee	N	48,000.00	48,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	24,000.00	24,000.00	
80,000 to 89,999 - Initial fee	N	56,000.00	56,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	28,000.00	28,000.00	
> 90,000 - Initial fee	N	64,000.00	64,000.00	
- Annual fee	N	32,000.00	32,000.00	
Other Licensing Act 2003 Fees & Charges				
Minor Variations	N	89.00	89.00	
Personal Licence	N	37.00	37.00	
Provisional Statement	N	315.00	315.00	
Temporary Event Notice (TEN)	N	21.00	21.00	
Theft / Loss of Licence / Notice	N	10.50	10.50	
Variation of DPS	N	23.00	23.00	
Transfer of Premises Licence	N	23.00	23.00	
Change of Name / Address	N	10.50	10.50	
Notification of Interest	N	21.00	21.00	
Notification of Alteration of Club Rules	N	10.50	10.50	
Interim Authority Notice	N	23.00	23.00	
Explosives Act/Fireworks Annual Registration	N	52.00	52.00	
				Minimal

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HACKNEY CARRIAGES				
Taxi Licencing				
Taxi licensing fees are agreed annually by licensing committee normally between January to March and will be published separately as part of this process. Existing licence holders will be notified accordingly.				
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH				
Pest Treatment Charges – All charges shown exclusive of VAT. Charges will be made plus the appropriate VAT rate				
Insects – per Treatment	L	58.50	58.50	
Rodents in Private Premises	L	8.33	8.33	
Re-rating Food Hygiene Inspections	L	150.00	150.00	
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly Rate for preparation of case reports and carrying out works in default of legal notices	L	50.00	60.00	
Environmental Searches				
Environmental search 1 or 2 report includes environmental information held by the Council on a site (additional charges apply for sites larger than 10,000m2 and distance buffer greater than 250m radius)	L	65.00	65.00	
Additional photocopying for example copies of site investigation reports;				
A4 B&W	L	0.10	0.10	
A3 B&W	L	0.20	0.20	
A4 Colour	L	1.00	1.00	
A3 Colour	L	2.00	2.00	
Scanned Copy	L	Free	Free	
LAPPC and LAIPPC Permits				
Charges are annually set by Defra in March and are subject to change. Current charges as known are;				
LAPPC Charges				
Application Fee;				
Standard process (includes solvent emission activities)	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners	N	155.00	155.00	
PVR I & II combined	N	257.00	257.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fee Activities	N	362.00	362.00	
Reduced fee activities: additional fee for operating without a permit	N	71.00	71.00	
Mobile plant**	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
for the third to seventh applications	N	985.00	985.00	
for the eighth and subsequent applications	N	498.00	498.00	
Where an application for any of the above is for a combined Part B and waste application add an extra to the above amounts	N	310.00	310.00	
Annual Subsistence Charge;				
Standard process Low*	N	772.00 (+104.00)	772.00 (+104.00)	

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Standard process Medium*	N	1,161.00 (+156.00)	1,161.00 (+156.00)	
Standard process High*	N	1,747.00 (+207.00)	1,747.00 (+207.00)	
*the additional amounts must be charged where a permit is for a combined Part B and waste installation				
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Low	N	79.00	79.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners Medium	N	158.00	158.00	
PVRI, SWOBs and Dry Cleaners High	N	237.00	237.00	
PVR I & II combined Low	N	113.00	113.00	
PVR I & II combined Medium	N	226.00	226.00	
PVR I & II combined High	N	341.00	341.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Low	N	228.00	228.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees Medium	N	365.00	365.00	
VRs and other Reduced Fees High	N	548.00	548.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Low**	N	626.00	626.00	
for the third to seventh permits Low	N	385.00	385.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits Medium**	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
for the third to seventh permits Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
eighth and subsequent permits Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Mobile plant, for the first and second permits High**	N	1,551.00	1,551.00	
for the third to seventh permits High	N	924.00	924.00	
eighth and subsequent permits High	N	473.00	473.00	
Late payment fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Where a Part B installation is subject to reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation add an extra to the above amounts	N	104.00	104.00	
Transfer and Surrender;				
Standard process transfer	N	169.00	169.00	
Standard process partial transfer	N	497.00	497.00	
New operator at low risk reduced fee activity	N	78.00	78.00	
Surrender: all Part b activities	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: transfer	N	0.00	0.00	
Reduced fee activities: partial transfer	N	47.00	47.00	
Temporary transfer for mobiles;				
First transfer	N	53.00	53.00	
Repeat following enforcement or warning	N	53.00	53.00	
Substantial change;				
Standard process	N	1,050.00	1,050.00	
Standard process where the substantial change results in a new PPC activity	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Reduced fee activities	N	102.00	102.00	
**Not using simplified permits				
LAPPC mobile plant charges (not using simplified permits)				
Number of permits 1 to 2;				
Application fee	N	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	646.00	646.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	1,034.00	1,034.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	1,506.00	1,506.00	
Number of permits 3 to 7;				
Application fee	N	985.00	985.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	385.00	385.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	617.00	617.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	924.00	924.00	
Number of permits 8 and over;				
Application fee	N	498.00	498.00	
Subsistence fee Low	N	198.00	198.00	
Subsistence fee Medium	N	316.00	316.00	
Subsistence fee High	N	473.00	473.00	

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LA-IPPC charges				
Every subsistence charge below includes the additional £104 charge to cover LA extra costs in dealing with reporting under the E-PRTR Regulation				
Application	N	3,363.00	3,363.00	
Additional fee for operating without a permit	N	1,188.00	1,188.00	
Annual Subsistence Low	N	1,447.00	1,447.00	
Annual Subsistence Medium	N	1,611.00	1,611.00	
Annual Subsistence High	N	2,334.00	2,334.00	
Late Payment Fee	N	52.00	52.00	
Variation	N	1,368.00	1,368.00	
Transfer	N	235.00	235.00	
Partial Transfer	N	698.00	698.00	
Surrender	N	698.00	698.00	
Subsistence charges can be paid in four equal quarterly instalments paid on 1st April, 1st July, 1st October and 1st January. Where paid quarterly the total amount payable to the local authority will be increased by £38.00				
Newspaper adverts may be required under EPR at the discretion of the LA as part of the consultation process when considering an application. This will be undertaken and paid for by the LA and the charging scheme contains a provision for the LA to recoup its costs				
				Minimal
TRADING STANDARDS				
Please note that VAT may be added to some charges. Check with the service before the work is agreed.				
Prosecution Costs				
Hourly rate for Preparation of Case Reports	L	50.00	60.00	
Measures				
Linear measures not exceeding 3m each scale	L	15.00	16.50	
Not exceeding 15kg	L	40.50	44.00	
Exceeding 15kg but not exceeding 100kg	L	70.50	76.50	
Exceeding 100kg but not exceeding 250kg	L	84.50	91.50	
Exceeding 250kg but not exceeding 1 tonne	L	147.00	159.00	
Exceeding 1 tonne but not exceeding 10 tonnes	L	235.50	254.50	
Exceeding 10 tonnes but not exceeding 30 tonnes	L	494.00	533.50	
Exceeding 30 tonnes but not exceeding 60 tonnes	L	734.00	792.00	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing incorporating remote display or printing facilities based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum charge of 2 hours)	L	70.00 per hour	76.00 per hour	
Measuring Instruments for Intoxicating Liquor				
Not exceeding 150ml	L	23.50	25.50	
Other	L	27.00	29.50	

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Measuring Instruments for Liquid Fuels and Lubricants				
Container Type (un-subdivided)				
Multi-grade (with price computing device):	L	102.00	110.50	
Single Outlets	L	139.50	151.00	
Solely Price Adjustment	L	255.00	275.50	
Otherwise				
Other Types – Single Outlets				
Solely Price Adjustment	L	112.00	121.00	
Otherwise	L	152.00	164.00	
Other Types – Multi Outlets:				
1 Meter Tested	L	162.50	176.00	
2 Meters Tested	L	267.00	288.50	
3 Meters Tested	L	365.00	394.00	
4 Meters Tested	L	465.00	502.00	
5 Meters Tested	L	562.00	606.50	
6 Meters Tested	L	660.00	712.50	
7 Meters Tested	L	746.00	805.00	
8 Meters Tested	L	861.00	929.50	
Charge to cover any additional costs involved in testing ancillary equipment such as payment acceptors based on the above fee plus a charge per hour (minimum of 2 hours)	L	70.00 per hour	76.00 per hour	
Special Weighing and Measuring Equipment				
For all specialist work undertaken by the service which is not included above a charge per hour on site (minimum charge of 2 hours) plus cost of provision of testing equipment applies	L	70.00 per hour	76.00 per hour	
Discounts				
Fees from Measures to Certification Calibration will be discounted as follows :-				
a) Where more than a single item is submitted on one occasion the second and subsequent fees will be reduced by 20%				
b) Where tests are undertaken using appropriately certified weights and equipment not supplied by the Borough Council the fees will be reduced by 20%				
c) Special rates can be negotiated for multiple submissions or where assistance with equipment or labour is provided				
NB – Where different fees are involved the highest fee will be charged in full and any discounts calculated from the remaining lesser fees				
Licensing – VAT not applicable				
Explosives and Fireworks Licences (Statutory Fee)				
Licence for the storage of explosives	N	**See Note	**See Note	
Licence for the sale of fireworks all year round	N	**See Note	**See Note	
**These are statutory rates that are set centrally in April				
				Minimal

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PARKING – all off-street charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%				
Car Parks (Short Stay) – per hour (Mon to Sun)				
Abbotts Yard	L	1.00	1.00	
Commercial Street East & West	L	1.00	1.00	
Feethams Multi Storey Car Park	L	1.00	1.00	
Winston Street North & South & West	L	1.00	1.00	
Town Hall	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks – Mixed Charges (Mon to Sat)				
Archer Street, Garden Street, Kendrew Street East & West, Hird Street, St Hilda's & Park Place East & West				
Per hour	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	4.00	4.00	
Per week	L	16.00	16.00	
East Street				
Per hour	L	1.00	1.00	
Per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Sunday				
Archer Street, Garden Street, Kendrew Street East & West, Hird Street, St Hilda's & Park Place East & West & East Street	L	1.00	1.00	
Car Parks – Long Stay (Mon to Sun)				
Chestnut Street				
Cars per hour	L	1.00	1.00	
Cars per day	L	2.00	2.00	
Cars per week	L	8.00	8.00	
HGV/coach per day	L	Free	Free	
HGV/coach per night (6pm-8am)	L	4.00	4.00	
Park Lane				
Per day (Mon to Sat)	L	5.00	5.00	
Per day (Sun)	L	1.00	1.00	
Central House				
Saturday all day	L	4.00	4.00	
Bank Holiday all day	L	4.00	4.00	
On Street Parking Mon to Sun (up to 2 hours no return within 1 hour EXCEPT for Grange Road & Northumberland Street up to 3 hours no return within 1 hour and East Row 30 minutes maximum no return within 1 hour)				
Per 30 mins	L	0.50	0.50	

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Car Parks – Contract Parking – all charges are inclusive of VAT at 20%				
Parking locations as determined by the Director of Services.				
Per year one space	L	950.00	950.00	
Per year two spaces	L	900.00	900.00	
Per year three spaces	L	860.00	860.00	
Per year four spaces	L	830.00	830.00	
Per year five to nine spaces	L	800.00	800.00	
Per year ten or more spaces	L	700.00	700.00	
Four Riggs				
Per calendar month	L	64.00	64.00	
Morton Palms				
Per year one space	L	300.00	300.00	
Silver Street				
Per year one space	L	600.00	600.00	
Car Parks – Staff & Members per year	L	173.04	173.04	
Residents Parking Permits (excluding Town Centre)				
3 month temporary permit	L	12.00	12.00	
6 month permit	L	24.00	24.00	
12 month permit	L	40.00	40.00	
Residents Parking Permits (Town Centre only)				
12 month permit	L	350.00	350.00	
Tradesmen Parking Permits				
Daily Waiver	L	5.00	5.00	
3 month permit	L	50.00	100.00	
6 month permit	L	90.00	150.00	
12 month permit	L	150.00	250.00	
				Minimal

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BUILDING CONTROL				
Items inclusive of VAT at 20%				
Letter confirming exemption	L	Free	Free	
Letter confirming enforcement action will not be taken	L	Free	Free	
Decision/Approval Notice (Building Control)				
Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (email response)	L	Free	Free	
Responding to request for historical information from electronic databases (letter response)	L	1.00	1.00	
Responding to request for historical information from manually recorded data (email response)	L	Free	Free	
Personal searches (email response)	L	Free	Free	
The Building (Local Authority Charges) Regulations 2010 Plus VAT at 20%				
Work charged on individual job basis	L	As agreed with client	As agreed with client	
				NIL

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DOLPHIN CENTRE				
Pricing based on the introduction of a leisure card.				
Swimming				
Adult swim				
Card holder	L	4.40	4.55	
Non card holder	L	5.05	5.20	
Concession	L	3.30	3.45	
Junior Swim	L	2.80	3.00	
Family swim junior rate discount (up to 4 children accompanying 1 adult)				
Per card holder	L	2.00	2.10	
Per non card holder	L	2.45	2.55	
Under 12 months	L	Free	Free	
Lessons	L	50.00	52.50	
Fitness Areas				
The Gym				
Card holder	L	5.50	5.75	
Non card holder	L	5.95	6.25	
Concession	L	4.10	4.30	
Junior Gym	L	4.10	4.30	
Concession	L	3.20	3.35	
Health & Fitness Classes				
Health & Fitness Classes				
Card holder	L	4.55	4.75	
Non card holder	L	5.25	5.50	
Concession	L	3.45	3.60	
Half Main Hall				
Adult				
Card holder	L	44.50	47.00	
Non card holder	L	51.00	53.50	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	31.00	32.50	
Weekday lunchtime				
Card holder	L	39.00	41.00	
Non card holder	L	43.00	45.00	
Badminton				
Adult				
Card holder	L	8.85	9.15	
Non card holder	L	10.10	10.40	
Concession	L	6.70	6.90	
Junior (1 hour courts only)	L	5.00	5.15	
Concession (1 hour courts only)	L	3.85	4.00	
Equipment Hire				
Footballs	L	Free	Free	
Footballs – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Badminton	L	2.00	2.00	
Badminton – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Table Tennis Bats	L	1.40	1.40	
Table Tennis Bats – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	
Pram Lock	L	Free	Free	
Pram Lock – Deposit (FOC for card holders)	L	5.00	5.00	

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Children's Activities				
Soft play admissions	L	5.25	5.50	
Sensory Room	L	5.25	5.50	
Parent/toddler (Soft play)	L	5.25	5.50	
Other Activities				
Showers				
Card holders	L	2.50	2.65	
Non card holders	L	2.85	3.00	
Fit 4 Life Packages				
12 month Full Membership	L	323.40	323.40	
12 month Seniors	L	252.00	252.00	
12 month Student	L	204.00	204.00	
6 Month Full	L	207.00	207.00	
12 Month Upfront	L	299.00	299.00	
Swimming Pools				
Main Pool - per hour	L	105.00	110.00	
Diving Pool - per hour	L	60.00	63.00	
Teaching Pool - per hour	L	60.00	63.00	
Gala - per hour				
Swimming Galas - whole complex				
Normal opening hours - per hour	L	335.00	352.00	
Outside normal opening hours - per hour	L	176.00	185.00	
Swimming Galas - Schools, Junior Clubs and Organisations				
Main Pool - Peak	L	235.00	247.00	
Main Pool - Off Peak	L	166.00	175.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Peak	L	196.00	206.00	
Main Pool and Teaching Pool - Off Peak	L	202.00	212.00	
Electronic Timing	L	99.00	104.00	
Ten Pin Bowling				
Adult Standard - 1 game	L	7.45	7.70	
Juniors (under 16) - 1 game	L	5.95	6.15	
Students & Seniors - Off Peak - 1 game	L	5.95	6.15	
Family Package - Peak - 1 game	L	23.50	24.60	
Family Package - Off Peak -1 game	L	21.50	23.00	
Adult, Students, Seniors - Peak - 2 game	L	14.90	15.40	
Adult, Student, Seniors - Off Peak - 2 game	L	10.50	10.75	
Juniors (under 16) - Peak - 2 game	L	11.90	12.30	
Juniors (under 16) - Off Peak - 2 game	L	10.50	10.75	
Disabled and carer - Off Peak - 1 game (per person)	L	4.95	4.95	
Disabled and carer - Off Peak - 2 game (per person)	L	9.90	9.90	
Dry Sports Hall				
Main Sports Hall - per hour	L	110.00	115.50	
Special Events - per hour Weekends	L	362.00	367.00	
Preparation - per hour Weekends	L	189.00	194.00	
Special Events - Schools - per hour off peak	L	49.00	52.00	
Function Room	L	N/a	28.00	
Seminar Room/Stephenson Suite meeting rooms	L	36.00	38.00	
Pease Suite/Studio	L	N/a	48.00	
Central Hall				
All Events (except commercial, exhibitions and local societies)	L	115.00	121.00	
Exhibitions - commercial - per hour	L	150.00	157.50	
Local Societies event - per hour	L	80.00	84.00	
				48,000

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PARKS				
Football - Hire of Hundens Park Pitch Seniors' Match	L	25.00	26.00	
Juniors Match	L	15.00	16.00	
				Minimal
EASTBOURNE SPORTS COMPLEX				
3G Pitch				
Non Charter Standard Pay and Play				
1/2 3G Pitch - Adult (1 hour)	L	50.00	50.00	
1/2 3G Pitch - Junior (1 hour)	L	40.00	40.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour – Adult	L	80.00	80.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour – Junior	L	55.00	55.00	
Charter Standard and Partner Clubs				
1/2 3G Pitch (1 hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour	L	50.00	50.00	
Off Peak Summer Prices (May to August) Charter Standard and Partner Clubs Only				
1/2 3G Pitch (1 hour)	L	25.00	25.00	
Full 3G pitch per hour	L	50.00	50.00	
Grass Pitch				
Adult per match	L	25.00	26.00	
Junior per match	L	15.00	16.00	
Athletics Track				
Non club rate				
Adult	L	5.00	5.00	
Junior	L	4.00	4.00	
Full track per hour	L	120.00	120.00	
Club rate				
Adult	L	4.00	4.00	
Junior	L	4.00	4.00	
Full track per hour	L	65.00	75.00	
Other				
Shower	L	2.20	2.40	
Function room and pavilion hire per hour (exclusive of VAT)	L	22.00	23.00	
Multi Purpose Studio per hour (exclusive of VAT)	L	16.00	17.00	
				1,000

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HIPPODROME & HULLABALOO Hire & Conferencing (all pricing exclusive of VAT)				
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - per hour	L	38.75	38.75	
John Wade Group Lounge - max capacity 40 (theatre style) - day hire**	L	231.75	231.75	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - per hour	L	33.25	33.25	
Living Water Tower Room - max capacity 18 - day hire**	L	198.50	198.50	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	46.25	46.25	
Hippo Lounge - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	277.75	277.75	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - per hour	L	38.75	38.75	
Hippo Education Space - max capacity 40 (workshop of approx. 25) - day hire**	L	231.75	231.75	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - per hour	L	38.75	38.75	
Hullabaloo Rehearsal Space - max capacity 35 - day hire**	L	231.75	231.75	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - per hour	L	46.25	46.25	
Hullabaloo Café - max capacity 70 - day hire**	L	277.75	277.75	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end full day	L	2,095.00	2,200.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/end half day	L	1,047.50	1,100.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day full day	L	1,929.50	2,025.00	
Hippodrome Theatre Hire - max capacity 1,000 - w/day half day	L	965.00	1,015.00	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - per hour	L	68.50	72.00	
Hullabaloo Theatre Hire - max capacity 150 - day hire**	L	496.50	520.00	
**day hire - 9am to 6pm				
Community Rate may be applicable for charities, NHS, children's groups and local artists if qualifying criteria met. This equates to 30% reduction on the above charges.				
				4,000

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HEAD OF STEAM (closed for refurbishment)				
Re-opening Summer 2024 and new pricing will be published accordingly				
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL				
Refuse sacks (per 25) (Exclusive of VAT)	L	118.50	126.80	
Garden Waste Sacks (Non VATable) (for collection of 10 bags)	L	12.80	13.70	
Bulky Household Collection up to 6 items	L	21.40	22.90	
Garden Waste Service	L	39.00	45.00	
Cost of replacement (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
360L Wheeled Bin	L	60.60	60.60	
240L Wheeled Bin	L	23.90	23.90	
Caddie	L	8.50	8.50	
Glass Box	L	6.00	6.25	
55L Box	L	6.00	6.25	
Lid for recycling box	L	2.50	2.50	
Lid for 240L bin	L	6.00	7.50	
				51,000

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CEMETERIES				
Burial fees without exclusive right of burial (these fees will be tripled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	990.00	1,050.00	
Burial fees with exclusive right of burial (these fees will be doubled where the deceased is a non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Child not exceeding 12 months	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No Charge	No Charge	
Person over 18 years	L	990.00	1,050.00	
Cremated remains	L	220.00	230.00	
Exclusive rights of burial (these fees will be doubled if the purchaser is a non-resident of Darlington if not purchased at time of first interment).				
Exclusive burial rights (50 years)	L	1,010.00	1,040.00	
Exclusive burial rights for a bricked grave	L	2,020.00	2,080.00	
Other charges				
Scattering of cremated remains	L	50.00	50.00	
Indemnity form (to produce duplicate grant)	L	50.00	50.00	
Use of Cemetery Chapel	L	120.00	125.00	
Use of Crematorium Chapel for burial/memorial service	L	N/a	250.00	
After post mortem remains	L	220.00	230.00	
Exhumation of a body (excl. re-interment)	L	2,150.00	2,215.00	
Exhumation of cremated remains (excl. re-interment)	L	550.00	565.00	
Grave Maintenance (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Initial payment	L	50.00	55.00	
Annual Maintenance	L	38.00	40.00	
Memorials (fees will be doubled where the deceased to whom the memorial/inscription refers was non-resident of Darlington at time of death)				
Memorial rights including first inscription (30 years)	L	220.00	230.00	
Provision of kerbs – traditional sites only)	L	100.00	100.00	
Vases not exceeding 300mm	L	80.00	85.00	
Additional inscription	L	80.00	85.00	
Total financial effect for Cemeteries				12,500

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CREMATORIUM				
Crematorium fees (inclusive of certificate of cremation, use of organ and scattering of remains in Gardens of Remembrance at an unreserved time)				
Individual foetal remains	N	No charge	No charge	
Hospital arrangement – foetal remains	L	220.00	230.00	
Stillborn or child not exceeding 12 months	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 12 months up to 18 years	N	No charge	No charge	
Person over 18 years	L	960.00	1,050.00	
Direct Cremation	L	700.00	550.00	
After post mortem remains	L	220.00	230.00	
Other charges				
Medical Referee Fee	N	22.00	22.00	
Postal Carton	L	20.00	20.00	
Metal Urn	L	40.00	40.00	
Wooden Casket	L	50.00	50.00	
Baby Urn	L	10.00	10.00	
Extended use of Crematorium Chapel	L	120.00	125.00	
Scattering of remains at reserved time	L	50.00	50.00	
Webcasts (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Live Webcast and watch again	L	54.00	55.00	
Keepsake (DVD, Blu-ray, USB or audio CD)	L	60.00	60.00	
Extra copies of Keepsake	L	30.00	30.00	
Tributes (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single Tribute	L	N/a	15.00	
Tribute Slideshow	L	N/a	45.00	
Tribute Slideshow set to music	L	N/a	80.00	
For every additional 25 images	L	N/a	20.00	
Tribute Keepsake	L	N/a	20.00	
Book of Remembrance (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single Entry (2 lines)	L	70.00	75.00	
Double Entry (3 or 4 lines)	L	110.00	115.00	
Additional lines	L	25.00	25.00	
Crest or floral emblem	L	115.00	120.00	
Memorial Cards (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single entry card (2 lines)	L	25.00	30.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	30.00	35.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	80.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
Memorial Books (inclusive of 20% VAT)				
Single entry book (2 lines)	L	80.00	85.00	
Double entry card (3 or 4 lines)	L	85.00	90.00	
Additional lines	L	5.00	5.00	
Crest of floral emblem	L	70.00	80.00	
Personal photographs – set up	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional photographs – after set up	L	10.00	10.00	
Other Memorial Schemes				
Replacement kerb vase plaque	L	300.00	300.00	
Replacement flower holder	L	5.00	5.00	
Wall plaques	L	250.00	250.00	
Planter plaques	L	370.00	370.00	
Lease of space for memorial plaques (per annum)	L	26.00	26.00	
Total financial effect for Crematorium				125,000

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ALLOTMENTS & STABLES				
Rent per year	L	195.00	200.00	
				Minimal
HIGHWAYS				
Private apparatus in the Highway (Section 50 Licence, new installations)	L	550.00	550.00	
Private Road Openings (repair existing)	L	225.00	225.00	
Vehicle Crossings – estimate fee (taken as part of payment if go ahead with the works)	L	25.00	25.00	
Vehicle Crossings (plus actual construction costs)	L	100.00	100.00	
Vehicle Crossings if planning permission required on a classified road (plus actual construction costs)	L	150.00	150.00	
Temporary Traffic Regulation Notices (road closures etc)	L	175.00	184.00	
Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (road closures etc) (plus advertising)	L	288.00	302.00	
Emergency Traffic Regulation Orders	L	136.00	143.00	
Application to Secretary of State for TTRO extension (plus advertising)	L	100.00	105.00	
Personal Search - Highways (by email) per question	L	6.00	6.00	
Street Naming Royal Mail Income (per address, Nationally agreed price LGIH)	L	1.00	1.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per road name (developer suggests)	L	173.00	182.00	
- Per road name (council names)	L	210.00	221.00	
- Per plot	L	16.00	16.00	
Street Naming & Numbering of Properties:				
- Per plot or renaming of a property	L	37.00	37.00	
Rechargeable Works	L	Actual cost + 10%	Actual cost + 10%	
Temporary Traffic Light Applications	L	No Charge	No Charge	
		Individually priced based	Individually priced based	
Section 50 Licence associated bond costs	L	on requirements	on requirements	
Access protection markings	L	No charge	No charge	
Tourist Sign (plus actual cost of sign)	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Accident Data Requests	L	£75.00 + VAT	£75.00 + VAT	
Traffic Count Data	L	75.00	75.00	
		Individually priced based	Individually priced based	
Street Lighting Design Service	L	on charge out rate	on charge out rate	
Oversailing Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Banner Licence	L	No charge	No charge	
Placing Goods on the Highway	L	155.00	155.00	
Deposits upon the Highway	L	No charge	No charge	
Temporary Development Signs – Admin Fee	L	200.00	200.00	
Temporary Development Signs – DBC undertake work on behalf of developer	L	Actual costs	Actual costs	
Switch off / on traffic signal / pelican crossings – per visit	L	150.00	150.00	
Unauthorised marks or affixing of signs to street furniture	L	No charge	No charge	

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Section 278 Highway works agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
Section 116 Stopping Up of the Highway	N	Actual Costs	Actual Costs	
Section 38 Road Adoption agreement	N	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	6% of works + legal if delivered by developer	
NRSAWA Defect Charges	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
NRSAWA Road Opening Inspection Charges (sample)	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
Section 74 – charges for overstay	N	Nationally set scale of charges	Nationally set scale of charges	
				1,000
PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY				
Public Path Orders (HA 80 S 118 and 119, TCPA 90 s247, 257)				
Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs		3,000.00 (minimum)	3,000.00 (minimum)	
PROW Temporary Closures – as Highways fees and charges				
Landowner Rights of Way Statement and Declaration s31.6				
One parcel of land, includes 2 notices	L	250.00	250.00	
Additional parcel	L	50.00	50.00	
Additional notice	L	50.00	50.00	
Authorisation for installing a new gate or stile (HA 80 s147)	L	100.00	100.00	
Path Orders under Deregulation Act				
Actual cost based on charge out rate plus advertising and legal costs, to include but not restricted to pre-application advice, processing the application, resolving objections, making the order, confirmation of the order, and any subsequent Public Inquiry or Hearing				
				NIL
SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT				
Charges for Concessionary Travel (ENCTS);				
Replacement pass for lost/stolen without a CRN	L	10.00	10.00	
Production, placement and retrieval of notices when bus stops are temporarily per bus stop	L	60.00	60.00	
Production and placement of bus timetable information when bus services have to be re-registered due to road closures – up to 6 timetables	L	84.00	84.00	
				NIL

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TRANSPORT SERVICES				
Charges for Taxi Licensing;				
Taxi Vehicle Test	L	53.00	56.00	
Taxi Vehicle Test and MOT	L	63.00	66.00	
Failure to attend (less than 48 hours' notice)	L	53.00	56.00	
Re-test	L	26.00	27.00	
Re-test including emissions	L	37.00	39.00	
Re-test emissions only	L	11.00	12.00	
Charges for General Public;				
MOT for Standard Car Class IV	L	35.00	37.00	
MOT for Class V Vehicles	L	40.00	42.00	
MOT for Class VII Vehicles	L	40.00	42.00	
				3,000
PRIVATE SECTOR HOUSING				
Works in default & statutory activities per hour	L	50.00	60.00	
Housing inspections & consultancy per hour (inclusive of VAT)	L	60.00	60.00	
Charge for the service relevant Housing Act 2004 legal notice	L	450.00	450.00	
Securing empty homes (addition of VAT by agreement)	L	300.00	300.00	
Houses in Multiple Occupation Activities;				
HMO licence fee per letting/let/tenancy	L	187.00	187.00	
Other relevant HMO activities per hour	L	50.00	60.00	
Variation of HMO licence	L	50.00	60.00	
Housing Immigration Inspections;				
Within 10 working days (including VAT)	L	150.00	150.00	
Fast Track within 5 working days (including VAT)	L	200.00	200.00	
General Enforcement Activities:				
Hourly rate for preparation of case reports/prosecutions	L	50.00	60.00	
Additional copies of legal notices via post	L	10.00	10.00	
Additional copies of legal notices - Scanned copy by Email	L	Free	Free	
The Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarm (Amendment) Regulations 2022				
Fines for failing to provide a working smoke or carbon monoxide alarm. Offence by the same individual or organisation;				
First	N	500.00	500.00	
Second	N	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Third	N	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Fourth	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Fifth or more	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
The Redress Schemes for Letting Agency Work and Property Management Work (England) Order 2014;				
Fines for failing to join an approved letting and management redress scheme;				
Businesses that have been served with a notice of intent and failed to join an approved scheme	N	5,000.00	5,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme following the service of the notice of intent	N	4,000.00	4,000.00	
Businesses that have joined an approved scheme prior to enforcement action being taken, after the 1st October 2014	N	3,000.00	3,000.00	
**The Redress Scheme is currently undergoing a national review and may be replaced prior to April 2024 by a new civil penalty policy				

Description	Type*	Existing Charge £	New Charge £	Financial Effect £
*KEY for basis of fee and charges setting, L - Locally Agreed, N - Nationally Agreed				
Energy Efficiency (Private Rented Property) (England and Wales) Regulations 2015				
Penalty (less than 3 months in breach) renting a non-compliant property	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Penalty (3 months or more in breach) renting out a non-compliant property	N	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 4,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Providing false or misleading information on the PRS Exemptions Register	N	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 1,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Failing to comply with a compliance notice	N	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	Up to 2,000.00 and/or publication penalty	
Housing and Planning Act 2016				
Failure to comply with an Improvement Notice (under section 30 of the Housing Act 2004)				
Failure to comply with a Prohibition Order (under section 32 of the Housing Act 2004)				
Breach of a banning order made under section 21 of the Housing and Planning Act 2016	N	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	Civil penalties of up to 30,000 per offence as an alternative to prosecution	
Using violence to secure entry to a property (under section 6 of the Criminal Law Act 1977)				
Illegal eviction or harassment of the occupiers of a property (under section 1 of the Protection from Eviction Act 1977)				
				Minimal
COST OF REVENUE COLLECTION				
Council Tax – All Charges do not incur VAT				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	38.00	40.00	
Issue of Liability Order	L	47.00	50.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	99.00	105.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	173.00	184.00	
Schedule 3 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992				
Penalty where				
- A person is requested to supply information and fails to	L	0.00	70.00	
- A person knowingly supplies inaccurate information	L	0.00	70.00	
- A person fails to notify a material change without a reasonable excuse	L	0.00	70.00	
Where a penalty has been imposed and there is a further request for the same information a further penalty				
- A person fails to supply information	L	0.00	280.00	
- A person knowingly supplies inaccurate information	L	0.00	280.00	
Business Rates (NNDR) – All Charges do not incur VAT				
Issue of Summons for Liability Order	L	38.00	40.00	
Issue of Liability Order	L	47.00	50.00	
Issue of Summons for Committal Hearing	L	99.00	105.00	
Issue of Statutory Demand	L	173.00	184.00	
				51,000

APPENDIX 4

**KEY ASSUMPTIONS USED IN PROJECTED
RESOURCES, EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2024/25-2027/28**

Factor	Assumption
Resources	
Council Tax base	Variable depending on projected additional properties.
Council Tax	2.99% increase in 2024/25 and then 1.99% to 2027/28
Adult Social Care Precept	2% increase in 2024/25 and then 1% to 2027/28
Council Tax collection	99% collected
Government Grants	Government grants, as indicated in the final Local Government Finance Settlement 2023/24 for 2024/25 and indicative figures for 2025/26 – 2027/28.
	Increase in Business Rates Scheme Top Up Grant of 4.3% in 2024/25, 5.6% in 2025/26, reset in 2026/27 & flatlined from 2027/28.
	Revenue Support Grant uplifted for 6% inflation in 2024/25 and then 2% to 2027/28.
	Continuation of Improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) at 2023/24 rates.
	Continuation of 2023/24 Adult Social Care Support Grant of £3.753m in total, flatlined and assumed to continue to 2027/28.
	Spending Review 21 Government Funding of £1.162m to continue at 2023/24 rates until 2027/28.
	Services Grant assumed to continue until 2027/28 at same rate as 2023/24
	Social Care Grant, indicative from 2023 settlement at £4.872m in 2024/25 and flatlined to 2027/28.
	New Homes Bonus (NHB) legacy payments ended 2023/24.
	Supporting People Grant estimated at 2023/24 rate for 2024/25, then ceases.
Expenditure	
Pay inflation	2024/25 4% and thereafter 2% in line with national scheme.
Price inflation	Only contractual inflation on running costs
Local Government Pension Scheme	Contribution rate of 18.3% for 2024/25 until next triennial revaluation in 2025/26.
Financing Costs	
Interest rates payable	Average rate on existing debt 2024/25 of 3.87%; 2025/26 of 3.64%, 2026/27 of 3.45% & 2027/28 of 3.45%.
Interest rates payable on new debt – 10 year rate	2024/25 of 4.50%; 2025/26 of 3.78%, 2026/27 of 3.53% & 2027/28 of 3.50%.
Interest rates receivable	4.70% in 2024/25, 3.00% in 2025/26, 2.80% in 2026/27 & 3.05% in 2027/28.
Income	
Inflationary increases	Various based on individual service considerations

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REVENUE BUDGET MANAGEMENT 2023/24

<u>Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2024</u>		2023-27
		MTFP
		(Feb 2023)
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) :-		£000
MTFP Planned Opening Balance 01/04/2023		23,397
Approved net contribution from balances		(6,275)
Planned Closing Balance 31/03/2024		17,122
Increase in opening balance from 2022-23 results		509
Projected corporate underspends / (overspends) :-		
Council Wide		(551)
Contingencies		0
Additional Income Received		325
Services Group Rebase		700
People Group Rebase		500
Projected General Fund Reserve (excluding Departmental)	at 31st	18,605
March 2024		
Planned Balance at 31st March 2024		17,122
Improvement		1,483

<u>Departmental projected year-end balances</u>		Improvement / (decline)
		compared with 2023-27 MTFP
		£000
People Group		(3,867)
Services Group		1,116
Operations Group		112
Chief Executive		37
TOTAL		(2,602)

<u>Summary Comparison with :-</u>		2023-27
		MTFP
		£000
Corporate Resources - increase in opening balance from 22/23 results		509
Corporate Resources - additional in-year Improvement/(Decline)		(226)
Quarter 1 Budget Rebase		1,200
Departmental - Improvement / (Decline)		(2,602)
Improvement / (Decline) compared with MTFP		(1,119)
Projected General Fund Reserve at 31st March 2024		16,003

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MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL TERM 2024 TO 2028

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28
	£m	£m	£m	£m
People Group	84.432	86.880	89.906	92.790
Chief Executives Office & Economic Growth	1.527	1.623	1.495	1.512
Services Group	19.725	20.584	21.131	21.675
Operations Group	18.947	19.393	19.793	20.203
Financing costs	3.529	3.704	3.521	3.450
Investment Returns - Joint Venture	(1.517)	(1.828)	(1.750)	(1.452)
Council Wide Pressures/(savings)	0.631	0.643	0.658	0.669
Council Wide Contingencies	0.202	0.202	1.655	1.664
Contribution to/(from) revenue balances	(8.175)	(9.008)	(12.987)	(13.785)
Total Net Expenditure	119.301	122.193	123.422	126.727
<u>Resources - Projected and assumed</u>				
Council Tax	65.647	68.546	71.737	74.950
Business rates retained locally	25.063	24.989	16.110	16.110
Top Up	8.509	8.988	15.816	15.817
RSG	4.381	4.469	4.558	4.649
NHB	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
BCF	4.488	4.488	4.488	4.488
Adult Social Care Support Grant	3.753	3.753	3.753	3.753
Social Care Grant	6.034	6.034	6.034	6.034
Services Grant	0.926	0.926	0.926	0.926
Strengthening Families Grant	0.500	0.000	0.000	0.000
Total Resources	119.301	122.193	123.422	126.727

<u>Balances</u>				
Opening balance	16.003	10.120	1.112	(11.875)
Release of Earmarked Reserve - LCTS	1.292	0.000	0.000	0.000
Net contribution to GF from Collection Fund	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Contribution to/(from) balances	(8.175)	(9.008)	(12.987)	(13.785)
Closing balance	10.120	1.112	(11.875)	(25.660)

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Capital Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 - 2027/28					APPENDIX 7
	2024/25 £'000	2025/26 £'000	2026/27 £'000	2027/28 £'000	Total £'000
Children, Families & Learning					
School Condition Allocations	67	67	67	67	268
	67	67	67	67	268
Housing					
Adaptations / Lifts	214	224	231	238	907
Heating replacement programme	1,286	1,351	1,391	1,433	5,461
Structural works	427	449	462	476	1,814
Lifeline Services	250	210	202	213	875
Repairs before painting	66	69	71	136	342
Roofing	1,050	1,103	683	703	3,539
Garages	50	50	26	27	153
External Works (footpaths, fencing, etc.)	210	221	227	234	892
Pavement Crossing	27	28	29	30	114
Window and Door Replacement Programme	1,495	1,570	1,617	1,666	6,348
IPM works	2,898	3,043	3,134	3,228	12,303
Energy Efficiency	3,068	3,221	3,318	3,418	13,025
Communal Works	160	168	173	178	679
New build (net of HE grant)/regeneration	15,815	2,513	1,000	1,000	20,328
Fees	254	265	274	279	1,072
	27,270	14,485	12,838	13,259	67,852
Transport					
Highway Maintenance	1,206	1,206	1,206	1,206	4,824
Integrated Transport	893	893	893	893	3,572
Pothole Funding	969	969	969	969	3,876
	3,068	3,068	3,068	3,068	12,272
Other Capital Programmes					
Disabled Facility Grants	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063	4,252
	1,063	1,063	1,063	1,063	4,252
Council funded Schemes					
A167 Victoria Road Culvert	1,400	-	-	-	1,400
Hippodrome Accessible changing	30	-	-	-	30
Advanced Design Fees (Already approved to 2025/26)	150	150	-	-	300
Economic Growth Investment Fund (Already approved to 2025/26)	500	500	-	-	1,000
Capitalised Repairs (Already approved to 2025/26)	250	250	250	250	1,000
Total Council Funded Schemes	2,330	900	250	250	3,730
Self Financing Scheme					
Development of Office Block at Preistgate (Already approved to 2025/26)	2,000	8,000	-	-	10,000
Total Self Financing Schemes	2,000	8,000	-	-	10,000
Total Spending Plans	35,798	27,583	17,286	17,707	98,374
Funded by:					
Capital Grants	4,198	4,198	4,198	4,198	16,792
HRA Revenue Contributions	13,455	12,668	12,535	12,956	51,614
HRA Capital Receipts	303	303	303	303	1,212
Borrowing	13,512	1,514	-	-	15,026
Corporate Resources	2,330	900	250	250	3,730
Self Financing	2,000	8,000	-	-	10,000
Total Resources	35,798	27,583	17,286	17,707	98,374
Commitments - see above	35,798	27,583	17,286	17,707	98,374
Resources Available for Investment	-	-	-	-	-

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Figures shown in italics are estimates, awaiting confirmation of funding streams.

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**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 JANUARY 2024**

SOCIAL CARE REFORMS - UPDATE

SUMMARY REPORT

Overview

1. Since the last report (24 October 2023) the CQC inspection ratings for the 5 Local Authority pilot areas have been published.
2. In addition, there has been a delay for the reforms to the Mental Health Act.

Update on the Key aspects of the CQC assurance framework

3. CQC have published their local authority pilot assessments – they can be accessed via this link <https://www.cqc.org.uk/news/local-authority-assessments-implementing-our-new-approach>
4. Assessing how local authorities meet their duties under Part 1 of the Care Act (2014) is a new responsibility for CQC. During the pilots, they looked at 9 of the quality statements to assess how well each local authority is meeting its responsibilities. This enabled CQC to give an indicative rating:
 - (a) Birmingham City Council – indicative rating of good
 - (b) Lincolnshire County Council – indicative rating of good
 - (c) North Lincolnshire Council – indicative rating of good
 - (d) Nottingham City Council – indicative rating of requires improvement
 - (e) Suffolk County Council – indicative rating of good
5. CQC found some similar themes across all 5 local authorities. These included:
 - (a) Outcomes for people were better where there was good partnership working, including with voluntary and community partners as well as health partners.
 - (b) Integrated working around discharging people from hospital was working and had improved the flow out of hospitals.
 - (c) Staff tended to stay with a local authority when they felt valued, had learning and development opportunities, and where there was a positive culture.
6. There were different practices across the 5 local authorities in how they worked with young people who are transitioning from children's services to adult services, so young people's experiences were varied

7. CQC will be updated their guidance on how they will assess local authorities. CQC will publish this following government approval, as required by the Health and Care Act 2022.
8. CQC are now seeking approval from Government to move to commence the formal assessment of all 153 local authorities, they hope to start in December.

Adult Social Care Position in relation to CQC inspection readiness:

9. Our self assessment is in final draft in readiness for the CQC inspection. The self-assessment outlines our Darlington Borough Council's current position (November 2023) in relation to the completion of an objective, honest and authentic self-assessment of our Councils Adult Social Care Service strengths and areas for improvement. We recognise that undertaking this self-assessment is a valuable opportunity to focus improvement planning and delivery in a way that ensures local ownership.
10. We have focused on the CQC assessment framework themes, which in themselves reflect the requirements set out in Part One of the Care Act 2014 and other relevant legislation with the aim is that the self-assessment, will also meet the CQC "Local Authority Information Requirements" (LAIR) needs.
11. We have also used the baseline self-assessment we completed in 2022 to support our evidence building. In addition to this NE ADASS group commissioned Dr Carol Tozer to review our self-assessment and offer critical and objective analysis of our 2022 position.
12. The 2023 self-assessment aims to also add a demonstration our learning and improvement within the last year.
13. We are in a position where we confident we know ourselves; we know our strengths and we recognise our areas for development. This document will also describe how we aim to maintain this position and set out our actions in relation to improvements.

Key aspects in the Delay in Mental Health Act reforms

14. The King's Speech provides the UK government with an opportunity to highlight its upcoming priorities. It forms part of the State Opening of Parliament ceremony, which marks the start of the next parliamentary year.
15. Reforms to the Mental Health Act were a manifesto commitment in both 2017 and 2019 however the Mental Health Bill was not mentioned in King's Speech which means the legislation as outlined in the Mental health Act Bill 2021 will not be passed before the next General Election.
16. The key aspects of the proposed reforms are:
 - (a) Major reform of Mental Health Act will empower individuals detained under the Mental Health Act to have more control over their care and treatment.
 - (b) Reforms will deliver parity between mental and physical health services and put patients' views at the centre of their care.

- (c) Plan will tackle mental health inequalities including disproportionate detention of people from black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) communities, the use of the act to detain people with learning disabilities and autism, and improve care for patients within the criminal justice system.
17. A package of reforms has been set out in a wide-ranging new Reforming the Mental Health Act white paper, which builds on the recommendations made by Sir Simon Wessely's Independent Review of the Mental Health Act in 2018.
18. At the heart of the proposed reforms to the Mental Health Act is greater choice and autonomy for patients in a mental health crisis, ensuring the act's powers are used in the least restrictive way, that patients receive the care they need to help them recover and all patients are viewed and treated as individuals.
19. These reforms aim to tackle the racial disparities in mental health services, better meet the needs of people with learning disabilities and autism and ensure appropriate care for people with serious mental illness within the criminal justice system.

Adult Social Care Position:

20. We will continue to work closely with Health partners to ensure the people with mental health conditions are appropriately supported within the current legislative framework

Recommendation

21. It is recommended that Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Scrutiny note the contents of the report.

Joss Harbron
Assistant Director Adult Social Care

Background Papers

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

S17 Crime and Disorder	There are no specific crime and disorder implications in this report.
Health and Wellbeing	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact and Climate Change	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
Wards Affected	All wards are affected.
Groups Affected	No specific groups are particularly affected.
Budget and Policy Framework	This decision does not represent a change to the budget and policy framework.
Key Decision	The report does not require a key decision.

Urgent Decision	The report does not require an urgent decision.
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
Efficiency	The report contains updated information regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
Impact of Looked After Children and Care Leavers	This report has no impact on Looked After Children or Care Leavers

Joss Harbron: Assistant Director Adult Social Care

**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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**SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICE UPDATE: SUPPORT TREATMENT AND RECOVERY IN
DARLINGTON THROUGH EMPOWERMENT (STRIDE)**

SUMMARY REPORT

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide an update to Adult Scrutiny Committee members on the current performance, provision and composition of STRIDE specialist substance misuse treatment and recovery services delivered within Darlington.

Summary

2. Following the publication of the National Drugs Strategy; From Harm to Hope in December 2021, the Government published guidance for local delivery partners in May 2022 outlining the recommended steps that local areas should take to help deliver the three main priorities of the Strategy: breaking drug supply chains; delivering a world-class treatment and recovery system and achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs.
3. To support the improvements described in the National Drug Strategy, three years of additional ring-fenced funding for treatment and recovery have been allocated to local areas as the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) from 2022 until 2025.
4. This increased funding has enabled a step change in increasing both clinical and non-clinical treatment capacity including an improved treatment offer for Young People. It has also supported the provision of a comprehensive recovery secure and greater capacity for both drugs and alcohol detoxification which is planned for 2024.
5. To date although whilst progress has been slower than expected, particularly due to recruitment, training and retention of an expanded workforce, our performance in Darlington has improved from the baseline and is consistent with progress both regionally and nationally.

Recommendation

6. The Committee is asked to note the contents of this report and the progress made in the planning and delivery of substance misuse treatment and recovery services in Darlington.

Miriam Davidson
Interim Director of Public Health

Background Papers

All Members Briefing Substance Misuse Services Darlington

Author: Mark Harrison – Public Health Portfolio Lead

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Health and Well Being	There are no issues relating to health and wellbeing which this report needs to address.
Carbon Impact	There are no specific carbon impact issues in this report.
Diversity	The report does not contain any proposals that impact on diversity issues.
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Efficiency	This report has no impact regarding efficiency savings contained in the MTFP.
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

7. Following the publication of the National Drugs Strategy; From Harm to Hope in December 2021, the Government published guidance for local delivery partners in May 2022 outlining the recommended steps that local areas should take to help deliver the three main priorities of the Strategy: breaking drug supply chains; delivering a world-class treatment and recovery system and achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs.
8. In response to the National Drugs Strategy Darlington and Durham have established a Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership (CDAP) for which the Police and Crime Commissioner is Chair and Senior Responsible Owner. This partnership reports into the Darlington Community Safety Partnership and Safer Durham Partnership and has responsibility for oversight of the delivery of the Grant Plans as part of the wider Combatting Drugs Action Plan.

9. In August 2022 the Office for Health Improvement and Disparities published the 'Commissioning quality standard: alcohol and drug treatment and recovery guidance' which supports the national drug strategy aim of having accessible, high quality, effective, person-centred alcohol and drug treatment and recovery systems.
10. To support the improvements described in the National Drug Strategy, three years of additional ring-fenced funding for treatment and recovery have been allocated to local areas as the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) from 2022 until 2025.
11. A condition of this grant is that Local Authorities maintain or build upon their existing core Public Health grant investment in drug and alcohol treatment reported in the authorities Revenue Outturn (RO) submitted for 2020-21.
12. Funding allocations for Darlington's treatment system are detailed below in table 1 and have supported some key enhancements and improvements in service provision.
13. This has included increased availability and access to Naloxone, the prescribing of long-acting Buprenorphine and the development of the new ACCESS (Assertive Community Connection, Engagement and Support) team in 2022.
14. This increased funding has also enabled an increase in both clinical and non-clinical treatment capacity and an improved treatment offer for Young People. It has also supported the provision of enhanced pharmacy dispensing and supervision arrangements.
15. There has been a new Drug and Alcohol Care Team (DACT) commissioned jointly with Tees Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) mental health trust and a new community recovery offer and 'Dayhab' programme now being delivered via Recovery Connections in 2023.

Table 1

Darlington SSMTRG Allocations 2022 - 2025	£
2022/23	
Drug strategy allocation	£316,193
Inpatient detoxification allocation	£27,021
2023/24	
Drug strategy allocation	£518,179
Drug strategy allocation	£27,021
2024/25	
Drug strategy allocation	£1,000,006
Inpatient detoxification allocation	£27,021
Total SSMTRG funding over 3 years	£1,915,441

16. Historically the uptake of In Patient Detoxification has been low. The National Drug Strategy has identified this as a key area for improvement. The authority has utilised the funding from the SSMTRG and currently co-commissions In Patient Detoxification (IPD) as part of a 'consortia' arrangement along with Stockton, Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, Redcar and Cleveland councils. This is provided by North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust who currently provide a single bed dedicated to alcohol detoxification.
17. There is a joint procurement process underway which now includes the four additional partners of Durham County Council, Gateshead, Sunderland, and South Tyneside councils to procure greater capacity and the ability to undertake both drugs and alcohol detoxification which is planned to be available in 2024.
18. As part of the national performance expectations within the Drug Strategy, local areas have been directed by the government to set local stretch targets in order to deliver the national outcomes and improvements set out in the Strategy.
19. These include includes increasing access to more high quality drug and alcohol treatment places for a range of substances, improving pathways into treatment including from Prisons and Probation Service to ensure the provision of a treatment place for every offender with an addiction as well as significant increases in the numbers of those using substances who achieve and sustain long term recovery from addiction compared to performance and outcomes in the past years.
20. The outcomes and conditions applied to the SSMTRG directs the authority to ensure that we provide and deliver effective harm reduction interventions and treatment options and deliver a reduction in drug related deaths.
21. Local performance against the key national performance measures are detailed below in table 2.

Numbers in Treatment	Baseline (March 2022)	Latest Performance	Change from Baseline	Year 3 Ambition 2024/25
All adults "in structured treatment"	877	901	24	1100
Opiates	415	387	-28	450
Combined non-opiate only and non-opiates and alcohol	170	195	25	260
Alcohol	292	319	27	390
Young people "in treatment"	55	76	21	90
Continuity of care (% of prison leavers with a continued treatment need picked up within 3 weeks)	Baseline (March 2022)	Latest Performance	Change from Baseline	Year 3 Ambition 2024/25
Local planning (%)	60%	62%	2%	80%
Res. Rehabilitation	Baseline (March 2022)	Latest Performance	Change from Baseline	Year 3 Ambition 2024/25

Local planning (number)	0	1	1	22
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22. To date although whilst progress has been slower than expected, particularly due to recruitment, training and retention of an expanded workforce, our performance in Darlington is consistent with progress both regionally and nationally.
23. There have been some regional and national issues highlighted in relation to commissioning and access to high quality residential rehabilitation services along with the legacy of the impact of the pandemic and its control measures on existing pathways and services.
24. There has been work with partners and stakeholders in the development of multiple pathways into treatment services, with the ACCESS team **providing rapid initial assessment more timely** access to specialist treatment and recovery provision.
25. There has also been significant work over the past year to reduce barriers into accessing treatment and recovery with the ACCESS team supporting individuals navigate the existing system and facilitate engagement into structured treatment to improve the chances of successfully completing treatment and sustaining long term recovery. This provides for individuals, families, and the wider community.
26. This approach ensures individuals are offered fair access to services and where it exists, challenge stigma, discrimination, and less favourable treatment. The team deliver time limited person-centred support, tailored to an individual's needs.
27. In relation to harm reduction, clinical services and psychosocial interventions provided by We Are With You have seen increased numbers accessing treatment. This service in Darlington has successfully achieved micro-elimination of hepatitis C in those who have a history of injecting drugs. This is the first We Are With You service to achieve this nationally and is only the second treatment service within the North East to have achieved this. This means that Darlington has made a significant contribution towards NHS England's target to eliminate the virus by 2025.
28. The Tubwell Row site managed by We Are With You, now provides complex clinical, harm reduction and prescribing services with all new referrals are being seen there. Planning is also underway to establish a more centrally based recovery centre which will replace the current remaining provision at Coniscliffe Road.
29. The local recovery provision is provided by Recovery Connections who have instigated a significant expansion to recovery activity within the borough resulting in a rapid uptake of these services, which has surpassed performance expectations and gives a clear indication of the level of demand for these services. The development of visible Recovery Communities is now demonstrating the positive impact of treatment and that recovery is a real possibility for the people of Darlington.
30. There is a high prevalence of unemployment among people with illicit drug and alcohol dependence and many of the people in this group want to work but struggle to access the open job market and achieve stable employment.
31. It has been a consistent policy objective of successive governments to support people who are in substance misuse treatment back into work. There is strong evidence of a multitude

of different positive outcomes including improved treatment outcomes, greater independence, financial resilience, new social networks. These benefits persist with an individual long after the treatment ends.

32. Recovery Connections also provide Individual Placement Support, which supports people looking for employment at the earliest opportunity. This service uses trained employment specialists who work alongside those client's accessing treatment for substance misuse as part of a multi-disciplinary treatment team. This is in addition to the generic Jobcentre Plus or Work and Health Programme



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Public Health Presentation Mark Harrison



The **2021 Drug Strategy** aims to “change things for the better” in three main ways:







1. Breaking drug supply chains
2. Delivering a world-class treatment and recovery system
3. Achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs

Full National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework

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Strategic outcomes and metrics			Intermediate outcomes and metrics		
 Reduce drug use	 Reduce drug-related crime	 Reduce drug-related deaths and harm	 Reduce drug supply	 Increase engagement in treatment	 Improve recovery outcomes
Headline metrics	Headline metrics	Headline metrics	Headline metrics	Headline metrics	Headline metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of individuals reporting use of drugs in the last year Estimated prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use (OCU) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The number of neighbourhood crimes; domestic burglary, personal robbery, vehicle offences and theft from the person The number of homicides that involve drug users or dealers, or have been related to drugs in any way 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deaths related to drug misuse Hospital admissions for drug poisoning and drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders (primary diagnosis of selected drug) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of county lines closed Number of major and moderate disruptions against organised criminal groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuity of care: engagement in community-based structured treatment within three weeks of leaving prison (adults) The numbers in treatment for adults and young people 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Showing substantial progress by completing the treatment programme (free of dependent drug use and without an acute housing need) or still in treatment and either not using or having substantially reduced use of their problem substances measured over the preceding 12 months
Supporting metrics	Supporting metrics	Supporting metrics	Supporting metrics	Supporting metrics	Supporting metrics
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number and proportion of households owed a homelessness duty with a drug dependency need Rate per population of children of referral and assessments by social services with drugs as a factor Number of permanent exclusions and suspensions and the proportion that are drug and alcohol related Proportion of 11 to 15 year olds who think it is OK to take drugs to see what it is like, and think it is OK to take drugs once a week 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proven reoffending within 12 months Police recorded trafficking of drugs and possession of drugs offences Hospital admissions for assault by a sharp object 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hepatitis C prevalence (chronic infection) in people who inject drugs Number and percentage of people in treatment that have died during their time in contact with the treatment system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Volume and number of drugs seizures Number and proportion of National Referral Mechanism referrals with a county lines flag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of individuals in treatment in prisons and secure settings Number of community or suspended sentence orders with drug treatment requirements Number and proportion of adults starting treatment in the establishment within three weeks of arrival (from community or other custodial setting) Unmet need for OCU treatment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proportion of people in treatment that have reported no housing problems in the last 28 days Proportion of people in treatment that have reported at least one day of paid work, voluntary work, or training and education in the last 28 days Proportion of people in treatment reporting a mental health need who received treatment or interventions Proportion of parents that have received specific family or parental interventions

Delivering a World Class Treatment and Recovery System

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Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system – *Department of Health and Social Care, Ministry of Justice, Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, and Department for Work and Pensions.*

Within a decade, we will deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system in England. An additional £780 million over three years will be committed to begin to take this forward, implementing Dame Carol Black's key recommendations.² We will treat addiction as a chronic health condition, breaking down stigma, saving lives, and substantially breaking the cycle of crime that addiction can drive by:

1. **delivering world-class treatment and recovery services** – rebuild local authority commissioned substance misuse services, improving quality, capacity and outcomes
2. **rebuilding the professional workforce** – develop and deliver a comprehensive substance misuse workforce strategy
3. **ensuring better integration of services** – making sure that people's physical and mental health needs are addressed to reduce harm and support recovery, and ongoing delivery of Project ADDER to join up treatment, recovery and enforcement³
4. **improving access to accommodation alongside treatment** – access to quality treatment for everyone sleeping rough, and better support for accessing and maintaining secure and safe housing
5. **improving employment opportunities** – employment support rolled-out across England and more peer support linked to Jobcentre Plus services
6. **increasing referrals into treatment in the criminal justice system** – specialist drug workers to support treatment requirements as part of community sentences so offenders engage in drug treatment
7. **keeping prisoners engaged in treatment after release** – improved engagement of people before they leave prison and better continuity of care into the community

Treatment Provision and Centralised Oversight

- There is an extra £780m of funding for addiction treatment, bringing the total spending on treatment and recovery to £2.8bn over 3 years.
- In 2022/23, this investment will target the 50 areas with the highest needs.
- In 2023/24, the next 50 areas will be targeted, with the final 50 getting their extra funding in 2024/25.

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The government will ring-fence these funds for addiction treatment to ensure that they are used to recruit new workers, increase capacity and skills and to fund partnership working

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The drug strategy in Targets

- 740,000 crimes prevented through treatment by the end of 2024/25:
 - of which 140,000 will be neighbourhood crimes such as burglary, robbery and theft
- 64,000 disruptions against organised criminals
- 54,000 new high-quality drug and alcohol treatment places by the end of 2024/25:
 - 21,000 for people who use opiates and crack cocaine
 - 30,000 for people who use non-opiate-type drugs
 - 7,500 for people who are either rough sleeping, or at immediate risk of rough sleeping
 - A treatment place for every offender with an addiction
- 24,000 more people in long-term recovery by the end of 2024/25
- 20,000 more police officers
- 5,000 more young people in treatment by the end of 2024/25
- 2,000 more county lines dismantled
- 1,000 deaths prevented by end of 2024/25
- 950 more drug and alcohol and criminal justice workers

- 800 more medical mental health and other professionals
- 30-year low, cutting levels of drug use to the lowest since 1991

Public Health Commissioned Specialist Substance Misuse Services Service Model

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Element	Broad Description
1	Specialist provision of clinical support across whole system irrespective of setting, supporting clinical pathways/training on clinical management, provision of advice and guidance, clinical/health assessment, stabilisation and detoxification, specialist prescribing and support to Quasi Residential Rehab
2	Specialist provision of harm reduction and coordination of all related pharmacy services, initial and comprehensive assessment, stabilisation, PSI programme delivery, recovery coordination, as well as governance/performance lead and provision of information management system across whole system
3	Specialist provision of Quasi Residential facility, providing 12 step programme with dedicated accommodation and effective programme to enable Building of Recovery In Communities, as well as responsibility for recovery satellite provision and development /delivery of mutual aid and Peer Support,



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ACCESS

Assertive Community Connection Engagement Support Service



Team Introduction

What the ACCESS Team Does

- We provide rapid initial assessment of individuals and facilitate timely access to specialist treatment and recovery services in Darlington
- Visit service users at their home address and within the community
- We seek to find/establish the most effective and creative ways to engage individuals with multiple, and often complex needs using substances.
- Work closely with We Are With You & Recovery Connections as part of the STRIDE partnership
- Developing new key partners and referral pathways
- Promoting overdose prevention & benefits of specialist service provision
- Developing greater awareness, understanding and reach of both ACCESS and wider STRIDE provision within Darlington
- The individuals we focus our support on are those ambivalent to treatment or who would not actively engage with treatment services.

Effective Pathways We Have Developed

- Social Care (Both Adult & Children's)
- Criminal Justice – Probation, Young Offenders Service, CFO Activity Hub.
- A&E, Psych Liaison, West Park Hospital.
- The Job Centre, Citizens Advice
- ROOTS Recovery, Kings Church Foodbank.

ACCESS Team's Future Ambitions

- **Develop more specific pathways into treatment for third party services.**
- **Increase ACCESS reach within Darlington with more hot desking at remote sites.**
- **Promote the recovery community culture in Darlington.**
- **Increase Team Members knowledge of allocated areas of work i.e. Criminal Justice, Young Person's recovery, harm reduction & Social Care**
- **Improve accessibility for harm reduction within Darlington (Needle exchange/Naloxone etc.)**

How we do this together?

- By focusing on the “One Darlington” approach under the **STRIDE umbrella**
- Adapting a more fluid approach to third party working
- Providing service users with a seamless journey throughout treatment across all services involved
- Maintaining an open dialogue between professionals, and where appropriate have a joint approach to the service user journey.

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Adults and Young People's Drug and Alcohol Service (STRIDE)

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Gary Besterfield - Head of Service Delivery
Kayleigh Gamblin - Service Manager

14/09/2023

withyou

What We Do.....

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- Pharmacological Interventions - Opiates and Alcohol
- Psychosocial Interventions (PSI) - One to One and Groups
- Harm Reduction and Needle Exchange
- Health and Wellbeing Assessments
- Awareness Sessions
- Signposting and Onward Referral
- Manage risk - to include risk to others and behaviours
- Support and encourage positive behaviors in the community



Our Plans.....



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- We have taken a managed phased approach and began transitioning our clinical service delivery from Tubwell Row.
- This began with the move of our Needle Exchange and Harm Minimisation provision back in June.
- The next phase is to move our clinical interventions to Tubwell Row from Monday 25th September 2023. This will include prescribing of all Opiate Substitution Treatment.
- We will see any of our more complex cases from Tubwell Row, including our complex alcohol service users.

Partnership Working.....

We work collaboratively with partnership agencies across Darlington and have established links with key partners to ensure our service users have access to other support services such as:

- Police
- Social Services/Children's Services
- Safeguarding Teams
- Housing Teams and 700 Club
- Darlington Carers Service
- Mental Health Services - Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS
- Harbour - Domestic Abuse Service



Inspiring Recovery -Kelly Knight



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Personal journey share by Kelly Knight

Inspiring Recovery - Phil Hetherington



Philip Hetherington's story -

[Dad tells of how booze took over his life after he started drinking age 14 - Teesside Live](#)



Lived ExP-erience

90%
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IN RECOVERY

300+
[]: &
OF RECOVERY

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- 17 staff began by accessing services
- 11 started as volunteers
- 7 after completing rehab
- 20+ after completing ambassadors programme





5URJ'.20rt in the region over 12 months

1300+
PEOPLE
SUPPORTED
7700+
GROUP
ATTENDANCES

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- Also supported staff at PD Ports
- Delivered CPD Accredited Recovery Ally Training to 200 people, including 10 businesses
- 80% graduation rate from ambassadors



Feedback from the wider Qubic

"Very moving experience to attend their meeting yesterday morning within the Church Hall of St. Cuthberts Church. We heard a lot about this fantastic Charity and its partners and how they exist to inspire, motivate, empower and support all those affected by substance misuse."

Mike Poole, Vice Lord Lieutenant of County Durham

"Impressed by the success and positive support of the Recovery Connections organisation. Everyone who attended was deeply touched by the personal eloquent testimonies of the people who had used the service and recovered."

Deputy Mayor Cllr of Darlington, Bob Donoghue



The Impact of Recovery

- 79% of people in long-term recovery have actively volunteered (more than 2x the rate of the general public)

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- 75% were in full time employment thus paying taxes
- 12% of people in recovery were able to get
- children back out of the care system

UK Life in Recovery Survey (Best, et al, 2015)
Average Recovery time of participants - 8 years



**ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
9 JANUARY 2024**

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
Council Plan	The report contributes to the Council Plan in a number of ways through the involvement of Members in contributing to the delivery of the Plan.
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. The Council Plan sets the vision and strategic direction for the Council, with its overarching focus being 'Delivering success for Darlington'.
8. In approving the Council Plan, Members have agreed to a vision for Darlington which is a place where people want to live and businesses want to locate, where the economy continues to grow, where people are happy and proud of the borough and where everyone has the opportunity to maximise their potential.

Forward Plan and Additional Items

9. 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.
10. A copy of the index of the Forward Plan has been attached at **Appendix 3** for information.

ADULTS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

Topic	Timescale	Lead Officer	Link to PMF (metrics)	Scrutiny's Role / Notes
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)	9 January 2024	Brett Nielsen		To scrutinise those areas of the MTFP within the remit of this Scrutiny Committee.
Social Care Reforms - Update	9 January 2024	Joss Harbron		To receive an update on progress in relation to the reforms to Adult Social Care.
Substance Misuse Service Update: Support Treatment and Recovery In Darlington through Empowering (STRIDE) (invitation to Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee)	9 January 2024	Gary Besterfield / Sarah Allen (We Are With You).		To receive an update on the proposed actions reported to the Ordinary Meeting of this Committee in February 2023.
Transitional Services (SEND) – Parental Support (invitation to Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee)	Joint Scrutiny Member Briefing – 6th February 2024	Tony Murphy / Joss Harbron		To receive an update on the support available for parents in relation to Transitional Services (SEND).
Coercive Control and Domestic Abuse Policy	To be confirmed	???		<p>To receive an overview to understand what actions the Council are taking in relation to the new legislation around coercive control, and to receive an overview of the Domestic Abuse Policy.</p> <p>(Deferred at the request of Officers whilst a Policy is drafted. Policy will be brought to Scrutiny at a future date for consultation. Permission granted by Chair).</p>
Review of Adult Care Services during Covid – Final Report	20 February 2024	Councillor Holroyd		<p>To receive the final report of the Review of Adult Care Services during Covid Task and Finish Group.</p> <p>(Deferred from 24 October 2023, per request from Councillor Holroyd, with permission of the Chair, and further deferred to 20 February 2024, for sense checking).</p>

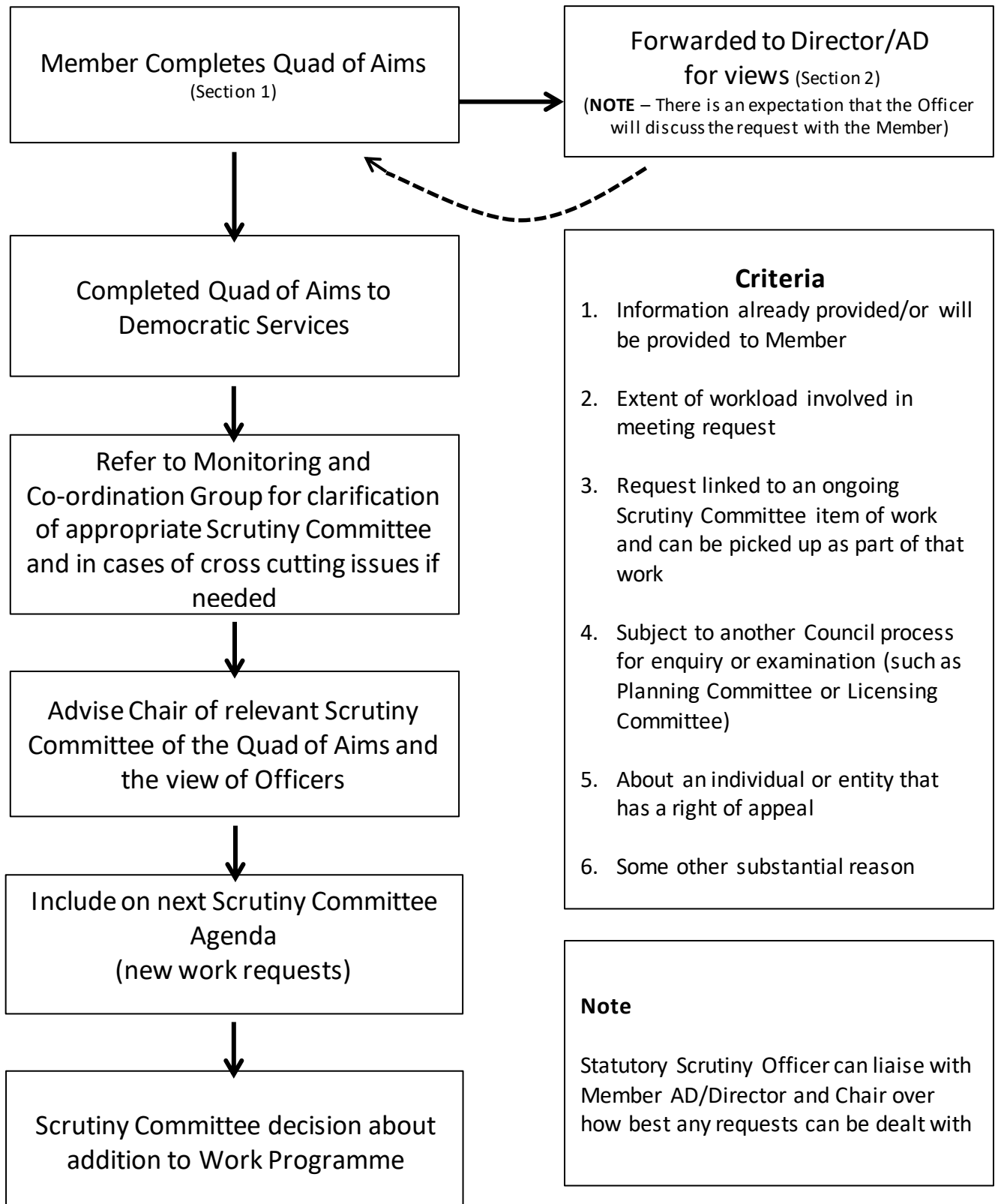
Care Homes in Executive Strategy Measures / Arrangements	20 February 2024	Rachel Watt / Sukhdev Dosanjh		Recommendation from the 'Nursing Care Homes in Special Measures Task and Finish Group' – six monthly report to this Committee.
Reforms to Adult Social Care - Update	20 February 2024	Joss Harbron		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)

<div>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) (b) Have you already provided the information to the Member or will you shortly be doing so?</div> <div>2. If the request is included in the Scrutiny Committee work programme what are the likely workload implications for you/your staff?</div> <div>3. Can the request be included in an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and picked up as part of that?</div> <div>4. Is there another Council process for enquiry or examination about the matter currently underway?</div> <div>5. Has the individual or entity some other right of appeal?</div> <div>6. Is there any substantial reason (other than the above) why you feel it should not be included on the work programme ?</div>	<div>Criteria</div> <div>1. Information already provided/or will be provided to Member</div> <div>2. Extent of workload involved in meeting request</div> <div>3. Request linked to an ongoing Scrutiny Committee item of work and can be picked up as part of that work</div> <div>4. Subject to another Council process for enquiry or examination (such as Planning Committee or Licensing Committee)</div> <div>5. About an individual or entity that has a right of appeal</div> <div>6. Some other substantial reason</div>
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Signed **Position** **Date**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
FORWARD PLAN**

APPENDIX 3

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**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 6 DECEMBER 2023 - 30 APRIL 2024**

Title	Decision Maker and Date
Council Tax and Business Rates Debt Recovery Strategy 2024/29	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Council Tax and Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy 2024/29	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Delivery of New Homes at Blackwell - Joint Venture Proposal	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Discretionary Housing Payment Policy 2024/29	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Housing Services Climate Change Strategy	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Land at Central Park – Sale to Network Rail	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Maintained Schools Capital Programme - Summer 2024 and High Needs Capital	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Northern Echo Redevelopment	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Proposed Acquisition of former Wilkos, East Street, Darlington	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Revised Climate Change Action Plan	Council 25 Jan 2024 Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Revised Climate Change Strategy	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Schedule of Transactions - January 2024	Cabinet 9 Jan 2024
Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2024/25	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/28	Council 15 Feb 2024 Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village - Proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement (IDA)	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Local Development Scheme (LDS)	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/25 to 2027/28	Council 15 Feb 2024 Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 3	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy	Council 15 Feb 2024 Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Schools Admissions 2025/26	Cabinet 6 Feb 2024
Council Plan	Council 21 Mar 2024 Cabinet 5 Mar 2024
Local Transport Plan	Cabinet 5 Mar 2024
Offset Strategy	Cabinet 5 Mar 2024
Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA)	Cabinet 5 Mar 2024
Annual Procurement Plan	Cabinet 9 Apr 2024

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