

**DECISIONS SHOULD NOT BE IMPLEMENTED BEFORE  
MONDAY, 23 JUNE 2025**

**CABINET**  
Tuesday, 10 June 2025

**PRESENT** – Councillors Harker (Chair), Curry, Garner, McCollom, McEwan, Porter, Roche and Wallis.

**INVITEES** – Councillors Dulston and Snedker.

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE** – Councillors Bartch and Mrs. Scott.

**C1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

There were no declarations of interest reported at the meeting.

**C2 TO HEAR RELEVANT REPRESENTATION (FROM MEMBERS AND THE GENERAL PUBLIC) ON  
ITEMS ON THIS CABINET AGENDA.**

No representations were made by Members or members of the public in attendance at the meeting.

**C3 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THIS CABINET HELD ON 6TH MAY 2025**

Submitted - The Minutes (previously circulated) of the meeting of this Cabinet held on 6 May 2025.

**RESOLVED** – That the Minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

**REASON** – They represent an accurate record of the meeting.

**C4 MATTERS REFERRED TO CABINET**

There were no matters referred back for re-consideration to this meeting.

**C5 ISSUES ARISING FROM SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

There were no issues arising from Scrutiny considered at this meeting.

**C6 KEY DECISIONS:-**

**(1) RENEWAL OF THE TOWN CENTRE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER AND INTRODUCTION  
OF A BOROUGH WIDE PUBLIC SPACE PROTECTION ORDER**

The Cabinet Member with the Stronger Communities Portfolio introduced the report (previously circulated) of the Executive Director of Environment Highways and Community Services to present the Renewal of the Town Centre Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) and Introduction of a Borough Wide Public Space Protection Order to Cabinet for approval.

The submitted report explained that the Town Centre PSPO had been in place since 2019 and was last renewed in 2022. The order last for three years, and a review must be undertaken if it is to be renewed. The report states that as part of the renewal process the defined areas of the town centre PSPO covers and some of the wordings of the existing powers are proposed to be amended to improve the effectiveness of the order.

The report highlighted that the proposed new Boroughwide PSPO, which was evidence based had been consulted upon, the additional powers proposed related to begging, the management of side waste and the increasing issues with stray dogs. It was explained that comprehensive training will be provided to Council staff and partners who will use the powers, it was also explained that a application and guidance note had been developed to assist with the proportionate and consistent use of the powers.

Reference was made to whether the stray dogs arrangements within the PSPO covered dogs to be found to be off-lead in restricted areas and whether a fine can be issued.

**RESOLVED** - (a) Approve the renewal of a revised Town Centre PSPO as outlined in this report.

(b) Approve the introduction of a Boroughwide PSPO as outlined in this report.

**REASON** - (a) To provide powers to officers, including Police, PCSOs and Civic Enforcement Officers, to manage various types of anti-social behaviour.

(b)To improve the quality of life of persons visiting and working in the area covered by the PSPO.

**(2) REPRESENTATION ON OTHER BODIES 2025/26**

The Leader introduced the report of the Executive Director of Operations (previously circulated) requesting that consideration be given to this Council’s representation on Other Bodies for the 2025/26 Municipal Year to which Cabinet appoints.

**RESOLVED** – That the appointment to other bodies as detailed below, for the 2025/26 Municipal Year, be approved, namely :-

Association of Rail North Partnership Authorities	
Rail North Ltd.	Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council) (as named substitute for the TVCAM)
Rail North Committee	Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council)
East Coast Mainline Authorities Group	Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council)
County Durham and Darlington	Councillor Kane

Foundation Trust – Board of Governors

Creative Darlington	Councillor McCollom (Cabinet Member with Local Services Portfolio) (Chair of Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee as named substitute)
Crown Street Library Trustee Board	Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council)
Darlington Cares	Councillor Garner (Cabinet Member with Stronger Communities Portfolio)
Darlington Railway Museum Trust	Councillor McCollom (Cabinet Member with Local Services Portfolio)
Darlington Safeguarding Partnership	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio) and Councillor Curry (Cabinet Member with Adults Portfolio)
Darlington Town Centre Deal Board	Councillor Harker (Leader of the Council) and Councillor Garner (Cabinet Member with Stronger Communities Portfolio)
Darlington Young People's Engagement and Justice Service Board	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio) (Councillor Kane as named substitute)
Durham County Pension Fund Committee	Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member with Resources Portfolio and Chair of Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee)
Family Help Organisation	Councillors Ali, Kane and Ray
Fostering Panel	Councillor Ali
Integrated Care Partnership Tees Valley	Councillor Roche (Chair of Health and Well Being Board) (Councillor Layton as named substitute)
Maidendale Nature and Fishing Reserve (Associate Member)	Councillor Dillon (Ward Member)
North East Ambulance Service	Councillor Roche (Chair of Health and Well Being Board)
North East Child Poverty Commission	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with Children and Young People Portfolio)
North East Regional Employers	Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member with Resources

Organisation	Portfolio), Chair of Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee and Vice Chair of Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee
Executive Committee	Councillor Porter (Cabinet Member with Resources Portfolio)
North East Strategic Migration Partnership	Councillor Wallis (Cabinet Member with the Children and Young People Portfolio), (Councillor Harker, Leader of the Council, as named substitute)
Northern Housing Consortium	Councillor Roche (Cabinet Member with Health and Housing Portfolio)
Northumbrian Regional Flood and Coastal Committee	Councillor Snedker (Councillor Holroyd as named substitute)
Poor Moor Fund/Charity	Councillor McEwan (Cabinet Member with Economy Portfolio)
RELATE North East	Councillor McCollom and Councillor Mahmud
Stockton and Darlington Railway Heritage Board	Councillor McCollom (Cabinet Member with Local Services Portfolio)
Teesside International Airport Limited - Board	Councillor Garner (to be appointed as Director) (Councillor Haszeldine named substitute Director)
Teesside International Airport Limited - Consultative Committee	Councillor McCollom (Cabinet Member with Local Services Portfolio)
Tees Valley Local Access Forum	Chair of Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee (Chair of Health and Housing Committee as named substitute)

## **C7 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY STRATEGY**

The Cabinet Member with the Health and Housing Portfolio introduced the report (previously circulated) of the Executive Director Environment, Highways and Community Services to update Members of Cabinet on the review of the Darlington's Physical Activity Strategy and to seek approval of a renewed strategy for the period of 2025-2035.

The report explained that the purpose of the Darlington's Physical Activity Strategy was to improve participation and engagement in sport and physical activity.

The report stated that it is one of the key delivery strategies to support the Council Plan and it had been reviewed to align with the objectives with the Council's priorities.

It was highlighted that consultation and engagement had been undertaken to develop the Darlington Physical Activity Strategy 2025-2030, which had been approved by the Darlington

Health and Wellbeing Board on the 5<sup>th</sup> of December 2024. Reviews of the Strategy will be scheduled alongside the reviews of the Council Plan and any other legislative changes to adjust and realign the content of the strategy if required.

**RESOLVED** - It is recommended that Members approve the renewed strategy for 2025-2035.

**REASON** - The recommendations are supported by the following reason; to ensure the strategy aligns with the Council Plan and provide strategic direction to improve participation and engagement in sports and physical activity.

**C8 MEMBERSHIP CHANGES - TO CONSIDER ANY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES TO OTHER BODIES TO WHICH CABINET APPOINTS.**

There were no membership changes reported at the meeting.

**DECISIONS DATED –  
FRIDAY, 13 JUNE 2025**