



DARLINGTON
Borough Council

Cabinet Agenda

5.00 pm

Tuesday, 9 September 2025

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Darlington, DL1 5QT

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

1. Introductions/Attendance at Meeting.
2. Declarations of Interest.
3. To hear relevant representation (from Members and the General Public) on items on this Cabinet agenda.
4. To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of this Cabinet held on 8 July 2025 (Pages 5 - 14)
5. Matters Referred to Cabinet – There are no matters referred back for reconsideration to this meeting
6. Issues Arising from Scrutiny Committee – There are no issues referred back from the Scrutiny Committees to this Meeting, other than where they have been specifically consulted on an issue and their comments are included in the contents of the relevant report on this agenda.
7. Key Decisions: -
 - (a) Blue Badge Policy Statement – Report of the Executive Director of People (Pages 15 - 42)
 - (b) Climate Change and Nature Restoration Strategy – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 43 - 58)
 - (c) Dolphin Centre Asset Management and Investment Opportunities – Report of the Executive Director of Environment, Highways and Community Services (Pages 59 - 76)

8. Annual Review of the Investment Fund – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 77 - 84)
9. Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Report 2024/25 – Report of the Executive Director Resources and Governance (Pages 85 - 226)
10. Complaints Made to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and the Housing Ombudsman Service – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 227 - 236)
11. Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring Quarter 1 2025/26 – Report of the Executive Director of Environment, Highways and Community Services and the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 237 - 250)
12. Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 251 - 272)
13. Revenue Budget Monitoring 2025/26 - Quarter 1 – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 273 - 296)
14. Single Use Plastic Policy – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 297 - 306)
15. Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2024/25 – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 307 - 326)
16. Membership Changes - To consider any Membership Changes to Other Bodies to which Cabinet appoints.
17. 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.
18. Questions.

EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

19. To consider the exclusion of the Public and Press:- – **RESOLVED** - That, pursuant to Sections 100A(4) and (5) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the ensuing items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in exclusion paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act.

PART III NOT FOR PUBLICATION

20. 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.

21. Questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'A. Wennington', with a long horizontal flourish underneath.

Amy Wennington
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Monday, 1 September 2025
Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

Councillors Curry, Garner, Harker, McCollom, McEwan, Porter, Roche and Wallis

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