



# Cabinet Agenda

5.00 pm Tuesday, 6 January 2026  
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 2 December 2025 (Pages 5 - 10)
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) Maintained Summer Schools Capital Programme Summer 2026 Report – Report of the Executive Director of People (Pages 11 - 14)
8. Climate Change and Nature Recovery Progress – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 15 - 24)

9. Council Tax Calculation of Tax Base 2026/27 – Report of the Executive Director of Resources and Governance (Pages 25 - 32)
10. Council Plan Performance Report - Quarter 4 – Report of the Chief Executive and all Executive Directors (Pages 33 - 108)
11. Consultation On Victoria Embankment Conservation Area Appraisal – Report of the Executive Director and Public Protection (Pages 109 - 172)
12. Consultation on West End Conservation Area Appraisal – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 173 - 344)
13. Museum Accreditation Policies 2025 – Report of the Executive Director of Environment, Highways and Community Services (Pages 345 - 448)
14. Release of S106 Education Capital Funds – Report of Executive Director of People (Pages 449 - 452)
15. Objection to Traffic Order - Lowson Street – Report of the Executive Director of Environment, Highways and Community Services (Pages 453 - 462)
16. Land at Morton Palms Business Park - Proposed Disposal of Plot – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 463 - 472)
17. Schedule of Transactions – Report of the Executive Director of Economy and Public Protection (Pages 473 - 476)
18. Membership Changes - To consider any Membership Changes to Other Bodies to which Cabinet appoints.
19. 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.
20. Questions.

#### **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS**

21. 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**

22. 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.

23. Questions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'A. C. Wennington'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the bottom.

**Amy Wennington**  
**Assistant Director Law and Governance**

**Wednesday, 24 December 2025**

**Town Hall**  
**Darlington.**

**Membership**

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

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