



Council Agenda

6.00 pm, Thursday, 2 October 2025

Central Hall, Dolphin Centre, Horsemarket, Darlington, DL1 5RP

Members of the Public are welcome to attend this Meeting.

1. Introductions / Attendance at Meeting.
2. Minutes - To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of this Council held on 17 July 2025 (Pages 5 - 10)
3. Declarations of Interest.
4. Sealing.
5. Announcements.
6. Questions - To answer questions (where appropriate notice has been given from):-
 - (a) The Public;
 - (b) Members to Cabinet/Chairs;
7. Council Reports.
 - (a) Electoral Review - Council Size Submission – Report of the Chief Executive (Pages 11 - 84)
8. Cabinet Reports.
 - (a) Dolphin Centre Asset Management and Investment Opportunities –

Report of the Executive Director – Environment, Highways and Community Services
(Pages 85 - 102)

- (b) Climate Change and Nature Restoration Strategy – Report of the Executive Director, Economy and Public Protection (Pages 103 - 118)
 - (c) Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2024/25 – Report of the Executive Director, Resources and Governance (Pages 119 - 138)
 - (d) Overview Report of the Leader of the Council; (Pages 139 - 142)
 - (e) Overview Report of the Economy Portfolio; (Pages 143 - 148)
 - (f) Overview Report of the Adults Portfolio; (Pages 149 - 152)
 - (g) Overview Report of the Children and Young People Portfolio; (Pages 153 - 160)
 - (h) Overview Report of the Health and Housing Portfolio; (Pages 161 - 166)
 - (i) Overview Report of the Local Services Portfolio; (Pages 167 - 174)
 - (j) Overview Report of the Resources Portfolio; and (Pages 175 - 178)
 - (k) Overview Report of the Stronger Communities Portfolio; (Pages 179 - 184)
9. Scrutiny Reports - To consider Scrutiny Overview Reports:-
- (a) Adults Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 185 - 188)
 - (b) Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 189 - 190)
 - (c) Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee; (Pages 191 - 194)
 - (d) Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee; and (Pages 195 - 198)
 - (e) Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee. (Pages 199 - 202)

10. Notice of Motion

- (a) To consider a Motion submitted by Councillor Dulston and seconded by Councillor Bartch –
Tees Valley Energy Recovery Facility (TVERF)

That this Council notes:

- a. Darlington is one of seven authorities involved in the Tees Valley Energy Recovery Facility (TVERF).

- b. the scheme lacks both district heating and funded carbon capture.
- c. the proposed 30-year contract would tie Darlington into supplying waste, with penalties if volumes fall.
- d. future carbon costs and overcapacity risks make the project a major financial gamble.

That this Council believes:

- a. locking into decades of incineration is incompatible with improving recycling.
- b. “CCS-ready” is meaningless without guaranteed delivery.
- c. the financial and environmental risks of TVERF outweigh any benefits.

That this Council resolves to:

- a. ask Cabinet to withdraw from the TVERF project.

11. Membership Changes - To consider any membership changes to Committees, Subsidiary Bodies and Other Bodies.

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

Amy Wennington
Assistant Director Law and Governance

Wednesday, 24 September 2025

Town Hall
Darlington.

Membership

The Mayor, Councillors Ali, Allen, Anderson, Baker, Bartch, Beckett, Coe, Cossins, Crudass, Crumbie, Mrs Culley, Curry, Dillon, Donoghue, Dulston, Durham, Garner, Harker, Haszeldine, Henderson, Holroyd, Johnson, Keir, Laing, Lawley, Layton, Lee, Mahmud, Mammolotti, Marshall, McCollom, McEwan, McGill, K Nicholson, M Nicholson, Pease, Porter, Ray, Renton, Dr. Riley, Robinson, Roche, Mrs Scott, Snedker, Storr, Toms, Tostevin, Wallis and Walters.

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