

FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD: 1 MAY 2019 - 30 SEPTEMBER 2019



What is a Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan is a list of the key decisions, which are due to be taken, by the Cabinet, a Member of the Cabinet or a designated Officer in accordance with the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Access to Information) (England) Regulation 2012. It also gives notice of the decisions that are likely to be taken in private. These decisions need to be published on the Forward Plan at least 28 clear days before the decision is to be taken. The Plan is updated on an ad hoc basis, but at least once a month. It can be accessed on the Council website www.darlington.gov.uk.

What is a Key Decision?

A key decision in the Council's constitution is defined as to:

1. result in the Borough Council incurring expenditure which is, or the making of savings which are, significant having regard to the budget for the service or function to which the decision relates; or
2. be significant in terms of its effects on communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards in the Borough.

What are the reasons that a report can be held in private?

Whilst the majority of the Executive decisions listed in this Forward Plan will be open to the public and media organisations to attend, there will inevitably be some decisions to be considered that contains, for example, confidential, commercially or personal information.

The Forward Plan is a formal notice under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012 that some of the decisions listed in this Forward Plan will be held in private because the report will contain exempt information under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (set out below) and that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it.

1. Information relating to any individual
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under the authority
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:–
 - (a) to give under any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
 - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment

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7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Who takes Key Decisions?

Under the Council's constitution, key decisions are taken by Cabinet.

Are only Key Decisions listed in the Forward Plan?

The Council only has a statutory obligation to publish key decisions and decisions that are to be heard at a private meeting.

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The Plan gives information about:

- What key decisions are coming up
- When those decisions are likely to be made
- Which decisions will be held in private
- Who will make those decisions
- The relevant Scrutiny Committee that the decision relates to
- What consultation will be undertaken
- Whether the decision will be a open or closed report (and the reason why) (public and press are not allowed to access closed reports and will not be able to stay in the Cabinet meeting when a closed report is being considered)
- Who you can contact for further information

How to make representations

Members of the public have a right to make representations to the Council, including whether they think that any items we are proposing to consider in private should be dealt with in public. The Council will consider any representations before a decision is taken.

Anyone who wishes to make representations to the decision maker about a particular matter should do so in writing, at least a week before it is due to be considered, either by letter or email to Lynne Wood using the contact details set out below.

How and who do I contact?

Each entry in the Plan indicates the names of all the relevant people to contact about that particular item.

For general information about the decision-making process and for copies of any documents outlined in the Forward Plan please contact Lynne Wood, Elections Manager, Democratic Services, Resources Group, Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QT. Tel: 01325 405803. Email: lynne.wood@darlington.gov.uk.

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Title

Disposal of Ground Lease - Blackwell Telecoms Masts

Brief Description

To authorise the disposal of a long ground lease for two telecommunications masts on the former Blackwell Golf Club land at Carmel Road South.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Fully exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 Jun 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Efficiency and Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Park West

Consultation Process

Internal communications.

Document to be submitted

Cabinet Report

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Title

12 Skinnergate

Brief Description

Proposal to acquire the property which has been damaged by fire.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Fully exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 Jun 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Efficiency and Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Park East

Consultation Process

Meetings

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Schedule of Transactions

Brief Description

To consider the Schedule of Transactions and to seek approval of the terms negotiated.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Fully exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

11 Jun 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Efficiency and Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Eastbourne

Consultation Process

Meetings

Document to be submitted

Report and Schedule of Transactions.

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Title

Strategic Development Sites Masterplan Framework (Faverdale and Skertingham)

Brief Description

Approval of supporting documents for Local Plan Submission Draft.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jul 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy and Regeneration Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Brinkburn and Faverdale; Harrowgate Hill; Haughton and Springfield; Heighington and Coniscliffe; Sadberge and Middleton St. George; Whinfield

Consultation Process

Email and Letter and use of the Council's consultation portal.

Document to be submitted

Report and Masterplan Documents for Faverdale and Skertingham.

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Title

Darlington Borough Local Plan 2016/36 - Proposed Submission

Brief Description

To agree the final draft of the Local Plan to advertise for representations and ultimately submit for examination.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jul 2019

Council

18 Jul 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy and Regeneration Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Legal duty to seek representations prior to submission to Government for examination. Email and Letter and use of the Council's consultation portal.

Document to be submitted

Report and draft Local Plan

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Title

Annual Procurement Plan 2019/20

Brief Description

To consider and approve the Annual Procurement Plan 2019/20

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jul 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Efficiency and Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Internal Departments

Document to be submitted

Report and Annual Procurement Plan

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Title

Library Service Update

Brief Description

To update Members on the outcome of the Library Service Conversation, present the Library Plan and consider proposals for refurbishment/restoration of Crown Street.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jul 2019

Council

18 Jul 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Individual conversation events at a number of venues across the Borough as well as feedback via the Council's website.

Document to be submitted

Cabinet Report and Library Plan

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Title

Permit System to Manage and Co-ordinate Roadworks

Brief Description

To develop a Permit Scheme and consult on the proposed scheme to improve the management, coordination and operation of road works.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

10 Sep 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Meetings and correspondence.

Document to be submitted

Cabinet Report

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Title

Darlington Crematorium Refurbishment

Brief Description

To provide options to Cabinet for the refurbishment of the Crematorium within West Cemetery.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

10 Sep 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Place Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leisure and Local Environment Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Survey of undertakers and workshop with undertakers and religious leaders.

Document to be submitted

Cabinet Report

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Faverdale Masterplan Site

Brief Description

Proposed Infrastructure Agreement and agreement to dispose of Council land.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Fully exempt 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

10 Sep 2019

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Efficiency and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leader of the Council

Contact Officer/Report Author

Guy Metcalfe, Head of Service for Asset Management and Investment
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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Brinkburn and Faverdale

Consultation Process

Meetings/e-mails.

Document to be submitted

Report.

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