

**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 APRIL 2020 - 31 AUGUST 2020**



What is a Forward Plan?

The Forward Plan is a list of all of the decisions, which are due to be taken by Cabinet. The Plan also includes all Key Decisions to be taken by 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:—

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- (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
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, however, all decisions to be taken by Cabinet are included on the plan to give Scrutiny Committees and the public an early indication of decisions to be made.

What does the Forward Plan tell me?

The Plan gives information about:

- What decisions are coming up
- 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 an 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,

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Title

Schedule of Transactions

Brief Description

To consider terms negotiated by the Director on behalf of the Council to enable contractually binding contract to be completed.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

28 Apr 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Land at Neasham Road

Brief Description

Request for Compulsory Purchase Order to facilitate the acquisition of land at Snipe Lane under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

28 Apr 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Hurworth

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Central Park - Hybrid Business Innovation Centre

Brief Description

To seek Council approval to enable officers to develop a Hybrid Business Innovation Centre, comprising offices and clean workshop space, known as Business Growth Hub2 on Central Park.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

28 Apr 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

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Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Stephenson

Consultation Process and Consultees

Meetings

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Annual Procurement Plan

Brief Description

To consider the Annual Procurement Plan and to agree direct contract awards.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

28 Apr 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report and Procurement Plan.

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Title

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring Outturn 2019/20

Brief Description

To provide information on the delivery of the Council's Capital Programme, the financial outturn position, financing of Capital expenditure and update on projects.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jun 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Replacement of Dog Control Orders with Public Space Protection Orders

Brief Description

To present the response to the consultation undertaken on the introduction of Public Space Protection Orders to replace existing Dog Control Orders.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jun 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Stronger Communities Portfolio

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Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

Public consultation undertaken with the public via the Council's website. Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner were also consulted.

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Revenue Budget Outturn 2019/20

Brief Description

To present the Revenue Outturn to allow consideration of the results in light of the Council's Medium Term Financial Plan and to consider the Council's Collection Fund and Housing Revenue Account outturn.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jun 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Representation on Other Bodies 2020/21

Brief Description

To consider the appointment of Members to various outside bodies to which Cabinet can appoint.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

9 Jun 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leader of the Council

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

E-mails.
Consultation with Group Leaders.

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

School Term Dates 2022/2023

Brief Description

To consider and set the school term date arrangements for Darlington Maintained Schools for the Academic Year 2021/22

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

14 Jul 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Children and Young People Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Childrens and Adults

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

Meetings/consultation with School Governing Bodies.

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Xentrall Shared Services Annual Report

Brief Description

Review of progress and performance of Xentrall Shared Services, the Stockton and Darlington partnership.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

14 Jul 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 1

Brief Description

To provide an up to date forecast of the revenue budget outturn as part of the Council's continuous financial management process.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

14 Jul 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 1

Brief Description

To provide a summary of the latest Capital resource and commitment position, to inform monitoring of the affordability and funding of the Council's capital programme.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

14 Jul 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman

Brief Description

To provide Members with an update of the outcome of cases which have been determined by the Local Government, Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) and the Housing Ombudsman (HO).

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

15 Sep 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Resources

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education

Brief Description

To consider the Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Darlington.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

15 Sep 2020

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Children and Young People Portfolio

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Childrens and Adults

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

Meetings
Consultation with Primary and Secondary Schools in Darlington.

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Deferred Reports with no future Cabinet date

Title

Surplus Council Land for Potential New Housing - Identification and Approval to Dispose

Brief Description

To identify Council owned sites which are/may be surplus to requirements and to seek approval to make available for new housing by Council or market disposal.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

E-mails/meetings.
Internal consultation only.

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Objection to Traffic Regulation Order - Rethinking - Victoria Road

Brief Description

Following extensive consultation in early 2019 a proposed scheme was presented to residents in Victoria Road in December 2019. Feedback to be considered including reference to Traffic Regular Orders and amendments.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Local Services Portfolio

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Department

Economic Growth and Neighbourhood Services

Wards Affected

Park East

Consultation Process and Consultees

Letter drop to residents/businesses in vicinity of Victoria Road and advertisement of proposed Traffic Regulation Orders in local press in line with legal process.

Residents

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Education Services Capital Programme

Brief Description

Request to release capital funds for the maintained school's summer capital works.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Children and Young People Portfolio

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Department

Childrens and Adults

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process and Consultees

Consultation will be undertaken as part of the MTPF
Schools

Document to be submitted

Report

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