



**FORWARD PLAN
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 FEBRUARY 2023 - 30 JUNE 2023**

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

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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
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.

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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

Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2023/24

Brief Description

To consider the Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the Municipal Year 2023/24.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Internal consultation

Document to be submitted

Report and Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2023/24.

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Title

Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2023/24 to 2026/27

Brief Description

To propose the Housing Revenue Account for the financial year 2023/24.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet
Council

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023
16 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Health and Housing Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Meetings with Tenants Board

Document to be submitted

Report and Housing Revenue Account.

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Title

Land at Blackwell – Proposed Development and Parkland Restoration

Brief Description

To consider the financial offer for the proposed development of Plot 403 and to consider proposals for the restoration of the parkland.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Leader of the Council, Resources Portfolio

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

Park West

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Medium Term Financial Plan 20023/24 to 2026/27

Brief Description

To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan for 2023/24 to 2026/27 to Council for approval

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet
Council

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023
16 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Consultation with staff, residents, partners and Scrutiny Committees.

Document to be submitted

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan.

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Title

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 3

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

7 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy Report 2023/24

Brief Description

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy, Prudential Indicators and providing a yearly review of the Council's borrowing and investment activities.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet
Council

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023
16 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 3

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

7 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Schools Admissions 2024/25

Brief Description

To consider the Local Authority's Admission Arrangements for the 2024/25 academic year for maintained schools.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Feb 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Children and Young People Portfolio

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Department

People

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Consultation with Parents, Schools, Religious Authorities and the Local Community - consultation at least once every 7 years

Document to be submitted

Report and School Admissions Policy.

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Title

Equality Policy

Brief Description

To consider and approve an updated Equality Policy.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Internal consultation

Document to be submitted

Report and updated Equality Policy

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Title

Housing Services Allocations Policy

Brief Description

To approve the Housing Services Allocations Policy.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Health and Housing Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Meetings with Tenants Panel and written comments.

Document to be submitted

Report and Housing Services Allocations Policy

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Title

Housing Services Damp and Mould Policy

Brief Description

To approve the Housing Services Damp and Mould Policy. Damp and mould issues were already covered in the Housing Management Policy but The Regulator of Social Housing has recently written to all social housing providers expecting a separate policy on damp and mould.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Health and Housing Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Meetings with Tenants Panel and written comments.

Document to be submitted

Report and draft Housing Services Damp and Mould Policy.

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Title

Housing Services Low Cost Home Ownership Policy

Brief Description

To approve the Housing Services Low Cost Home Ownership Policy.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Health and Housing Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Meetings and written comments from Tenants Panel.

Document to be submitted

Report and Policy

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Title

Local Transport Plan

Brief Description

To update the 2022/23 delivery of the Transport Programme including annual monitoring data, Transport Programme for 2023/24 and progress on the Local Implementation Plan.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Local Services Portfolio

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report and Local Transport Plan

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Title

Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)

Brief Description

To inform and update Members about issues relevant to the use of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and developments and recent developments.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Schedule of Transactions - March 2023

Brief Description

To consider terms negotiated by the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, to enable contractually binding contract(s) to be completed.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Part 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

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Report and schedule of transactions

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Title

Whinfield Primary School Roof Replacement

Brief Description

To consider options for the replacement of the roof at Whinfield Primary School.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

7 Mar 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Children and Young People Portfolio

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People

Wards Affected

Whinfield

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Annual Procurement Plan

Brief Description

To consider the Annual Procurement Plan for the 2023/24 Financial Year 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

25 Apr 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report and Annual Procurement Plan

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Title

Introduction of a Civil (Financial) Penalty Policy and Enforcement Protocol – Electrical Safety Standards

Brief Description

The purpose of this report is to seek approval to utilise the powers within the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020, to be adopted as a means of enforcement where electrical safety conditions fall short of requirements and private sector landlords do not take steps to improve standards. The powers allow local authorities to issue a Notice of the intention to impose a Civil Penalty of up to a maximum of £30,000. Decision to utilise the powers within the Electrical Safety Standards in the Private Rented Sector (England) Regulations 2020.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

4 Apr 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Stronger Communities Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

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Title

Introduction of the Use of Civil Penalty Notices under the Housing and Planning Act 2016

Brief Description

The powers conferred by the Housing and Planning Act 2016 allow local authorities to issue a Notice of the intention to impose a Civil Penalty of up to a maximum of £30,000 as an alternative to prosecuting a number of offences under the Housing Act 2004. The purpose of this report is to seek the agreement of Members for these new powers to be adopted as a means of enforcement. Decision on whether to impose the Civil Penalty in the Housing and Planning Act 2016.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

4 Apr 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Stronger Communities Portfolio

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Schedule of Transactions - April 2023

Brief Description

To consider terms negotiated by the Chief Executive, on behalf of the Council, to enable contractually binding contract(s) to be completed.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Part 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

25 Apr 2023

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Report and schedule of transactions

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Items deferred from Cabinet since publication of last forward plan

Title

Darlington Capital Strategy including Capital Programme

Brief Description

To consider the Council's proposed Capital Strategy including the Capital Programme.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report and Capital Strategy / Programme.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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Title

Final Version of Supplementary Planning Policy (SPD) Design Code - Skertingham Garden Village

Brief Description

Approval of Supplementary Planning Document as Council Policy following consultation process and updated by Planning Policy final SPD approval process by Cabinet and Council meetings.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet
Council

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Services

Wards Affected

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

Consultation Process

Public consultation period via website

Document to be submitted

Report and Supplementary Planning Policy (SPD)

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