



**FORWARD PLAN  
FOR THE PERIOD: 1 NOVEMBER 2023 - 31 MARCH 2024**

**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](http://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](mailto:lynne.wood@darlington.gov.uk).

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**Title**

Auditor's Annual Audit Letter 2020/21

**Brief Description**

High Level summary from the results of the audit work undertaken by Ernst & Young the Council's External Auditors.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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 Audit Letter

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**Title**

Consultation on Renewal of Dog Public Space Protection Order

**Brief Description**

To seek approval from Cabinet on the renewal of the Dog Public Space Protection Order (PSPO))

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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**

Consultation undertaken with Police and partners via the Begging Group, the general public and town centre businesses. Consultation took place online, media article, social media and telephone for those who had no internet access.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Council Tax Changes to Empty Property Premiums from 2024

**Brief Description**

To approve the Council Tax Changes to Empty Property Premiums from 2024.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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**

Online consultation with residents via online feedback form.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Council Tax Support - Scheme Approval 2024/25

**Brief Description**

To consider and approve a draft Council Tax Support Scheme for 2024/25

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 2023

Council

30 Nov 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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Council Tax Support Scheme

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**Title**

Delivery of New Homes at Neasham Road - Land Disposal and Nutrient Neutrality Credits

**Brief Description**

Updating Cabinet on Natural England's request for additional nutrient neutrality credits.

**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 Nov 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

Hurworth

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Environmental Crimes - Fixed Penalty Notices

**Brief Description**

To provide an update on Defra's announcement that on-the-spot fines for litter, graffiti and fly-tipping are set to rise, and how this Council will proceed.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Housing Services Repairs and Maintenance Policy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Housing Services Repairs and Maintenance Policy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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**

Meeting with Tenants Panel and written comments

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Policy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Procurement Plan Update

**Brief Description**

To consider and approve an update to the Annual Procurement Plan 2023/24

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 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**

Internal consultation with Departments.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and updated Procurement Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter Two 2023/24

**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 Nov 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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter Two

**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 Nov 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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Schedule of Transactions

**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 Nov 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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Special Free School at West Park, Darlington

**Brief Description**

To consider the provision of a new Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Secondary Free School at West Park.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Nov 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

Brinkburn and Faverdale

**Consultation Process**

Meetings

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Children's Social Care in Darlington: Ensuring Placement Sufficiency and Enabling Creative Alternatives

**Brief Description**

To consider a series of proposals to reduce dependence on costly external placements, and to support and improve placement sufficiency for children and young people in Darlington.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

Council

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 2023

25 Jan 2024

**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**

Neighbouring Authorities, Team Managers, Practitioners, Social Workers, Personal Advisors, Registered Managers, Commissioners, Placement Officers and Virtual School.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Complaints 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**

5 Dec 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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Delivery of New Homes at Blackwell - Joint Venture Proposal

**Brief Description**

To approve the establishment of a Joint Venture Company (JVC), which will build/sell houses under company name and seek approval for sale of land to newly incorporated JVC.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 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**

Park West

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

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**Title**

Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2027/28

**Brief Description**

To propose a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the financial year 2023/24 for consultation.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet  
Council

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 2023  
25 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

**Brief Description**

To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) for consultation.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet  
Council

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 2023  
25 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee, Adults Scrutiny Committee, Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee, Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader of the Council

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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**Department**

Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Consultation with residents, staff, partners and Scrutiny Committee

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Mid-Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management 2023/24

**Brief Description**

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

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 2023

Council

25 Jan 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Revised Climate Change Strategy

**Brief Description**

To consider revised Climate Change Strategy.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Dec 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Strategy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Council Tax and Business Rates Debt Recovery Strategy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Council Tax and Business Rates Debt Recovery Strategy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**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**

Online consultation with residents with online feedback form.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Policy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Council Tax and Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Council Tax and Business Rates Discretionary Relief Policy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**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**

Online consultation with residents with online feedback form.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Policy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Discretionary Housing Payment Policy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Discretionary Housing Payment Policy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**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**

Consultation with residents via on-line feedback form.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Policy

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**Title**

Housing Services Asset Management Strategy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Housing Services Asset Management Strategy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio

**Contact Officer/Report Author**

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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 Policy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Housing Services Climate Change Strategy

**Brief Description**

To approve the Housing Climate Change Strategy.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee, Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio, Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Meeting with Tenants Panel and written representation.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Strategy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village - Proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement (IDA)

**Brief Description**

To seek approval to enter into an Infrastructure Development Agreement (IDA) with Homes England.

**Decision Type**

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**

9 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

Brinkburn and Faverdale

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report and draft agreement

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Maintained Schools Capital Programme - Summer 2024

**Brief Description**

To release the necessary funds to allow the 2024 summer programme for maintained schools to proceed.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024

**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**

North Road; Park East; Pierremont; Red Hall and Lingfield; Whinfield

**Consultation Process**

Consultation undertaken with maintained schools.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Revised Climate Change Action Plan

**Brief Description**

To consider revised action plan to take into account of the new target.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet  
Council

**Date of Decision**

9 Jan 2024  
25 Jan 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings 2024/25

**Brief Description**

To consider of a Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Feb 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader of the Council

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**Department**

Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Consultation undertaken with the Members and officers.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and draft calendar

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 to 2026/28

**Brief Description**

To proposed the Housing Revenue Account to Council for approval for the financial year 2024/25.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Feb 2024

**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 the Tenants Board.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Housing Revenue Account

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) 2024/25 to 2027/28

**Brief Description**

To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan for 2024/25 to 2027/28 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**

6 Feb 2024  
21 Mar 2024

**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 / meetings with staff, residents, partners and Scrutiny Committees

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**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**

6 Feb 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Strategy

**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

**Date of Decision**

6 Feb 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**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**

6 Feb 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Schools Admissions 2025/26

**Brief Description**

To consider the Local Authority's Admission Arrangements for the 2025/26 academic year for maintained schools.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Feb 2024

**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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Council Plan

**Brief Description**

To consider an updated Council Plan.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet  
Council

**Date of Decision**

5 Mar 2024  
21 Mar 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader of the Council

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**Department**

Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Internal

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Council Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Local Transport Plan

**Brief Description**

To update 2024/24 delivery of the Transport Programme including annual monitoring data, Transport Programme for 2024/25 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**

5 Mar 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Local Transport Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Offset Strategy

**Brief Description**

To consider a document setting out the Council's approach to dealing with residual carbon emissions after all energy efficiency and other actions have been taken.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Mar 2024

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Internal consultation

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Strategy

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Regulatory Investigatory Powers Act (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**

5 Mar 2024

**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**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**