

FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD: 7 AUGUST 2024 - 31 DECEMBER 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.

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)
- 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
- 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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Air Quality Strategy 2024/29

Brief Description

To consider and approve the Air Quality Strategy 2024/29

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio, Health and Housing 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 Strategy.

Title

Annual Review of the Investment Fund

Brief Description

To provide an update on the schemes and projects agreed by Cabinet to be being funded from the £50m investment fund.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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

None

Document to be submitted

Title

Climate Change

Brief Description

Annual report and update for the climate change action plan.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision MakerDate of DecisionCabinet10 Sep 2024Council26 Sep 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Barbara Strickland, PA Manager Barbara.Strickland@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Chief Executive and Economic Growth

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Report and Action Plan.

Title

Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2023/24

Brief Description

To consider the annual complaints, compliments and comments annual reports for Adult Social Care, Children's Social Care, Corporate, Housing and Public Health.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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)

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 Reports

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 MakerDate of DecisionCabinet10 Sep 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)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Title

Fees and Charges

Brief Description

To consider the Council's fees and charges.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 2024

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

None

Document to be submitted

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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

None

Document to be submitted

Title

Public Consultation on Draft Appraisal for the Northgate Conservation Area including Proposed Boundary Extensions

Brief Description

The Heritage Action Zone work on the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway suggested amendments to the Northgate Conservation Area to include some sites which were important due to the route of the railway. The report requests approval to consult on the suggested amendments.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

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Department

Chief Executive

Wards Affected

Brinkburn and Faverdale; North Road; Northgate; Pierremont; Stephenson

Consultation Process

Letters to all affected and the placing of documents at the Town Hall and Library. Use of the online Consultation Portal.

Document to be submitted

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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

None

Document to be submitted

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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

None

Document to be submitted

Title

Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2023/2024

Brief Description

Report providing information on the regulation and management of the Council's borrowing, investments and cash-flow and requesting approval of the Prudential Indicators.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

10 Sep 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

None

Document to be submitted

Title

Annual Procurement Plan Update

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

8 Oct 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

None

Document to be submitted

Report and Procurement Plan

Title

Environment Act 2021 - Waste Management Arrangements

Brief Description

To present options to Members to implement a weekly food waste collection.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

8 Oct 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Local Services Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Barbara Strickland, PA Manager Barbara.Strickland@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

8 Oct 2024

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

All Wards

Consultation Process

Internal consultation

Document to be submitted

Report and Strategy

Title

Council Tax Support - Scheme Approval 2025/26

Brief Description

To consider and approve a draft Council Tax Support Scheme for 2025/26.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Gail Banyard, PA Manager Gail.Banyard@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Report and Council Tax Scheme

Title

Housing Services Tenant Engagement and Involvement Strategy 2024/29

Brief Description

To consider and approve the Housing Services Tenant Engagement and Involvement Strategy 2024/29.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Cabinet

Decision Maker

5 Nov 2024

Date of Decision

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Health and Housing Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Gail Banyard, PA Manager Gail.Banyard@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Consultation with Tenants Panel and stakeholders.

Document to be submitted

Report and Strategy.

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Barbara Strickland, PA Manager Barbara.Strickland@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Services

Wards Affected

Brinkburn and Faverdale

Consultation Process

None

Document to be submitted

Report and draft agreement

Title

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter 2

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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 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

N/A

Document to be submitted

Title

Proposed Middleton St George Conservation Area - Consultation

Brief Description

The Heritage Action Zone work on the route of the Stockton and Darlington Railway suggested the designation of a new Conservation Area for Middleton St George to include some sites which were important due to the route of the railway. The report requests approval to consult on the proposed Conservation Area.

Decision Type

Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Economy Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Barbara Strickland, PA Manager, Barbara. Strickland@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Chief Executive and Economic Growth

Wards Affected

Sadberge and Middleton St. George

Consultation Process

Letters to all affected and the planning of documents at the Town Hall and Library. Use of the online Consultation Portal.

Document to be submitted

Title

Revenue Budget Monitoring - Quarter 2

Brief Description

To provide a summary of the latest budget position.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 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

N/A

Document to be submitted

Title

Strategic Asset Plan

Brief Description

Public document setting out the Asset Management strategy, policy and action plan 2024/29.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Barbara Strickland, PA Manager Barbara.Strickland@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Report and Asset Management Plan

Title

Woodland Road Waiting Restrictions

Brief Description

To consider setting aside objections to proposed waiting restrictions on Woodland Road.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

5 Nov 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Local Services Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Lynne Wood, Elections Manager Lynne.Wood@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Services

Wards Affected

College; Pierremont

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

Title

Housing Revenue Account - Medium Term Financial Plan 2025/27 to 2028/29

Brief Description

To propose a Housing Revenue Account (HRA) for the financial year 2025/26 for consultation.

Decision Type

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Cabinet

Date of Decision

3 Dec 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

Title

Mid Year Prudential Indicators and Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2024/25

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

Non-Key

Decision Status

For Determination

Urgent Decision

No

Anticipated Restriction

Open

Decision Maker

Date of Decision

Cabinet

3 Dec 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

N/A

Document to be submitted

Title

Review of the Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP)

Brief Description

To consider and 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

Date of Decision

Cabinet

3 Dec 2024

Relevant Scrutiny Committee

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

Resources Portfolio

Contact Officer/Report Author

Gail Banyard, PA Manager Gail.Banyard@darlington.gov.uk

Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

Consultation with residents, staff, partners and Scrutiny Committees.

Document to be submitted

Report and Medium Term Financial Plan