



## **FORWARD PLAN FOR THE PERIOD: 1 JANUARY 2026 - 31 MAY 2026**

### **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 Olivia Hugill, Democratic Officer, Democratic Services, Resources and Governance, Town Hall, Feethams, Darlington, DL1 5QT. Tel: 01325 405363. Email: [olivia.hugill@darlington.gov.uk](mailto:olivia.hugill@darlington.gov.uk).

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**Title**

Climate Change Progress

**Brief Description**

(annual report July (with figures) / six month update January (no figures) - for the climate change action plan)

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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**Department**

Chief Executive and Economic Growth

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Council Plan Performance Report - Quarter 4

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Council Tax Calculation of Tax Base 2026/27

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

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**Department**

Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Hopetown Darlington Access Statement Policy 2025-2030

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

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**Wards Affected**

Northgate

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Hopetown Darlington Collections Management Framework 2025-2030

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

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**Title**

Museum Accreditation Policies 2026

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

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**Wards Affected**

Northgate

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Land at Morton Palms Business Park - Proposed sale of plot

**Brief Description**

Request to dispose of circa 1.5 acres of land for use as car parking to facilitate the refurbishment and extension of Stephenson House on the Business Park

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Economy and Public Protection

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Maintained Schools Capital Programme Summer 2026

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

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People

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

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**Title**

Objections to Traffic Order – Lowson Street

**Brief Description**

Proposed waiting restrictions and change to loading bay days/time. The restrictions are required to improve the visibility/road safety and allow local businesses to load/unload goods in accordance with the Council's statutory duty as set out in the Traffic Management Act 2004.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

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Environment, Highways and Community Services

**Wards Affected**

Harrowgate Hill

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Release of S106 Education Capital Funds

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

6 Jan 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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People

**Wards Affected**

Sadberge and Middleton St. George

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Schedule of Transactions

**Brief Description**

To consider the terms negotiated by the Director on behalf of the Council to enable contractually binding contracts 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**

6 Jan 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Environment, Highways and Community 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**

Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings

**Brief Description**

Consideration of a Calendar of Council and Committee Meetings for the Municipal Year

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Capital Strategy

**Brief Description**

To consider the Council's proposed Capital Strategy.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

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3 Feb 2026

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**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Land at Salters Lane, Cummins - Proposed sale of plot

**Brief Description**

Request to dispose of circa 12 acres of land for the development of an extension to Cummins.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

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3 Feb 2026

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**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

MTFP 2025/26 - Final Version Post Consultation

**Brief Description**

To propose a Medium Term Financial Plan (MTFP) to Council for approval.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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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**

3 Feb 2026

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**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**

3 Feb 2026

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Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Relignment of Economic Growth Related Service

**Brief Description**

Enhancement of Economic Growth-related service within Economy and Public Protection directorate to better align with Councils ambition and objectives to facilitate economic growth

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Economy and Public Protection

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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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**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Schedule of Transactions

**Brief Description**

Terms negotiated by the Director on behalf of the Council to enable contractually binding contracts to be completed.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

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3 Feb 2026

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**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Economy and Public Protection

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Schools Admissions 2027/28

**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**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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**Department**

People

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Special Free School

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Feb 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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People

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Biodiversity Duty Reporting

**Brief Description**

Statutory report to Defra on progress towards our biodiversity duty

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Economy and Public Protection

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Darlington Transport Plan

**Brief Description**

Update 2020-20 delivery of the Transport Programme incl annual monitoring data, Transport Programme for 2021/22 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**

3 Mar 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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Environment, Highways and Community Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Town Centre Regeneration and East Street Development

**Brief Description**

Gateway approval to proceed with development at East Street

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2026

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Chief Executive and Economic Growth

**Wards Affected**

Park East

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Town Centre Regeneration and STEM Centre Development

**Brief Description**

To consider entering into a development agreement

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

3 Mar 2026

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**Wards Affected**

North Road; Park East; Stephenson

**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Annual Procurement Plan

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Apr 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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**Department**

Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Annual Statement of Accounts 2025/26

**Brief Description**

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Apr 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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**Department**

Resources and Governance

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

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**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Blackwell Parkland - Proposed Village Green Registration

**Brief Description**

To seek approval to register the Blackwell Parkland as Village Green

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Apr 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio, Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Economy and Public Protection

**Wards Affected**

Park West

**Consultation Process**

**Document to be submitted**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Land at Ingenium Parc and Morton Palms - Development Proposal

**Brief Description**

Report seeking approval for feasibility fees to be incurred , to submit a planning application to bring forward land for development

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

7 Apr 2026

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

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**Wards Affected**

Hurworth; Sadberge and Middleton St. George

**Consultation Process**

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