



**DARLINGTON**  
Borough Council

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**Title**

Dolphin Centre Pool Repairs

**Brief Description**

To consider extending the Dolphin Centre Pool Project to undertake additional works.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

Yes

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

11 Aug 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing 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**

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**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Annual Audit Letter

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Title**

Annual Review of the Investment Fund

**Brief Description**

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

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Asset Management Plan

**Brief Description**

To seek endorsement of the draft Asset Management Plan.

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Climate Change

**Brief Description**

Annual report to provide Members with an update on 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**

5 Sep 2023

Council

28 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Communities and Local Services Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Leader of the Council

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Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Action Plan

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**Title**

Complaints Made to Local Government Ombudsman

**Brief Description**

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

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

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Economy Portfolio

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Complaints, Compliments and Comments Annual Reports 2022/23

**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**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Annual Reports.

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Disabled Facilities Grant 2023/24

**Brief Description**

Permission to release fund to enable the adaptations for those individuals who are eligible to receive the Disabled Facilities Grant

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Adults Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Adults Portfolio

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People

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Dolphin Centre Repairs

**Brief Description**

To consider additional works required in the Dolphin Centre and the release of funding to undertake those works.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

Council

28 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Health and Housing Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Health and Housing Portfolio

Health and Housing Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

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**Title**

Land at Faverdale - Burtree Garden Village - Proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement

**Brief Description**

To consider a proposed Infrastructure Development Agreement for land at Faverdale.

**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**

5 Sep 2023

**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  
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**Title**

Land at Neasham Road - Cell A

**Brief Description**

To consider proposals for land at Neasham Road (Cell A).

**Decision Type**

Non-Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Part exempt

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio, Resources Portfolio

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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

Hurworth

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Project Position Statement and Capital Programme Monitoring - Quarter One 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**

5 Sep 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



**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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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**

5 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Resources Portfolio

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Revenue Budget Monitoring 2023/24 - Quarter One

**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**

5 Sep 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

**Brief Description**

To consider the 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**

5 Sep 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**

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

School Term Dates 2025/26

**Brief Description**

To consider and set the school term date arrangements for Darlington Maintained Schools for the Academic Year 2024/25.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 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 all schools.

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Skerneham Garden Village Design Code Supplementary Planning Document

**Brief Description**

Report submitted to Cabinet to enable consideration to be given to the Planning Policy Final Supplementary Planning Document

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

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

**Consultation Process**

Consultation previously been undertaken on the document.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and Design Code Supplementary Planning Document

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Treasury Management Annual Report and Outturn Prudential Indicators 2022/23

**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**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

5 Sep 2023

Council

28 Sep 2023

**Relevant Scrutiny Committee**

Economy and Resources Scrutiny Committee

**Relevant Cabinet Member(s)**

Economy Portfolio

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**Department**

Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

None

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**Document to be submitted**  
Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 - 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**

10 Oct 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  
FORWARD PLAN**

**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**

10 Oct 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 with Departments.

**Document to be submitted**

Report and updated Procurement Plan

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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**Title**

Special Free School at West Park, Darlington

**Brief Description**

To consider the development of a special Free School at West Park, Darlington.

**Decision Type**

Key

**Decision Status**

For Determination

**Urgent Decision**

No

**Anticipated Restriction**

Open

**Decision Maker**

Cabinet

**Date of Decision**

10 Oct 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**

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

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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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
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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

Resources Portfolio

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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**

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**

7 Nov 2023

**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**

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  
FORWARD PLAN**

**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

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

Report

**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

Resources Portfolio

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Operations

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

N/A

**Document to be submitted**

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FORWARD PLAN**

Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
FORWARD PLAN**

**Items deferred since the publication of the last 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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**Department**

Services

**Wards Affected**

All Wards

**Consultation Process**

Internal consultation

**Document to be submitted**

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