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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)

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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

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

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

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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Services

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

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Report

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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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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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Department

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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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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

Skerningham 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
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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

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
FORWARD PLAN**

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

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

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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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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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

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)

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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

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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Department

Operations

Wards Affected

All Wards

Consultation Process

N/A

Document to be submitted

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Report

**DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
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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

Report

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