



North East Derbyshire District Council

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To: **All Members of the Council**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Council to be held on **Monday, 27 January 2025 at 2.00 pm** in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield S42 6NG.

Group meetings will be arranged, where necessary, by the Group Leaders.

The meeting will also be live streamed from the Council's website on its You Tube Channel. Click on the following link if you want to view the meeting:

[North East Derbyshire District Council - YouTube](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interests, not already on their register of interests, in any items on the agenda and withdraw from the meeting at the appropriate time.

3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 9 - 18)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the attached Minutes of the Council meeting held on 25 November 2024.

4 Chairman of the Council's Announcements

5 Leader of the Council's Announcements

6 Public Participation

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 8 to allow members of the public to ask questions about the Council's activities for a period up to fifteen minutes. The replies to any such questions will be given by the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

No questions have been submitted under Procedure Rule No 8 for this meeting.

7 Medium Term Financial Plan 2024/25 - 2028/29 (Pages 19 - 54)

Report of Councillor P Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership and Finance

The decision requested is part of the Budget and Policy Framework and thus can only be made by Council.

8 Treasury Strategy Reports 2025/26 - 2028/29 (Pages 55 - 108)

Report of the Deputy Leader of the Council with responsibility for Finance.

The decision requested is part of the Budget and Policy Framework and thus can only be made by Council.

9 Proportionality of the Council and Appointments to Committees (Pages 109 - 118)

Report of the Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer.

The decision is a Council decision and only the Council can determine the matter.

10 English Devolution White Paper Update (Pages 119 - 134)

Report of the Head of Paid Service.

This report is submitted to Council for information.

11 To answer any questions from Members asked under Procedure Rule No 9.2

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 9.2 to allow Members to ask questions about Council activities. The replies to any such questions will be given by the Chair of the Council or relevant Committee or the appropriate Cabinet Member. Questions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following questions have been received.

Question 'A' – Proposed by Councillor A Dale to Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place

I'm sure the Cabinet Member will join me in praising our brilliant refuse staff, who do a fantastic job all year round, but particularly so over the Christmas period, in difficult circumstances. However, following complaints in previous years around the coordination of collections, which left some residents without certain bins being emptied for nearly three weeks at one of the busiest times of year for rubbish being generated, there was an apology and an acknowledgement at the time that we needed to reconsider this in the future to avoid as much as possible these problems happening again. My colleagues and I were therefore concerned that pretty much the same issues have happened again this year, resulting in similar complaints from our residents. Can the Cabinet Member please confirm how we ended up in this situation, what steps were taken to improve the coordination before issuing the bin calendars and whether he will commit to review this again moving forward?

Question 'B' – Proposed by Councillor S Reed to Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place

At the last ICT committee members learnt about £500k government grant, related to improving planning and Automation/AI, which NEDDC and Bolsover Councils each secured.

The committee were informed that Bolsover's project showed great promise but was ultimately shelved.

Can the portfolio holder advise/report the following on NEDDC's grant;

- A. What project was the grant used for
- B. Current status of the project or expected completion date
- C. What benefits have been realised/expected.

Question 'C' – Proposed by Councillor S Clough to Councillor K Rouse, Portfolio Holder for Health and Leisure

Recently I have been in receipt of information that has highlighted some concerns that relates to Killamarsh Active.

The subsidy currently stands at £354k, this is around the same as it was under the Parish Council before the Pandemic in 2020 and doesn't seem to be reducing even though there has been £1.9m investment and it was presented at Communities Scrutiny Committee, as being well used and exceeding its potential at this point in time.

The high Subsidy has given rise to concerns among residents that the centre is at risk, So could reassurance be given that plans are in place and work is being undertaken to reduce the high Subsidy and give a guarantee that there are no plans to close or reduce the centre when the Parish Council Tapered Lease Subsidy expires next year or when the final payment is claimed from Killamarsh Parish Council in 2026/27?

Question 'D' – Proposed by Councillor M Foster to Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council

Can the leader of the Council please provide his views on the recent Government announcements that they intend to direct all two tier areas to undergo Local Government Reorganisation into new unitary authorities?

12 To consider any Motions from Members under Procedure Rule No 10

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No 10 to consider Motions on notice from Members. Motions must be received in writing or by email to the Monitoring Officer by 12 noon twelve clear working days before the meeting.

The following motions have been submitted.

Motion 'A' – Proposed by Councillor R Shipman

Motion to Improve Bin Collection Services in North East Derbyshire District Council

This Council Notes That:

1. Reliable waste collection services are a fundamental responsibility of local government and vital for maintaining public health, environmental sustainability, and resident satisfaction.
2. Several residents across North East Derbyshire have expressed concerns about missed collections, inconsistent schedules, and insufficient communication regarding service disruptions.
3. Increased housing developments and population growth have placed additional pressure on the current waste collection system.

This Council Believes That:

1. Improved bin collection services would contribute significantly to cleaner communities and higher resident satisfaction.
2. Effective waste management is critical to achieving North East Derbyshire's environmental sustainability goals.
3. Clear communication with residents is essential to maintaining trust and accountability.

This Council Resolves To:

1. Conduct a comprehensive review of the current waste collection system including:
 - a. Routes and schedules.
 - b. The adequacy of existing resources (vehicles, staff, bins).
 - c. Feedback from residents regarding service performance.
2. Develop and implement a strategy to address identified issues, which may include:
 - a. Optimizing collection routes for efficiency.
 - b. Expanding collection days or hours to accommodate growing demand.
 - c. Investing in new or upgraded collection vehicles with improved capacity and environmental standards.
 - d. Introducing real-time updates for residents on collection delays via a digital platform or SMS service.
3. Commit to gathering accurate data and quarterly performance reviews of the bin collection service and publish results to ensure transparency and accountability.
4. Seek external funding opportunities, partnerships or sponsorships / advertisements on vehicles where possible to finance service improvements without placing undue financial strain on the Council budget.

Motion 'B' – Proposed by Councillor H Liggett

North East Derbyshire District Council's Opposition to the Abolition of District Councils and the Creation of 'Super Councils' motion

This Council notes with concern the UK Government's proposals to abolish district councils in favour of creating large unitary authorities or 'super councils'.

This Council believes:

1. That District Councils, such as North East Derbyshire District Council, play a vital role in delivering high-quality, accessible, and locally-focused services to residents.

2. That local decision-making is essential to ensuring that the voices of communities are heard and reflected in the decisions that affect their daily lives.
3. That the creation of large 'super councils' risks removing decision-making further from local residents, reducing accountability, and eroding the sense of local identity that district councils foster.
4. That smaller, locally-based councils are better placed to respond to the specific needs of their communities compared to larger and more remote administrative bodies.

This Council further notes:

1. That the proposed changes are likely to lead to a loss of local representation, with fewer elected representatives for larger populations.
2. That creating larger councils could result in the centralisation of resources and services, making it harder for residents, particularly those in rural North East Derbyshire, to access support.
3. That the process of reorganisation will be costly and disruptive at a time when local authorities are already under significant financial pressures.

This Council therefore resolves:

1. To oppose the Government's proposals to abolish district councils and replace them with larger unitary authorities.
2. To write to the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, expressing the Council's concerns and requesting the Government to reconsider its approach to local government reorganisation.
3. To work with other district councils, local authorities, and relevant stakeholders to make the case for the retention of local councils as vital and effective providers of services and democratic representation.
4. To ensure that the residents of North East Derbyshire are informed about the potential impact of these proposals and to encourage them to make their voices heard through appropriate channels.
5. To ask local Members of Parliament to support North East Derbyshire District Council and represent the concerns of their constituents in Parliament.

Motion 'C' – Proposed by Councillor C Cupit

Council notes the recent Government announcement of “a sweeping overhaul of local planning committees”, which proposes changes including: “the scope for applications in local development plans to bypass planning committees entirely”, “strengthened decision-making powers for planners to speed up the approval process” and “fast-tracking planning decisions” as well as imposing a national scheme of delegation.

Council opposes the Government statements indicating that planning committees are “an unnecessary waste of time and resources” and the drive to provide “greater certainty to housebuilders”, considering this could be at the expense of a

vital local say and input on planning decisions.

Council therefore resolves for the Leader of the Council to submit a formal response to the Department of Housing, Communities and Local Government outlining concerns over the proposed changes and the language used, which risks victimising and side-lining the right of local communities to have meaningful input right throughout the planning process, and highlighting important local examples of where planning committee decisions have been upheld. Council also resolves to request that the decisions over the operation of planning committees and schemes of delegations remains a local power, to best reflect the individual needs of different districts and areas.

13 Chair's Urgent Business

To consider any other matter which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.



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