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Date: Friday, 18 July 2025

To: **Members of the Business Scrutiny Committee**

Please attend a meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Monday, 28 July 2025 at 4.00 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.**

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah Skeneberg".

**Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer**

## **Members of the Committee**

<b><u>Labour Group</u></b>	<b><u>Conservative Group</u></b>	<b><u>North East Derbyshire Independents Group</u></b>
Councillor Suzy Cornwell – Chair Councillor Clive Fletcher Councillor Christine Gare Councillor Lee Hartshorne Councillor Tony Lacey	Councillor Richard Welton Councillor Michelle Emmens Councillor William Jones	Councillor Pam Windley

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# **AGENDA**

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

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

## **3 Minutes of Last Meeting (Pages 4 - 8)**

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 12 May 2025.

## **4 East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results**

To be presented with the East Midlands Chamber Economic Performance and Prospects survey results.

Scott Knowles DL – Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber

## **5 Cabinet Business (Pages 9 - 13)**

To inform Committee of recent and forthcoming Cabinet business.

A digest of Cabinet decisions taken since May 2025. This information is published by Cabinet meeting on the Council's website. Cabinet Agendas, Decisions and Minutes can be viewed at: [Cabinet](#)

The Forward Plan of Executive decisions.

### [Plans](#)

These plans are updated to include new business.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

## **6 Policy Development**

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

## **7 'Horizon Scanning'**

To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example.

## **8 Work Programme (Pages 14 - 19)**

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

**9 Reflection on the Council Plan**

To reflect on what the Committee had done to help the Council achieve the goal of making the District a Great Place for our Community.

**10 Additional Urgent Items**

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

**11 Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 8 September at 3.00 pm.



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## **BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2025**

#### **Present:**

Councillor Suzy Cornwell (Chair) (in the Chair)  
Councillor William Jones (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Neil Baker  
Councillor Lee Hartshorne  
Councillor Pam Windley

Councillor Clive Fletcher  
Councillor Tony Lacey

#### **Also Present:**

Councillor J Barry	Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets
S Lee	Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes (SIRO)
D Johnson	Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets
T Burdett	Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
J Hayden	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

#### **BSC    Apologies for Absence**

51/2

4-25    Apologies for absence were received from Councillors C Gare and R Spooner.

#### **BSC    Declarations of Interest**

52/2

4-25    There were no interests declared at this meeting.

#### **BSC    Minutes of Last Meeting**

53/2

4-25    RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 24 February 2025 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

#### **BSC    Performance Management**

54/2

4-25    The Improvement Officer presented a report setting out progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective 'A great place to work' for the period ending 31 March 2025.

Members were updated on progress under the following objective sub-categories in Appendix 1 of the report:

- 1)    Community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents.
- 2)    Community with growing commutable employment opportunities.

RESOLVED - That progress against the Council Plan “A great place to work” objective was noted.

**BSC 55/2 4-25** **Policy Development (moved forward)**

The Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets was present for this item. The Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes delivered a presentation on the North East Derbyshire Growth Strategy that was in development.

The Committee were informed that when the Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes attended the meeting back in September 2024 to present the Growth Strategy there was still a lot of “unknowns”, this was mainly due to the Industrial Strategy, East Midlands County Combined Authority (EMCCA) and Government changes.

Since that point, a lot of work has been undertaken to finalise the Strategy.

The presentation provided details on:

- Invest 2035 (the Industrial Strategy)
- EMCCA Local Growth Plan
- Priority Areas in consideration (these may still be refined and combined to reduce the number of groupings, whilst retaining core content)
  - Housing and Strategic Development Sites
  - Sustainable Infrastructure and Accessibility
  - Employment and Skills
  - Support Businesses to Start Up and Grow
  - Innovation and New Technology
  - Indigenous and Inward Investment
  - Town Centre Development
  - The Visitor Economy

Members were informed that the priority areas highlighted within the Council’s Strategy were aligned with those within EMCCA’s Plan however, the Council were limited as to what it could do under some of these areas. The Assistant Director for Regeneration and Programmes advised that the Local Plan and Housing Strategy would be key when looking at a number of the mentioned priority areas i.e. employment land, housing etc.

The Portfolio Holder informed the Committee that tourism, leisure and manufacturing were key areas for the Council, and as an Authority we would continue to promote these within the district.

The Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes informed Members that the Council are also focusing on the public realm and developing our town centres, but also looking at what services are required within these areas i.e. cash points.

The Chair mentioned that as part of the Sustainable Infrastructure and Accessibility priority area that Junction 29 should be given more consideration in terms of access as it is not functioning effectively and is a very difficult junction.

The Chair raised her concerns around “managed workspace” and felt that we did not have enough within our district, and queried plans to increase the provision. The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets informed the Committee that there had been some discussions about expanding at Coney Green however, this was in the very early stages.

The Committee enquired as to how much of the £30m EMCCA funding would the Council received. Members were informed that this was not yet known but were assured that all efforts would be put into trying to influence as much as possible being invested in North East Derbyshire.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**BSC**     **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) - Outputs Achieved**

**56/2**

**4-25**

The Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager delivered a presentation on the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

The presentation provided details on:

- Overview of funding
- Business Support including the Derbyshire Accelerator programme and Vision Derbyshire Start-Up programme
- Shop Front Enhancements
- Public Realm works
- Green and Digital Skills
- Exploring the District (visitor economy)

The Chair asked if Officers could measure the impact of the business support projects funded by UKSPF. The Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager explained that whilst it was difficult quantify and that often the impact was felt in the long term, quarterly monitoring reports and case studies can help to understand the immediate effect on the business.

The Chair enquired as to what officers will do when the UKSPF funding runs out. Members were informed that the Council had received an allocation for a further year from EMCCA, but confirmation of this had still not been received.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted

**BSC**     **Asset Management Plan**

**57/2**

**4-25**

The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets presented the Asset Management Plan to the Committee. Members were informed that since the Plan had last come through the Committee a lot of work had taken place to accommodate the changes following the consultation period.

The Committee were informed that the Plan sets out how the Council should be managing its land and assets, and consists of four key sections.

The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets was asked as to why the Council were no longer including the Council's Coat of Arms on the front of its Leisure Centres, and were only having the new "Active" branding. Members felt that the Authority should also be promoting, and making it clear, that our Leisure Centres are an NEDDC asset. The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets was unsure of the rationale behind this however, the Senior Scrutiny Officer agreed to investigate this further and provide an explanation to the Committee.

Members asked whether there was a monetary value against the Council's assets. The Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets informed the Committee that there was and this was noted on the Asset Register.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**BSC**     **Cabinet Business**

**58/2**

**4-25**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting on 24 February 2025. The digest set out key information for each decision.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer also presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 April to 15 May 2025.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**BSC**     **'Horizon Scanning'**

**59/2**

**4-25**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer updated Members on potential significant changes in the Council's operating environment, including changes to national legislation and regulation.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that there was nothing to bring to the attention of Members.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**BSC**     **Work Programme**

**60/2**

**4-25**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the Work Programme 2024/25 for the Committee and advised that the Programme for the year had come to an end, and now the focus would be on the Work Programme for 2025/26.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that the Committee's next meeting would include agreement of a new Work Programme.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme 2024/25 be agreed as complete.

**BSC**     **Reflection on the Council Plan**

**61/2**

**4-25**

The Chair asked Members to reflect on if the work of the Committee at the meeting had added value to the Council Plan objectives.

Members felt the meeting had been very informative and had contributed towards the Council Plan objectives.

**BSC**     **Additional Urgent Items**

**62/2**

**4-25**     None.

**BSC**     **Date of Next Meeting**

**63/2**

**4-25**     The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place in the new Municipal Year.

## CABINET DECISIONS 2025/26

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
9 June 2025	<p>Five Year Housing Land Supply Statement</p> <p><i>Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</i></p>	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	<p>(1) That the annual assessment of the five-year land supply of deliverable sites for housing be noted.</p> <p>(2) That the five-year land supply of deliverable sites for housing be published on the Council website.</p>	To ensure Members were aware of the Council's latest position on the Five Year Housing Land Supply, prior to publication of the information on the Council's website.
	<p>Public Consultation on Issues and Options for the New Local Plan and Proposed Update to the Adopted Statement of Community Involvement</p> <p><i>Relevant to Communities and Environment Scrutiny</i></p>	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Exempt	<p>(1) That the contents of the report and the pre-publication Issues and Options consultation material that will be made available, be approved for use for the public consultation.</p> <p>(2) That the proposed arrangements for the public consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan be approved.</p>	<p>To ensure that Cabinet had the chance to review the progress of preparation of a new Local Plan against the timetable set out in the LDS and the proposed approach to the Issues and Options consultation.</p> <p>To ensure that Cabinet had the opportunity to consider the emerging Issues and Options consultation material (and feedback from members of the Local Plan Working Group on the material) before public consultation commenced later in June 2025.</p>

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
				<p>(3) That responsibility be delegated to the Assistant Director of Planning, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Place, for approving the detailed wording of the Issues and Options consultation material and final arrangements for public consultation including the organisation of Focus Groups.</p> <p>(4) That the proposed update to the Council's adopted Statement of Community Involvement to reflect the use of new technology and communication methods that will be used in consultations on the Local Plan and for providing more regular updates on plan making be approved.</p>	



## **Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 June 2025 to 15 July 2025**

This Forward Plan sets out all of the decisions that are expected to be taken over the next four months by either: (i) The Cabinet, or (ii) an officer on an Executive function of the Council.

Some of the decisions listed in this plan are 'Key Decisions'. A Key Decision is one that is likely to:

- (a) Result in the Council spending or receiving income of over £125,000 revenue or £310,000 capital, or
- (b) Have a significant impact on two or more wards in the Council's area.

At least 28 calendar days' notice must be given before they are due to be taken by the Cabinet or an officer under delegated powers.

The Cabinet can make urgent decisions which do not appear in the Forward Plan. A notice will be published at the District Council Offices and on the Council's website explaining the reasons for the urgent decisions. Please note that the decision dates are indicative and are subject to change.

The Forward Plan also lists those 'Exempt' Decisions which are going to be taken over the next four months. Exempt Decisions are those decisions which have to be taken in private. This is because they involve confidential or exempt information which cannot be shared with the public.

The contact details for the officers or senior employees responsible for producing the reports and reports for these decisions are included in the plan. Please contact them if you would like more information. If you have any queries about why something is a Key Decision or is going to be taken in private then please contact the Governance Team on 01246 217391 or email: amy.bryan@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

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Sarah Sternberg  
Assistant Director of Governance & Monitoring Officer

**Published on: 15 June 2025**

### **Cabinet members and their responsibilities**

<b>Member</b>	<b>Portfolio of responsibilities</b>
Councillor N Barker	Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance
Councillor P R Kerry	Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance
Councillor J Barry	Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets
Councillor J Birkin	Portfolio Holder for Council Services
Councillor S Pickering	Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place
Councillor K Rouse	Portfolio Holder for Health & Leisure

DECISION TO BE TAKEN	DECISION-MAKER	DATE OF DECISION	KEY DECISION	EXEMPT DECISION (INCLUDING GROUNDS FOR EXEMPTION)	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER
Award of Contract for Financial Software  <i>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</i>	Director of Finance and Resources, Section 151 Officer	Not before 30th Jul 2025	Key	Open	Councillor Pat Kerry	Director of Finance and Resources, Section 151 Officer
Disposal of Land to Enable Extra Care Facility  <i>Relevant to Business Scrutiny</i>	Cabinet	31 Jul 2025	Key	Fully exempt  Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Councillor Jayne Barry	Director of Growth and Assets
Simpler Recycling  <i>Relevant to Environment Scrutiny</i>	Cabinet	31 Jul 2025	Key	Open	Councillor Stephen Pickering	Assistant Director of Streetscene

# BUSINESS SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR SUZY CORNWELL

VICE CHAIR: CLLR RICHARD WELTON

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
<b>Meeting Date: 28 July 2025</b>		
East Midlands Chamber Economic Survey Results	To be presented with the East Midlands Chamber Economic Performance and Prospects survey results	Scott Knowles DL – Chief Executive, East Midlands Chamber – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain an understanding of views of businesses across the EM Region</i>	
Digital Connectivity	To receive an update from Digital Derbyshire on connectivity across Derbyshire	Ian Stoddart, Digital Connectivity Manager, DCC - <b>REQUESTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the works that have been done to identify areas of high and low connectivity</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To identify Cabinet Decisions made to date and see what topics are due to be presented in the future, and determine if any require further follow-up by Scrutiny</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To have contributed on new/revised policies and strategies</i>	
Horizon Scanning	To consider and contribute to potential changes in the operating environment which may include legislation, regulation and key projects being undertaken by the Council, for example	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To have considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 8 September 2025</b>		
Clay Cross Town Update	To receive and update on progress on the Clay Cross Town Centre regeneration	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager - <b>TBC</b>
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 1	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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<b>Meeting Date: 10 November 2025</b>		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To hear about the Local Plan and any changes/issues that have arisen</i>	
“How’s Business?” Survey Results	To receive the findings from the recent survey undertaken	Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gain an insight into the survey responses and understand any issues/concerns raised by local businesses</i>	
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Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 16 February 2026</b>		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 11 May 2026</b>		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer

	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
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## **NOTES**

- Digital Connectivity Update (Ian Stoddart) \* approval to procure now likely Jan 2025, follow up May 2025
- Local Transport Consultation – EMCCA (keep track of when it goes out)
- EMCCA – to discuss growth, with particular reference to NED (Damien Dacey / Jamie Jordan) – 2026?
- CXTD Update
- UKSPF Update (following additional funding) – Poss May 2026
- Tourism
- Provision of business space (Estates Team)
- Town Centre Support (advice, public realm, tourism)

- Visitor Economy – how are we making our assets more attractive? How does this fit into our t/centre enhancements and increasing footfall in our high streets i.e. urban regeneration – how it fits in?