



**North East
Derbyshire**
District Council

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Date: Friday, 11 July 2025

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

Please attend a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to be held on Monday, 21 July 2025, at 3.30 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2 at the District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

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

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

<u>Members of The Committee</u>	
Councillor C Smith (Chair) Councillor G Baxter Councillor A Dale Councillor T Lacey Councillor C Renwick	Councillor F Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair) Councillor R Beech Councillor L Deighton Councillor F Petersen

Any substitutions must be notified to the [Governance Manager](#) in advance by midday the working day before the meeting.

A G E N D A

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 - 7)

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

4 Electrical Car Charging Points

Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District.

David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC

5 Cabinet Business (Pages 8 - 12)

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 13 - 17)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

9 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.

10 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee is scheduled to take place on 1 September 2025 at 3.30 pm.

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ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 12 MAY 2025

Present:

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Graham Baxter MBE
Councillor Lilian Deighton
Councillor Fran Petersen

Councillor Richard Beech
Councillor Tony Lacey

Also Present:

N Clark	Rykneld Homes Director of Customer & Strategic Partnerships (Deputy MD)
H Brown	Head of Regeneration and Development
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
J Hayden	Senior Scrutiny Officer
B Pender	Environmental Protection Officer
T Fuller	Governance Officer

ESC/ Apologies for Absence

50/2

4-25 Apologies for absence were received from Councillor C Renwick.

With the agreement of the Chair, Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer contributed to the meeting virtually. He did not participate in any of the decisions taken.

ESC/ Declarations of Interest

51/2

4-25 There were no declarations of interest.

ESC/ Minutes of Last Meeting

52/2

4-25 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 17 February 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

ESC/ Performance Management

53/2

4-25 The Improvement Officer presented a report to the Committee summarising progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective 'A great place that cares for the environment' for the period ending 31 March 2025.

Some Members had questions around the houses that would be eligible for improvements via the Warm Homes Grant. Committee were updated on the selection process for homes to be improved as part of the scheme. The areas of the district being specifically targeted were shared. Committee also discussed the

danger of scammers piggybacking on the scheme. It was shared that correspondence would be clear about who was working with the District Council. Committee also discussed the challenges of encouraging people to buy in to home improvement projects within private sector housing, and also raised the issue of timescales for installing air source heat pumps.

RESOLVED – That progress against the Council Plan “A great place that cares for the environment” objective was noted.

ESC/ Energy Efficient Homes

54/2

4-25

Committee received a presentation on the work Rykneld Homes were doing to improve the energy efficiency of the Councils housing stock. The presentation included an overview of social housing in the area, a look at the energy efficient bungalows in Danesmoor, the figures behind the Social Housing Decarbonisation Fund (SHDF) and the feedback from customers. The presentation also detailed the benefits for the area and the plan going forward.

Committee considered the presentation. It was suggested that the project was making a positive difference, particularly in terms of improvements to streetscene. Some Members had questions around the lessons learnt from the Danesmoor project. It was shared that it had been a very positive project and had been useful in terms of understanding the importance of engaging customers early on in the process.

Some Members questioned whether Rykneld Homes have a list of the improvements needed by each home. Committee heard that a full up-to-date Stock Condition Survey would be complete by the end of the year. Some Members requested clarification to the plan for upgrading properties in the future. Committee heard that there was an ongoing project in Stonebroom, a new warm homes project starting in May 2025 that was set to last 3 years and a long term plan to increase the uptake of air source heat pumps within the Councils housing stock. Committee heard that this provides a range of challenges for both technical installations and supporting customers to adapt to a new way of heating their home and managing the costs. In this context, the process for procuring air source heat pumps was shared, and the lack of skilled workers in the industry was discussed. Committee heard that Rykneld Homes were training their current skilled work force but more capacity in the sector is required.

RESOLVED –

That the presentation was noted.

ESC/ Air Quality Monitoring Update

55/2

4-25

Committee received an update on the air quality across the district. This included a breakdown of how air quality is measured (using NO₂ diffusion tubes), where the monitoring points are and an explanation of the threshold amount of NO₂ pollution that indicates whether air quality is of concern. Committee heard that the District was comfortably under the threshold across all locations monitored, which meant the air quality was good and there were no major concerns from the Environmental Health team.

Committee considered the update. Some Members questioned why multiple diffusion tubes are deployed next to each other at certain monitoring points within the District. Committee heard that it provides a reassurance that results are consistent and helps with national statistics regarding NO₂ reporting. It was also shared that a review on the locations of monitoring points is always conducted before the end of the calendar year and the team were open to suggestions. In this context, Members suggested locations where additional monitoring would be beneficial including Bowshaw in Dronfield, and Derby Road in Clay Cross, near the motorcycle centre.

RESOLVED –

That the update was noted.

**ESC/
56/2** **Cabinet Business**

4-25 The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented a digest of Cabinet decisions taken since the last Committee meeting in 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 up to 15 May 2025.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
57/2** **Policy Development**

4-25 The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were no major policies for Members to consider.

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

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
58/2** **'Horizon Scanning'**

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.

Members were informed that a watching brief would be kept on the impacts of the changes arising the County Council elections.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/
59/2** **Work Programme**

4-25 The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2024/25 for the Committee to consider. Members heard that the 2025/26 Work Programme was being formed and suggestions were welcomed. In this context, Committee

discussed items for the 2025/26 Work Programme.

RESOLVED –

That Committee signed off the Work Programme 2024/25.

ESC/ Additional Urgent Items

60/2

4-25 None.

ESC/ Date of Next Meeting

61/2

4-25 The next meeting of the Environment 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

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Cabinet members and their responsibilities

Member	Portfolio of responsibilities
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

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH

VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 21 July 2025		
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the plans to roll out EVCP across the district</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <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
	Outcomes: <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
	Outcomes: <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
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 1 September 2025		

Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 1	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain and progress made	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gain an understanding of what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain</i>	
Planning Infrastructure Bill/Planning Reform	To hear about changes to Planning and how this impacts the Council	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the impact of the Planning Bill/Reform</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
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Work Programme	To consider the Committees’ work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 17 November 2025		

Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 2	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <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 – ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>To hear about the Local Plan and any changes/issues that have arisen</i>	
Update on Waste Reforms	Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene – CONFIRMED (invite sent)
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the impact of the Reforms on the Council, and plans going forward</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
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	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	

Meeting Date: 23 February 2026		
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 3	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Tree Strategy	Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – CONFIRMED (invite sent)
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the strategy and how this impacts the Council</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
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Work Programme	To consider the Committees' work programme	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To agree a Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 11 May 2026		

Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update – Quarter 4	Kath Drury – Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir – Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>To gain insight into the quarterly targets to date, and see how areas are performing</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
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NOTES

- Warm Home Grants (Private Sector) – Feb/May 2026
- Waste management and disposal – implication of processes and stats in terms of recycling etc (to look at further once embedded)
- Climate Change Action Plan Update – achievements to date