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Date: Thursday, 30 April 2026

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

Please attend a meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee to be held on **Monday, 11 May 2026 at 3.00 pm in Meeting Rooms 1 & 2.**

Yours sincerely

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

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of the Committee

<u>Labour Group</u>	<u>Conservative Group</u>	<u>North East Derbyshire Independents Group</u>
Councillor Suzy Cornwell – Chair Councillor Clive Fletcher Councillor Christine Gare Councillor Lee Hartshorne Councillor Tony Lacey	Councillor Richard Welton Councillor Michelle Emmens	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 - 6)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 16 February 2026.

4 Performance Management (Pages 7 - 13)

Council Plan Targets Performance Update.

Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer/Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

5 Growth Strategy Update

To receive an update on progress made against the Growth Strategy.

Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes

6 Cabinet Business (Pages 14 - 23)

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

7 Policy Development

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

8 Work Programme (Pages 24 - 30)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme, and to also 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, that could form potential topic items for the Work Programme in the future.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

9 Annual Scrutiny Report - 2025/26

To discuss the Annual Report with Committee Members.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

10 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.

11 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.

12 Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for July 2026, and will be confirmed once the Committee Schedule has been agreed.



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BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2026

Present:

Councillor Suzy Cornwell (Chair) (in the Chair)

Councillor Richard Welton (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Christine Gare
Councillor William Jones

Councillor Lee Hartshorne
Councillor Tony Lacey

Also Present:

K Drury
J Hayden
T Scott

Information & Improvement Manager
Senior Scrutiny Officer
Governance and Scrutiny Officer

BSC Apologies for Absence

38/2

5-26 Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Fletcher and Windley.

BSC Declarations of Interest

39/2

5-26 There were no declarations of interest.

BSC Minutes of Last Meeting

40/2

5-26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Business Scrutiny Committee held on 10 November 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

BSC Performance Management

41/2

5-26 The Information & Improvement Manager presented a report setting out progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective ‘A great place to work’ for the period ending 31 December 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.

Members referred to the section of the report about the Shop Front Scheme and how it stated that it would be issued as 20 grants, and asked how this would be split up geographically. The Information & Improvement Manager agreed to investigate this.

RESOLVED - That progress against the Council Plan “A great place to work”

objective was noted.

BSC **Digital Connectivity**

42/2

5-26

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained to Members that the Derbyshire County Council Officer scheduled to be at this meeting had recently left the position, and therefore there was no Derbyshire County Council attendance at this meeting. In the absence of Derbyshire County Council representation, the Senior Scrutiny Officer provided Members with some of the information that would have been provided, in addition to a Derbyshire County Council Cabinet report from October 2025 on digital connectivity and the work required to bring communities up to the current digital age was also shared with Members.

The Committee discussed the information provided.

The Chair spoke about the information and felt it suggested there were still many parts of the District's digital connectivity that needed attention. The information stated that within the District, 1.95% had no network available of download speeds above 2mbps. Members asked for a breakdown of where these people with no network were.

Members also raised some discrepancy around the couple of areas highlighted with very low connectivity. Several Members raised areas that they were aware of that were areas with low connectivity so the data provided was felt to be questionable.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that she would investigate a breakdown of the 1.95% with no network.

The Committee also requested that the concerns raised at the meeting in terms of digital connectivity were raised with the Cabinet, with a request that they lobby their counterparts at Derbyshire County Council, and ask for reassurance that the new funding streams that had been set up for digital connectivity work were focused on those areas with very low connectivity.

RESOLVED - That the update was noted.

BSC **Cabinet Business**

43/2

5-26

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

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period up to 15 February 2026.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

BSC **Policy Development**

44/2

5-26

The Senior Scrutiny Officer informed the Committee that there were no major policies for Members to consider. She added that an update on the Growth

Strategy would be coming soon.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

BSC **Work Programme**

45/2

5-26

The Senior Scrutiny Officer presented the draft Work Programme 2025/26 for the Committee to consider.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer stated that the Growth Strategy was in the Work Programme for the 11 May 2026 meeting.

There was discussion around the EMCCA Growth Plan and where the Council fits into it. There was also discussion around future topics based around what we can do to support out businesses, such as EMCCA and business rates.

The Committee noted the Programme for the remainder of the year.

RESOLVED – That the Work Programme 2025/26 be approved.

BSC **Reflection on the Council Plan**

46/2

5-26

The Chair expressed her views and felt that this had been a positive meeting and a lot of constructive discussion had taken place.

BSC **Additional Urgent Items**

47/2

5-26

None.

BSC **Date of Next Meeting**

48/2

5-26

The next meeting of the Business Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 11 May 2026 at 3.00 pm.

North East Derbyshire District Council

Business Scrutiny Committee

Council Plan Objective – A Great Place to Work – Update January to March 2026

11th May 2026

Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager

Contact Officer: Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - "A great place to work" for the period ending 31st March 2026.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan "A great place to work" objective be noted.
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IMPLICATIONS

Finance and Risk: Yes No

Details:

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

Legal (including Data Protection): Yes No

Details

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

Staffing: Yes No

Details:

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

DECISION INFORMATION

Decision Information	
<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p>NEDDC: Revenue - £125,000 <input type="checkbox"/> Capital - £310,000 <input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
District Wards Significantly Affected	None
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) details:	
<p>Stage 1 screening undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 1 to be appended if not required to do a stage 2 	N/A - information only report
<p>Stage 2 full assessment undertaken</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed EIA stage 2 needs to be appended to the report 	No, not applicable
<p>Consultation: Leader / Deputy Leader <input type="checkbox"/> Cabinet <input type="checkbox"/> SMT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Relevant Service Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Members <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Details:</p>

<p>Links to Council Plan priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A great place that cares for the environment A great place to live well A great place to work A great place to access good public services
<p>A great place to work council plan objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents. A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities.

REPORT DETAILS

1 **Background**

The Council plan 2023-27 has four objectives:

- A great place to work.
- A great place to access good public services.
- A great place to live well.
- A great place that cares for the environment.

Information on the work undertaken this quarter under the work objective is contained at appendix one.

- 1.2 Under the work objective there are two strategies - A community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents and A community with growing, commutable employment opportunities. Underneath those sit tactics - our approaches to positively influence the strategies.

2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

- 2.1 The appendix notes under each strategy and tactic the work that has been undertaken during this period.
- 2.2 The Council continued to support a great place to work by strengthening local skills, supporting business growth and attracting employment opportunities through partnership working and targeted programmes. UK Shared Prosperity Fund activity concluded successfully, with the Derbyshire Accelerator Programme supporting 80 businesses during the year against a target of 60 and enabling 26 enterprises to adopt new technologies or processes, exceeding the annual target of 20, alongside delivery of the Digital Skills project supporting businesses with artificial intelligence, digital marketing and cyber security skills. Oversight was provided for £1 million of UKSPF funding, including £345,000 allocated to business support and skills, with all projects completed.
- 2.3 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 20th April 2026 for consideration and oversight.

3 **Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 This is an information report to keep Members informed of progress against the council plan objective for a great place to work.

4 **Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objective for a great place to work.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place to work – for the period ending March 2026
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet, you must provide copies of the background papers)	



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Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **A great place to work**
for the period January to March 2026 (Q4)





A great place to work

This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with growing, commutable employment opportunities*



Support existing businesses (including the Council) to maintain and grow workforce

- The district's first Manufacturing Meet the Buyer event was delivered in February, strengthening local supply chains and supporting small and medium enterprise growth, with strong business attendance and positive reported outcomes, including increased confidence in local supply chain diversification.
- Resilience within the Engineering service was strengthened through the appointment of a Service Manager and the successful completion of probation for a key technical role, improving capacity and service continuity.

• **DWP Jobs on Wheels was introduced at Killamarsh Active during this quarter, providing monthly, accessible employment support within the community.**

- Planning permission was granted to support business development at Callywhite Lane, Dronfield, contributing to the delivery of employment related development.

- Apprenticeship development with local colleges progressed, with a promotional event delivered on 23 March 2026 to support recruitment into Streetscene roles, e.g. arborist and administrative staff.

Attract and support new businesses to the area which bring new jobs

- Supported place-based promotion of business space and regeneration activity, including Coney Green workspace promotion and Clay Cross Town Deal business communications.
- Clay Cross Baileys Square Units - lease agreement with one business remains with legal. Heads of Terms have been drafted with all units, except Unit 1, now under offer.
- The Vision Derbyshire Start Up programme transitioned to Derbyshire County Council delivery during this quarter following the end of UKSPF funding.



A great place to work



This quarter, the following progress has been made on *a community with a diverse range of commutable employment that match the skills of residents*



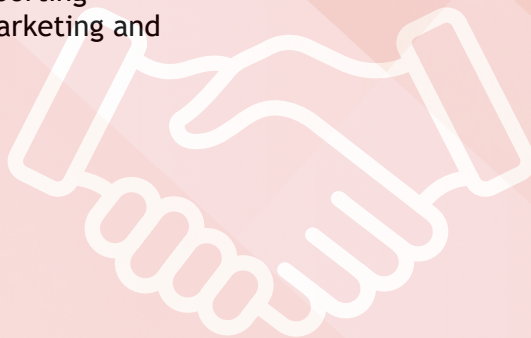
Work with partners to match and develop local skills with local business employment need

- The UKSPF funded Derbyshire Accelerator Programme concluded this quarter, exceeding annual participation and business adoption targets:

- Businesses receiving non-financial support (annual target 60) 9 this quarter (80 in total this year exceeding target).
 - Enterprises adopting new to the business technologies or processes (annual target 20) 6 this quarter (26 total this year exceeding target).
- The UKSPF Digital Skills project concluded this quarter achieving its annual participation target and supporting businesses with AI, digital marketing and cybersecurity skills.

- Oversight of UKSPF Programme - funding totalling £1m of which £345k has been allocated to business support and skills through Accelerator, Digital Skills and Shopfronts Enhancement Scheme. All projects now complete.

- UKSPF-supported training enabled staff progression into paid swim teaching and leisure roles across Dronfield and Clay Cross Active sites.



CABINET DECISIONS 2025/26

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
26 Feb 2026	Council Plan 2023-2027 Performance Update - October to December 2025 – Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees	Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives be noted.	This is an information report to keep Cabinet informed of progress against the council plan objectives.
	Update of the Council's Local Enforcement Plan – Relevant to Environment Scrutiny	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	To amend the current Enforcement Plan in line with the details in this report.	To ensure that the Enforcement Plan accurately reflects the service provided by the team, is transparent in respect of how suspected breaches of planning control are prioritised and includes Key Performance Indicators to benchmark performance.
	Local Plan Timetable - Proposed Update to the Local Development Scheme – Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees	Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet approves the updated timetable for the preparation of the Local Plan and associated changes to the published Local Development Scheme, authorises its publication and that it shall have immediate effect.	To enable the Council to progress with Plan Making with the aim of achieving submission of the Local Plan by the end of December 2026 in line with the Government's proposed transitional arrangements. This will enable the Council to get an up to date plan in place at the earliest opportunity and limit the Council's exposure to ad hoc speculative development.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
					<p>In order for the updated scheme to take effect Cabinet must formally resolve that the scheme is to have effect and specify the date from which it is to have effect.</p>
	<p>Local Plan Issues & Options - Consultation on the Strategic Approach to the Location of Development and Schedule of Refined Sites – Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees</p>	<p>Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment & Place</p>	<p>Non Key & Open</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Members considered the content of this report and the pre- publication Issues and Options consultation material that will be made available and approve its use for public consultation. 2. That Members approve the proposed arrangements for public consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan. 3. That Members delegate responsibility 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. 	<p>To ensure that the Cabinet has the opportunity to consider the feedback to public consultation on the Issues and Options consultation, alongside the latest evidence and understand how this has shaped the proposed strategic approach to the location of development.</p> <p>To ensure that the Cabinet is aware of the refined schedule of sites and how these align with the proposed strategy for the location of development; and agree the material and associated arrangements for public consultation in March/April 2026.</p>

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
	Grassmoor and Holmewood Area Pride in Place – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor J Barry, Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet agrees to support and become accountable body for the Pride in Place Programme whilst the Council is managing the Programme. 2. That Cabinet endorses the proposed Pride in Place delivery framework. 3. That Cabinet delegates to the Leader Council nominations for Pride in Place board and any other roles in the governance structure, both now and in the future. 4. To ensure engagement across the whole Pride in Place area, adopt the name 'Three Pits Pride in Place (PIP)' for the promotion and consultation of the Programme. 	Providing the proposed level of support and commitment to the Three Pits PiP adheres to the principles established in the MHCLG guidance and ensures that a robust and compliant delivery framework is in place. This enables the local community, businesses, MPs, Council and other service providers and stakeholders to shape the delivery of the Three Pits PiP Programme to meet their unique local needs and priorities whilst not exposing the Council to significant risk or significant negative resource implications.
	Medium Term Financial Plan - Budget Monitoring Report, April to December 2025 – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet note the report and made any comments that they believe to be appropriate with regards to the budget monitoring position outlined.	The report summarises the financial position of the Council following the first quarter's budget monitoring exercise for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and Capital Programme.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
	Treasury Management Strategy Update - April to December 2025 (Quarter 1 to Quarter 3) – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Open	That Cabinet note the report concerning the Council's Treasury Management report for Quarter 3.	To ensure that the Cabinet is kept informed of the latest position concerning treasury management.
	LGR Statutory Consultation Response – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor K Gillott, Portfolio Holder for Local Government Reorganisation	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Noted the statutory consultation process for Local Government Reorganisation in Derbyshire. 2. Agreed the proposed responses to the Government's statutory consultation questions set out in section 6 of this report, including explicit support for Option A1 within the <i>One Derbyshire, Two Councils</i> proposals and use the wording in the report to inform the response to all Derbyshire consultation questions. 3. Delegated any minor changes to the final response, for all Derbyshire consultation questions, to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder. 	The statutory consultation process for Local Government Reorganisation seeks the Council's responses to all consultation questions. Submitting responses will ensure that the Council's position, including our support for Option A1, is clearly and consistently articulated to Government
	Management of Corporate Debt - Write Off of Outstanding Amounts – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance	Non Key & Exempt	That Cabinet agrees to write off the amounts in respect of council tax, business rates and rents as detailed in Appendix 1 .	All available options to recover this debt have been explored with write off being the final option in the debt management process.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
30 March 2026	Oak Fields Development Update – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor J Barry, Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Key & Exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That Cabinet approves a payment schedule as set out in paragraph 2.12. 2. That Cabinet agrees that, following determination of the revised planning application and further progress on warranty matters, a further Deed of Variation to the Share Purchase Agreement is executed, reprofiling of remaining payments to a “little and often” structure. 3. That Cabinet authorises the Director of Growth and Assets, in consultation with the Leader and the Section 151 Officer to agree terms and complete the Deed of Variations to give effect to the above, including appropriate protection of the Council's security. 	The recommendations are made to ensure the Council manages the timing of contractually agreed payments in a prudent and proportionate way, while safeguarding its legal position and financial interests during the determination of the current planning application and completion of related technical reviews.

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
16 April 2026	Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy – Relevant to Services Scrutiny	Councillor J Birkin, Portfolio Holder for Council Services	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the review of the Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy be noted. 2. That the formal response timescale for complaints be amended so that complaints are answered within 10 working days instead of the current 15 working days. 	<p>To work in line with LGSCO recommendations and best practice.</p> <p>To address audit recommendations following the internal audit review on complaints (July 2025), which recommended harmonising NEDDC's formal complaints handling code to 10 working days – See Appendix A to the report.</p> <p>A complaints Procedure Survey was conducted from 15 December 2025 to 25 January 2026 to gather residents' views on the acceptable response times. Outcome above, for complaints survey – see Appendix B to the report.</p> <p>To align with other local neighbouring authorities. The proposed change will require clear communication to staff and adequate support to ensure compliance with the new timescale.</p>

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
					<p>Ongoing monitoring will be necessary to assess the impact of the change on complaint handling performance and staff workload. The policy should be reviewed again in three years, or sooner if further best practice guidance emerges.</p>
	<p>Medium Term Financial Plan Update – Final Settlement – Relevant to Services Scrutiny</p>	<p>Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance</p>	<p>Non Key & Open</p>	<p>That Cabinet noted the report.</p>	<p>To ensure that the Cabinet is kept informed of the latest position concerning the Medium Term Financial Plan.</p>
	<p>Housing at North Wingfield (Whiteleas) Development – Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</p>	<p>Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance</p>	<p>Non Key & Exempt</p>	<p>That Cabinet agreed to the proposed change of mix required on the Whiteleas development at North Wingfield.</p>	<p>Developing the vacant Council owned land at Whiteleas supports the delivery of new homes in the District.</p> <p>Changing the mix supports the Council's commitment to the delivery of high-quality affordable housing for rent in the District.</p>



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Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period 15 April 2026 – 15 May 2026

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 217375 or email: torin.fuller@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk.

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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 K Gillott	Portfolio Holder for Local Government Reorganisation
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
New Lease of Plot 29 and 29A Bridge Street, Clay Cross – Relevant to Business Scrutiny	Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets	28 May 2026	Key	Fully exempt Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)	Portfolio Holder for Growth and Assets	Assistant Director of Property, Estates and Assets

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26
CHAIR: CLLR SUZY CORNWELL
VICE CHAIR: CLLR RICHARD WELTON

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
Meeting Date: 28 July 2025		
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 — ACCEPTED **SENT APOLS DUE TO PERSONAL APPOINTMENT
Outcomes: <i>To gain an understanding of views of businesses across the EM Region. ACTION: Invite to a future meeting (Nov)</i>		
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
Outcomes: <i>Learned about the Cabinet Decisions made to date and upcoming reports going forward to Cabinet</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>Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year</i>		

Meeting Date: 8 September 2025		
High Streets— attracting businesses and footfall	An overview on how we are making our high streets more attractive to businesses as well as increasing visitors/footfall	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into what is being done to attract businesses/visitors to our high streets</i>	
Council Assets— Leisure Centres— how do we attract visitors/footfall	An overview on how we are making our Leisure Centres more attractive and increasing visitors/footfall	Chris Mills, Assistant Director of Leisure / Sarah-Jane Roome, Business Improvement Coordinator— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into what is being done to attract businesses/visitors to our high streets and leisure centres. ACTION: Recirculate leisure branding information previously circulated</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning— ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Heard about the work done so far on the Local Plan and any changes/issues that have arisen</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update— Quarter 1	Kath Drury— Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir— Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Informed of Cabinet Decisions made to date and what topics are due to be presented in the</i>	

Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>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>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>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 10 November 2025		
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 — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gain an understanding of views of businesses across the EM Region</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 — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>Gained an insight into the issues/concerns raised of local businesses</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update — Quarter 2	Kath Drury — Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir — Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

	Outcomes: <i>Informed of Cabinet Decisions made to date and what topics are due to be presented in the future</i>	
Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>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>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>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 16 February 2026		
Digital Connectivity	To receive an update from Digital Derbyshire on connectivity across Derbyshire	Ian Stoddart, Digital Connectivity Manager, DCC — ACCEPTED
	Outcomes: <i>No further forward as DCC Officer left employment a couple of days before the meeting — no sub sent. ACTION: Email to Cabinet asking for them to lobby concerns with DCC about the issues of low connectivity within the District. Chair to also lobby DCC Portfolio Holder.</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update — Quarter 3	Kath Drury — Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir — Improvement Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Gained insight into the quarterly targets to date, and how areas are performing</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	Outcomes: <i>Informed of Cabinet Decisions made to date and what topics are due to be presented in the future</i>	

Policy Development	To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council	Lead Officer
	Outcomes: <i>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>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>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
Meeting Date: 11 May 2026		
Growth Strategy Update	To receive an update on progress made against the Growth Strategy	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes - REQUESTED
	Outcomes: <i>To understand the work that has been done in line with the Growth Strategy since the last update</i>	
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
	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>	

NOTES

- Topic for year ahead – how can we support our businesses? Look at what we offer i.e. business rate support, local plan – what can it do for employment
- EMCCA – to discuss growth, with particular reference to NED – how do NEDDC fit into the big picture? (Damien Dacey / Jamie Jordan)
- Asset Management Strategy Update (Stocktake review due in Feb 2027)
- Workforce Development Survey (mid 2026?)
- Proposed Tourist Levy by EMCCA

HORIZON SCANNING (topics to be aware of going forward including legislation, regulation and key projects)

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan
- EMCCA Growth Plan
- Connectivity and Road Infrastructure

