



North East Derbyshire District Council

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

Please attend a meeting of the Communities Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday, 13 May 2026, at 10.00 am in Council Chamber at the District Council Offices, 2013 Mill Lane, Wingerworth, Chesterfield, S42 6NG.

Yours sincerely

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

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

Members of The Committee

Councillor M Durrant (Chair)
Councillor R Beech
Councillor P Jones
Councillor T Lacey
Councillor P Windley

Councillor G Baxter (Vice-Chair)
Councillor S Clough
Councillor C Lacey
Councillor J Stokes

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

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 5 - 7)

To approve as a correct record and the Chair to sign the Minutes of the Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 25 February 2026.

4 Performance Management (Pages 8 - 17)

Council Plan Targets Performance Update.

Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer/Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

5 Voluntary Sector Organisations Presentation - Derbyshire Unemployed Workers Centre (Pages 18 - 23)

DUWC in attendance to present an overview on how their funding from the Authority is spent.

DUWC Representative

6 Community Safety Partnership - Annual Review

To receive an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.

Faye Green, Community Safety Manager

7 Housing Strategy and Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plans

To hear about progress made on the Action Plans.

Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities / Gary Smithurst, Housing Strategy & Homeless Manager

8 Cabinet Business (Pages 24 - 33)

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

9 Policy Development

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

10 Work Programme (Pages 34 - 40)

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

11 Annual Scrutiny Report - 2025/26

To discuss the Annual Report with Committee Members.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

12 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.

13 Date of Next Meeting

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

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