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**North East  
Derbyshire  
District Council**

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Date: Thursday, 30 April 2026

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

Please attend a meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee to be held on Monday, 11 May 2026, at 10.30 am 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 that reads "Sarah Steuberg".

Assistant Director of Governance and Monitoring Officer

<b><u>Members of The Committee</u></b>	
Councillor C Smith (Chair) Councillor R Beech Councillor A Dale Councillor T Lacey Councillor C Renwick	Councillor F Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair) Councillor K Clegg 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.

# **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 Environment Scrutiny Committee held on 23 February 2026.

## **4 Performance Management (Pages 7 - 14)**

Council Plan Targets Performance Update.

Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer/Richard Shaw, Improvement Officer

## **5 Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)**

Overview of the Warm Home Grants (Private Sector).

Adam Horrocks, Sustainable Energy Services / Matt Evans, Sustainable Energy Services / Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance & Assets / Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities

## **6 Tree Strategy**

Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation.

Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator

## **7 Cabinet Business (Pages 15 - 24)**

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

**8 Policy Development**

To contribute to major Policies being considered by the Council.

**9 Work Programme (Pages 25 - 31)**

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

**10 Annual Scrutiny Report - 2025/26**

To discuss the Annual Report with Committee Members.

Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer

**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 Environment Scrutiny Committee is scheduled for July 2026, and will be confirmed once the Committee Scheduled has been agreed.

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## ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2026

#### **Present:**

Councillor Caroline Smith (Chair) (in the Chair)  
Councillor Frank Adlington-Stringer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Richard Beech  
Councillor Tony Lacey

Councillor Alex Dale  
Councillor Fran Petersen

#### **Also Present:**

T Burdett	Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager
L Taylor	Economic Development & Programmes Support Officer
A Bashir	Improvement Officer
J Hayden	Senior Scrutiny Officer
T Scott	Governance and Scrutiny Officer

#### **ESC/ Apologies for Absence** 42/2

5-26 Apologies for absence had been received from Councillor Kathy Clegg, Councillor Lilian Deighton and Councillor Carolyn Renwick.

#### **ESC/ Declarations of Interest** 43/2

5-26 There were no declarations of interest.

#### **ESC/ Minutes of Last Meeting** 44/2

5-26 RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the Environment Scrutiny Committees held on 17 November 2025 and 8 December 2025 were approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **ESC/ Performance Management** 45/2

5-26 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 December 2025.

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

#### **ESC/ Climate Change Action Plan Update** 46/2

5-26 The Programmes Manager presented Members with a draft Climate Change Strategy Action Plan Update.

Members were informed that the Action Plan was a large document with a number of actions underneath each strand.

The Committee were given an overview of the key achievements, progress against actions and next steps.

The Programmes Manager explained that the department had appointed an Economic Development & Programmes Support Officer, and this would help with supporting the workload.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/** **Update on Wingerworth Lido**

**47/2**

**5-26**

The Chair gave an update on the situation with the Wingerworth Lido review. The Chair explained that she had been to a Cabinet meeting to present the final recommendations of their review.

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that since the Cabinet meeting, Council Officers had been moving forward with the recommendations. An action plan had been drafted and discussions were currently underway with the Angling Club, local parish, DWT and other stakeholders so that a temporary fishing licence could be issued.

Members requested that an officer update on progress with the recommendations on the Lido be added to the Work Programme for July 2026.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/** **Fly-Tipping - Additional Information**

**48/2**

**5-26**

The Senior Scrutiny Officer explained that Members had received additional statistical data on fly-tipping following the last meeting, where they requested fly-tipping comparisons with other nearby local authorities.

Members were presented with a table of figures for fly-tipping incidents and instances for each area.

Members asked whether it was possible to check the fine figures in terms of charge levels and those actually paid as many authorities were reporting zero payments from fines, but also check whether the two-tiered system used in Sheffield had been considered and whether the officers could provide this information at some point in the future. The Senior Scrutiny Officer advised that she would speak to the officers.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/** **Cabinet Business**

**49/2**

**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 also presented Members with the Forward Plan of Executive Decisions for the period between 15 January and to 15 February.

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/ Policy Development**

**50/2**

**5-26**

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

RESOLVED – That the update was noted.

**ESC/ Work Programme**

**51/2**

**5-26**

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

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

**ESC/ Additional Urgent Items**

**52/2**

**5-26**

None.

**ESC/ Date of Next Meeting**

**53/2**

**5-26**

The next meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Committee was scheduled to take place on 11 May 2026 at 10.30am.

## North East Derbyshire Council

### Environment Scrutiny Committee

#### Council Plan Objective – A Great Place that Cares for the Environment - Update January to March 2026

11<sup>th</sup> May 2026

#### Report of the Information and Improvement Manager

Classification: This report is public

Report By: Kath Drury, Information and Improvement Manager

Contact Officer: Amar Bashir, Improvement Officer

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#### **PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To report progress on the strategies underpinning the Council Plan objective - "A great place that cares for the environment" for the period ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2026

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#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. That progress against the Council Plan "A great place that cares for the environment" objective be noted.
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#### **IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details**

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No

**Details:**

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

## DECISION INFORMATION

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

<p><b>Links to Council Plan priorities:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>A great place that cares for the environment</b></li> <li><b>A great place to live well</b></li> <li><b>A great place to work</b></li> <li><b>A great place to access good public services</b></li> </ul>
<p>A great place that cares for the environment council plan objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district</li> <li>Increasing biodiversity across the district</li> </ul>

## REPORT DETAILS

### 1 **Background**

1.1 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 environment objective is contained at appendix one.

1.2 Under the environment objective there are two strategies - Reduce carbon emissions and pollution across the district and Increase biodiversity across the district. Underneath those sit tactics - our approaches to positively influence the strategies.

### 2. **Details of Proposal or Information**

2.1 The Council continued to care for the environment by reducing carbon emissions and improving energy efficiency across homes and operations. Warm Homes Wave 3 funding supported the retrofit of 376 homes over three years, with 92 homes completed in year one, alongside the Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme improving 58 homes in 2025/26. Council-led action included progress on electric vehicle charging infrastructure, expansion of the low-emission fleet, completion of the Whiteleas regeneration scheme, and continued biodiversity work through the Lido Action Plan, with survey work informing a district Biodiversity Recovery Plan due in 2026.

2.2 The report was taken to Senior Management team on 20<sup>th</sup> 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 the environment.

### 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 the environment.

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## DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of progress for the Council Plan objective – A great place that cares for the environment – for the period ending March 2026
<b>Background Papers</b> (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)	



**North East  
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# Council Plan 2023 - 2027

A summary of progress for **a great place that cares for the environment** for the period January to March 2026 (Q4)





This quarter, the following progress has been made on **reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district**

Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce their carbon emissions



- The Council’s pilot project to install six electric vehicle charge points at Mill Lane offices was issued for tender at the end of March, with contract award expected in May 2026.
- Delivered sustained digital communications promoting recycling, waste reduction and correct recycling behaviours, including Simpler Recycling preparation and food waste rollout messaging (web, GovDelivery and social media).
- Pre-application advice given for large scale EV charging site adjacent to the motorway.

**Warm Homes Wave 3 funding has been secured to support the retrofit of a further 376 homes over the next three years, helping to improve energy efficiency, reduce carbon emissions and lower household energy costs.**

Works commenced in June 2025 and include measures such as external wall insulation, solar panels, improved ventilation, air source heat pumps and loft insulation. The programme directly supports the Government’s 2030 carbon reduction targets, with potential for additional funding to further extend the scheme.

- These grant-funded retrofit schemes are improving the energy efficiency of the Council’s housing stock and supporting progress towards achieving an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of C or above, in line with the Government’s 2030 target.
- During Quarter 4, 50 properties were completed, bringing the year-one total for Warm Homes Wave 3 to 92 homes. A small number of completions were re-profiled due to minor delays, with the remaining 20 homes scheduled for handover in April 2026.

**Whiteleas - This regeneration project is now fully complete, the S278 works to the existing highways have been signed off by DCC and the works are now on 12 months maintenance.**

Of the 22 homes for sale, 9 remain unsold. Homes are being actively marketed and options considered for the unsold homes.



## This quarter, the following progress has been made on ***reducing carbon emissions and pollution across the district***

- The Warm Homes Local Grant Scheme continues to be delivered, with works managed by Sustainable Building Services and supported by Council teams.

**• During the quarter, 53 homes were improved, bringing the total to 58 homes in 2025/26. To date, £590,475 of funding has been committed, with a total of £1,049,475 allocated for the year (including an in-year uplift).**

- The scheme supports warmer, more energy-efficient homes and contributes to reducing fuel poverty and carbon emissions across the district.

### **Continually reduce the Council's own carbon emissions**

- During the quarter, two electric pool vehicles and a hybrid transit van were added to the Council's fleet, supporting progress towards lower-emission travel. Deployment will follow completion of the required charging infrastructure.

### **Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to reduce pollution**

- Work is ongoing with no significant change since the previous quarter.

### **Develop policies and plans which require and encourage alternatives to car usage**

- Supported promotion of walking-based health initiatives (e.g. Snap and Chat walking groups) through social and digital channels.
- Discussions continued with the East Midlands Combined County Authority regarding procurement of transport modelling, including sustainable transport considerations.

### **Directly and with partners and residents, reduce litter and pollution from waste**

- Environment Scrutiny Committee received an update on achievements to date against the Climate Change Action Plan Update.





This quarter, the following progress has been made on *increasing biodiversity across the district*



**Assist and influence other public partners, residents, and businesses to utilise their assets to improve biodiversity**

- Work is ongoing with no significant change since the previous quarter.

**Where appropriate, utilise Council assets to improve biodiversity**

- The Lido delivery and action plan is progressing, with agreed actions and timescales in place to address all issues identified through the Scrutiny Review. A key milestone within the plan is the Biodiversity Recovery Plan, which is being undertaken by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust. The survey work is underway and the final report findings are due to be completed by September 2026.



**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 – <b>Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees</b>	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 – <b>Relevant to Environment Scrutiny</b>	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 – <b>Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees</b>	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 &amp; Options - Consultation on the Strategic Approach to the Location of Development and Schedule of Refined Sites – <b>Relevant to ALL Scrutiny Committees</b></p>	<p>Councillor S Pickering, Portfolio Holder for Environment &amp; Place</p>	<p>Non Key &amp; Open</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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.</li> <li>2. That Members approve the proposed arrangements for public consultation on the Issues and Options for the Local Plan.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<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 – <b>Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</b>	Councillor J Barry, Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet agrees to support and become accountable body for the Pride in Place Programme whilst the Council is managing the Programme.</li> <li>2. That Cabinet endorses the proposed Pride in Place delivery framework.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	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 – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b>	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) – <b>Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</b>	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 – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b>	Councillor K Gillott, Portfolio Holder for Local Government Reorganisation	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted the statutory consultation process for Local Government Reorganisation in Derbyshire.</li> <li>2. Agreed the proposed responses to the Government's statutory consultation questions set out in <b>section 6</b> of this report, including explicit support for <b>Option A1</b> 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.</li> <li>3. Delegated any minor changes to the final response, for all Derbyshire consultation questions, to the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.</li> </ol>	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 – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b>	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 <b>Appendix 1</b> .	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 – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b>	Councillor J Barry, Portfolio Holder for Growth & Assets	Key & Exempt	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That Cabinet approves a payment schedule as set out in paragraph 2.12.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<p>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.</p>

Date	Title	Portfolio Holder	Status	Decision	Reasons for Decision
16 April 2026	Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b>	Councillor J Birkin, Portfolio Holder for Council Services	Non Key & Open	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the review of the Corporate Comments, Compliments and Complaints Policy be noted.</li> <li>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.</li> </ol>	<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 – <b>Relevant to Services Scrutiny</b></p>	<p>Councillor P R Kerry, Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership &amp; Finance</p>	<p>Non Key &amp; 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 – <b>Relevant to Communities Scrutiny</b></p>	<p>Councillor N Barker, Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership &amp; Finance</p>	<p>Non Key &amp; 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](mailto:torin.fuller@ne-derbyshire.gov.uk).

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### **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 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 – <b>Relevant to Business Scrutiny</b>	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

ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2025/26

CHAIR: CLLR CAROLINE SMITH

VICE CHAIR: CLLR FRANK ADLINGTON-STRINGER

AGENDA ITEM	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	LEAD OFFICER/ORGANISATION
<b>Meeting Date: 21 July 2025</b>		
Electrical Car Charging Points	Overview of the plans for installing charging points across the District	David Broom, Facilities & Contracts Manager / DCC— <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Understand the work being done to roll out EVCP across the district. <b>ACTION:</b> Monitor decisions made by DCC on this topic and try and get overview on what is being done, especially in terms of residential charging</i>	
Cabinet Business	Cabinet Decisions and Forward Plan	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<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>Agreed a Work Programme going forward for the year</i>	

**Meeting Date: 1 September 2025**

Biodiversity Net Gain Update	Update on what the Council are doing to achieve biodiversity net gain	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning — <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained further knowledge on 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 — <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Heard about the impact of the Planning Bill/Reform</i>	
Local Plan Update	Update on the Local Plan	David Thompson, Assistant Director of Planning — <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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

	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year. ACTION: Add Warm Home Grants—Private Sector Housing to WP</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 27 October 2025 (INFORMAL)</b>		
Wingerworth Lido	For Committee to consider the Motion from full Council on 22 September 2025	Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair of Environment Scrutiny
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Acknowledged the need to progress with Motion and to set in place the work to be undertaken to enable the Committee to make recommendations to Cabinet.</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 17 November 2025</b>		
Fly-Tipping	To receive an overview on fly-tipping and to hear about the issues faced by the Authority and what is being done to combat the issue	Gill Halliwell, Service Manager (Commercial & Environment) / Thomas Rush, Team Manager (Environment Enforcement)— <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained insight into the issues/concerns and heard about what the Authority was doing to combat the issue. ACTION: Further stats required</i>	
Wingerworth Lido	For Committee to confirm their position on the Motion from full Council on 22 September 2025	Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair of Environment Scrutiny / Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Made a decision on how the Motion will be taken forward</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update—Quarter 2	Kath Drury—Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir—Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year.</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 8 December 2025</b>		
Wingerworth Lido	For Committee to review evidence on the Wingerworth Lido and propose recommendations on its future use	Lead Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Recommendations agreed to put forward to Cabinet.</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 23 February 2026</b>		
Climate Change Action Plan Update	Update on achievements to date against the Action Plan	Steve Lee, Assistant Director of Regeneration & Programmes / Tris Burdett, Programmes Manager and Interim Economic Development & Regeneration Manager – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Gained an insight into progress made against the Action Plan</i>	

Update on Wingerworth Lido	To update the Committee on the recommendations submitted to Cabinet	Cllr Caroline Smith, Chair
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Informed of Cabinet's decision and that work was now underway to try and re-instate a temporary license. ACTION: Officer update on progress to come back to July 2026 meeting</i>	
Fly Tipping—Additional Information	To receive additional statistical data following last meeting	Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Additional information provided but further information required on level of fines at neighbouring authorities and the implementation of tiered approach</i>	
Update on Waste Reforms— <b>DEFERRED AS "ALL MEMBER" BRIEFINGS HAVE JUST TAKEN PLACE</b>	Update on the new legislation and future plans for the Council	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the impact of the Reforms on the Council, and plans going forward</i>	
Performance Management	Council Plan Targets Performance Update—Quarter 3	Kath Drury—Information and Improvement Manager / Amar Bashir—Improvement Officer
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <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

	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Considered and contributed to potential changes in the operating environment that may arise</i>	
Work Programme	<del>To consider the Committees' work programme</del>	<del>Joe Hayden, Senior Scrutiny Officer</del>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>Agreed the Work Programme for the year</i>	
<b>Meeting Date: 11 May 2026</b>		
Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)	Overview of the Warm Home Grants (Private Sector)	Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance & Assets / Lee Pepper, Assistant Director of Communities / Adam Horrocks, Sustainable Energy Services / Matt Evans, Sustainable Energy Services - <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To gain insight into the WH Grants, and how the Council are rolling out the funding</i>	
Tree Strategy – <b>DEFERRED FROM FEB AS REQ. BY JF</b>	Overview of the Strategy and the Council's plans for implementation	Joy Redfern, Assistant Director of Streetscene / Cate Harris, Streetscene Coordinator – <b>ACCEPTED</b>
	<b>Outcomes:</b> <i>To understand the strategy and how this impacts the Council</i>	
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>	
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>	

## **NOTES**

- Biodiversity Improvement Plan
- Update on Waste Reforms
- Biodiversity Net Gain Update / Call for Sites Update
- Wingerworth Lido – Update from Officers (July 2026)?
- Wingerworth Lido – Biodiversity Improvement Plan
- Procurement – Social Value/Sustainability

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

- Local Government Reorganisation
- Local Plan