

North East Derbyshire Council

Cabinet

Council Plan 2023-2027 Performance Report - Update January to March 2026

28 May 2026

Report of Councillor N Barker Leader of the Council and Portfolio Holder for Strategic Leadership & Finance

Classification: This report is public

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Contact Officer: As above.

PURPOSE / SUMMARY

To report progress on the objectives underpinning the Council plan for the period January to March (quarter 4).

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That progress against the Council Plan 2023-2027 objectives be noted.

Approved by Councillor Nigel Barker, Leader of the Council

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>	N/A
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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/></p>	Yes Details: SMT – 20/04/26 Scrutiny committees x 4 – May 2026

<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>The report links to all Council Plan 2023-27 objectives and priorities.</p>

REPORT DETAILS

1 Background

- 1.1 The attached appendix contains the performance updates by objective as of end of March 2026.

2. Details of Proposal or Information

- 2.1 The appendix details what has been achieved and progressed by objective, strategy, and tactic.

2.2 A Great Place to Live Well

- 2.2.1 The Council continued to support residents to live well by promoting lifelong good health, improving homes and neighbourhoods and enhancing places people value, with record leisure participation of 350,141 visits in the quarter and over one million visits achieved across the year, reflecting strong demand and inclusive provision. Preventative health and wellbeing activity was sustained through new Healthy North East Derbyshire funding arrangements, including a £90,000 Financial Inclusion Grants Fund and extended Social Connectedness funding to November 2026, alongside targeted community support delivered through Community Action Grants and voluntary sector infrastructure funding.

- 2.2.2 Work to support residents to live independently progressed, with energy efficiency, damp and mould interventions completed in over 90 homes, continued delivery of adaptations and access works, and improved Disabled Facilities Grant delivery through the in-house design service. All 22 UK Shared Prosperity Fund shopfront improvement grants awarded committing £210,000, progress on supported housing schemes, finalisation of the Successful Places Design Code, and ongoing regeneration activity including public realm improvements and pedestrianisation works in Clay Cross. Leisure and cultural activity were further enhanced through 46 businesses now participating in the Food and Drink Trail as well as a submission for Clay Cross UK Town of Culture bid.

- 2.2.3 Regarding metrics, one measure has been flagged as red. The long-term empty homes target remains challenging, with only three properties returned to use to date, due to complex cases requiring significant officer time. Two new supporting KPI have been introduced to provide a more complete and realistic picture of activity and progress. The other metrics have reported strong performance this quarter.

2.3 A Great Place to Work

- 2.3.1 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.

2.4 A Great Place to Access Good Public Services

2.4.1 The Council continued to improve access to good public services through strong partnership working, effective customer support and targeted community investment. High-performing customer services handled 14,812 calls with a low abandonment rate of 2.5%, alongside support through 381 Tell Us Once notifications and foodbank referrals. Investment in the voluntary and community sector strengthened local support, while co-location of NHS and Citizens Advice services at Clay Cross Active further improved access. Service planning and improvement were informed by robust district-wide data and engagement, including feedback from over 1,200 residents.

2.4.2 Most targeted metrics were met or exceeded. Regarding the three trend monitored metrics, temporary accommodation increased slightly to nine households. Zero bed and breakfast placement were recorded. We received £658,550 in capital receipts against a target of £1 million for 2025/26. A further £327,350 of approved disposals are progressing through legal completion and are expected to complete in 2026/27.

2.5 A Great Place that Cares for the Environment

2.5.1 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.

3 Reasons for Recommendation

3.1 This is an information report to keep Cabinet informed of progress against the council plan objectives.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 Not applicable to this report as providing an overview of progress against the council plan objectives.

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

Appendix No	Title
1	A summary of Council plan progress for the period January to 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)	