



Local Government Act 1972

I Hereby Give You Notice that an **Ordinary Meeting** of the **Durham County Council** will be held in the **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham** on **Wednesday 25 January 2023** at **10.00 am** to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 7 December 2022 (Pages 5 - 22)
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
3. Chair's Announcements
4. Leader's Report
5. Questions from the Public
6. Petitions

Calling on Durham County Council to refuse to sell our Play/Recreation area at The Wynd, Pelton
7. Report from the Cabinet (Pages 23 - 26)
8. Updated Local Code of Corporate Governance - Report of Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 27 - 68)
9. Local Government Boundary Commission Review - Report of Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 69 - 74)
10. Overview and Scrutiny - Six Monthly Update - Report of Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 75 - 86)

11. Local Government Association "Debate Not Hate" Campaign - Report of Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Pages 87 - 136)
12. Motions on Notice

Councillor R Crute to Move

The current Council Tax system is iniquitous and remains unfit for purpose, even more so at a time when many households across County Durham are struggling to make ends meet under the persistent pressures of the ongoing cost of living crisis.

A motion adopted by this council in 2021 to consider options in introducing a fairer system to replace Council Tax has failed to deliver any discernible benefit to the residents of County Durham.

Therefore this council agrees to pursue every available opportunity to consider the benefits and feasibility of introducing a Proportional Property Tax to replace the current Council Tax regime in County Durham.

Councillor A Surtees to Move

This council resolves to write to local Members of Parliament, and to the Secretary of State for Work and Pensions to outline the effects of the injustice to 1950s women on the communities in County Durham and to seek their support for an immediate compensation package.

Councillor M Stead to Move

At present wholly student occupied properties do not have council tax or business rates applied to them.

Clearly students should not be expected to pay council tax.

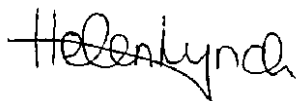
However as a council we lose £8,442,198 council tax income from 5294 properties.

This council therefore calls on the government to fund the lost income from student accommodation which currently costs Durham County Council and other local authorities with Universities huge amounts of money or come up with an alternative which protects students and funds local authorities.

13. Questions from Members

And pursuant to the provisions of the above-named act, **I Hereby Summon You** to attend the said meeting

Dated this 17th day of January 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Lynch". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line through the middle of the word.

Helen Lynch
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

To: All Members of the County Council