



## **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 20 September 2023** at **10.00 am** to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023 (Pages 5 - 20)
2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members
3. Chair's Announcements
4. Leader's Report
5. Questions from the Public
6. Petitions
7. Report from the Cabinet (Pages 21 - 28)
8. Review of Hackney Carriage and Private Licensing Policy - Report of Chair of General Licensing and Registration Committee (Pages 29 - 162)
9. Motions on Notice

### **Councillor A Surtees to Move**

This Council requests that ALL wards of County Durham are levelled up with the same investment and service delivery as Framwellgate and Newton Hall Ward.

## **Councillor C Martin to Move**

Council notes that many people who experience long-term homelessness and transient housing may have multiple and complex needs, including mental health difficulties, family breakdown, trauma, past criminal offending, and substance dependency. Homelessness (in particular street homelessness) has serious adverse effects on mental and physical health.

Council supports the production of a revitalised homelessness strategy and believes that access to good quality housing is a human right.

Council believes that a key part of the strategy should include a 'Housing First' approach, so that those with multiple and complex needs are supported to prevent and relieve homelessness, in line with Housing Link's principles of Housing First. Providing this intense support to people with multiple and complex needs provides good value to the tax payer, as it is proven to be effective in reducing longer term demands on healthcare, policing, and other public services.

Therefore, Council would welcome a long-term commitment to commissioning of Housing First provision as the effective and efficient homelessness reduction strategy for multiple and complex needs in any new homelessness strategy brought for Council for approval.

Council requests that the portfolio holder and council officers, working with stakeholders, write to local MPs and the Secretary of State to support additional funding to deliver a joined-up policy of increasing Housing First provision across all councils in the UK.

## **Councillor S Deinali to Move**

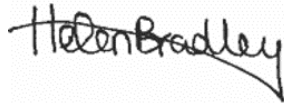
This Council condemns the Conservative Governments decisions since 2010 to cut capital spending on school improvements and its failure to adequately fund schools across County Durham.

The Council will write to the Secretary of State for Education outlining these views.

10. Questions from Members

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

Dated this 12th day of September 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Bradley". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

Helen Bradley  
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

**To: All Members of the County Council**