



## 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 11 December 2024** at **10.00 am** to transact the following business:-

1. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 October 2024 (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
  - Station Hotel, South Hetton repurposing/ demolition
7. Report from the Cabinet (Pages 21 - 28)
8. Care Experience as a Protected Characteristic - Report of Chair and Vice-Chair of the Corporate Parenting Panel (Pages 29 - 36)
9. Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for the period to 30 September 2024 - Report of Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 37 - 56)
10. Review of Local Pension Board - Report of Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 57 - 90)

11. Director of Public Health Annual Report 2024 - Report of Director of Public Health (Pages 91 - 136)
12. Review of the Council's Statement of Gambling Principles (Gambling Policy) - Report of Corporate Director of Neighbourhoods and Climate Change (Pages 137 - 222)
13. Protocol on Members Use of Resources - Report of Director of Legal and Democratic Services (Pages 223 - 232)
14. Request for Dispensation Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 - Report of Director of Legal and Democratic Services and Monitoring Officer (Pages 233 - 236)
15. Motions on Notice

### **Councillor L Hovvels to Move**

*The former Bluebell Primary School site in Trimdon Grange has been empty for some time, becoming a blight on our community, and a hotspot of ASB and other crime, including arson. This has resulted in damage to a Council building which would cost around £1 million to repair, with current ongoing costs of paying for 24/7 security.*

*This is because the Council does not have an empty buildings strategy.*

*Therefore, this Council calls on the relevant Portfolio Holder to establish a cross-party working group to create an Empty Buildings Strategy, to prevent issues, such as this in Trimdon, happening across our county.*

### **Councillor R Crute to Move**

*Durham County Council warmly welcomes the decision made by the new Government to recognise the injustice faced by former mineworkers and their families. In reaching the recent landmark decision to hand £1.5 billion back to the Mineworkers Pension Scheme the Government has ensured that former pit workers who powered the country for generations will at last get the just rewards for their labour - and from Labour.*

*However, another significant injustice towards the miners stays unresolved, and that relates to the behaviour and tactics deployed by the police at Orgreave during the 1984/85 Miners' Strike.*

*Durham County Council believes that several issues relating to events at the picketing of Orgreave on 18 June 1984 are of both local and national importance.*

*As a result of policing tactics at Orgreave during the 1984/85 Miners' Strike Durham miners and their families were adversely affected by the events of that day, including instances of wrongful arrest, false imprisonment, loss of pension rights, family breakdown and termination of employment.*

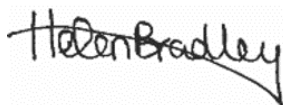
*Durham County Council believes that an investigation into the military style policing deployed at Orgreave is long overdue and is the only means to ensure justice for the miners and their families. Only a full public inquiry can properly investigate the tactics used by the police that day.*

*Therefore this council calls on the Home Secretary to order a full public inquiry into the deployment of the police and their behaviour at Orgreave on 18 June 1984.*

16. Questions from Members

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

Dated this 3rd day of December 2024



Helen Bradley  
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

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