

CABINET AGENDA

Tuesday, 16 April 2024 at 10.00 am in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

Item Business

1 **Apologies for absence**

2 **Minutes** (Pages 3 - 10)

Cabinet is asked to approve the minutes of the last meeting held on

3 **Declarations of Interest**

Cabinet members to declare an interest in any particular agenda item.

Key Decisions

4 **Council Tax Premiums** (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital

5 **Energy Grants for Swimming Pools** (Pages 17 - 24)

Report of the Interim Strategic Director Economy, Innovation and Growth

6 **Generalist Home Care - Recommission of New Contracts** (Pages 25 - 34)

Report of the Strategic Director of Integrated Adults and Social Care Services

7 **Proposals for School Term Dates 2025/26** (Pages 35 - 40)

Report of the Strategic Director, Children's Social Care and Lifelong Learning

8 **Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Needs Assessment** (Pages 41 - 44)

Report of the Interim Strategic Director, Housing, Environment and Healthy Communities

Recommendations to Council

9 **Climate Emergency Update, Environmental Policy update and Biodiversity Duty** (Pages 45 - 60)

Report of the Interim Strategic Director, Economy, Innovation and Growth

Non Key Decisions

- 10** **Communities and Volunteering Service** (Pages 61 - 66)
Report of the Chief Executive Officer
- 11** **Home Energy Conservation Act Report 2023** (Pages 67 - 72)
Report of the Interim Strategic Director Economy, Innovation and Growth
- 12** **Council Tax and Non-Domestic Rates - Transfer of Uncollectable Amounts**
(Pages 73 - 78)
Report of the Strategic Director, Resources and Digital
- 13** **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
The Cabinet may wish to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) on the grounds indicated:
- | Item | Paragraph of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 |
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Key Decision

- 14** **Project funding for Gateshead Energy Company** (Pages 79 - 84)
Report of the Interim Strategic Director Economy, Innovation and Growth

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