



# **QUARTERLY MEETING**

**Wednesday, 18 March 2026**

**Summons, Agenda, Minutes  
and Reports**



## **NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL**

You are summoned to attend the Meeting of the Council. This meeting is being held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Northallerton on **Wednesday, 18 March 2026 at 10.30 am**, at which the following business will be transacted.

The meeting will be available to view once the meeting commences, via the following link - [www.northyorks.gov.uk/livemeetings](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/livemeetings)

### **BUSINESS**

**1. Minutes of the meetings held on 12 November 2025 and 13 February 2026 and the Extraordinary meeting held on 13 February 2026**

To move that the Minutes of the meetings held on 12 November 2025 and 13 February 2026 and the extraordinary meeting held on 13 February 2026, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

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**2. Apologies for absence**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

**4. Chair's Announcements**

Any correspondence, communication or other business brought forward by the direction of the Chair of the Council.

**5. Statement by the Leader of the Council**

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**6. Public Questions or Statements**

Members of the public may ask questions or make statements at this meeting if they have given notice and provided the text to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services – email: [barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:barry.khan@northyorks.gov.uk) or in writing to Barry Khan, Assistant Chief Executive Legal and Democratic Services, County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD by midday on Friday, 13 March 2026. Each speaker should limit themselves to 3 minutes on any item.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded,

please inform the Chair who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

**7. Notice of Motion referred back to Council - The Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education regarding the SEND review**

This motion:

Council notes that:

- In December 2024 the Government introduced the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, with an overall aim to better protect children and raise standards in education.
- The Government also announced £740 million in new funding to support SEND pupils and those needing alternative education within mainstream schools. Inclusion remains the overarching policy, so that our children and young people are educated together with their peers in their own community, where appropriate.
- The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) system is under severe strain, with some families struggling to secure vital support for their children which is compounded by some schools and councils struggling to provide the necessary support.
- Children with SEND deserve the same opportunities as every child, including access to the support they need to thrive both in school and in life.
- Research commissioned by the Liberal Democrats has revealed that private equity-backed SEND providers are making over £100 million a year in profits, with some achieving margins of over 20%.
- Many of these companies are backed by firms registered in tax havens or foreign sovereign wealth funds.

Council believes that:

- Profiteering from the needs of children with SEND is unacceptable and must end.
- Children with SEND are not commodities for profit and should never be treated as such.
- Resources must be directed into improving provision and outcomes for children, not into shareholder dividends or inflated executive pay.
- North Yorkshire Council should be supported to provide sustainable, high-quality inclusive SEND provision within both their mainstream and specialist settings; including by building and operating their own schools to accommodate those with the most complex needs if necessary.

Council welcomes:

- Government action to curb profiteering in children's social care. Through the Children's Wellbeing and Schools Bill, it has introduced powers to cap the profits of providers of illegal or exploitative children's homes, alongside enhancing financial transparency and greater enforcement by Ofsted.
- The Government review of the SEND and Alternative Provision system which is due to be published in the Autumn.
- The proactive work of hard-working officers in North Yorkshire Council to improve our SEND services.

Council resolves to:

- Call on the Government to eradicate the profits of private SEND providers, including sanctions against providers who breach this, with any profits returned to local authorities.
- Support further reforms to boost the SEND system, including strong financial oversight of providers, transparency, and new powers and funding for councils to

build and manage local mainstream and specialist provision directly.

- Endorse the principle that Government SEND reforms must put children first—not corporate greed.
- Request the Leader of the Council to write to the Secretary of State for Education to ask that the SEND review consider action in line with the above.

This motion was referred from the Council meeting on 12 November 2025 to Scrutiny Board and then to Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 17 December 2025.

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- 8. To consider the report and recommendations of the Executive and make decisions on them**

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- 9. To consider the Consultation Results of the First Phase of the 2025/26 Community Governance Review and Approve Proposals for Stage 2 from Standards and Governance Committee**

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- 10. Appointments to Committees and Outside Bodies**

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- 11. Appointments to Committees according to political proportionality**

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- 12. Statements of Executive Members and Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

#### **Executive Members**

- 12(a) Executive Member for Culture, Arts and Housing - Councillor Simon Myers**

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- 12(b) Executive Member for Children and Families - Councillor Janet Sanderson**

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- 12(c) Executive Member for Managing our Environment - Councillor Richard Foster**

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- 12(d) Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills - Councillor Annabel Wilkinson**

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- 12(e) Executive Member for Finance and Assets - Councillor Gareth Dadd**

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- 12(f) Executive Member for Open to Business - Councillor Mark Crane**

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- 12(g) Executive Member for Corporate Services - Councillor Heather Phillips**  
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- 12(h) Executive Member for Highways and Transportation - Councillor Malcolm Taylor**  
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- 12(i) Executive Member for Health and Adult Services - Councillor Michael Harrison**  
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#### **Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairs**

- 12(j) Scrutiny Board (Chair: Councillor Karin Sedgwick)**  
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- 12(k) Corporate and Partnerships Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Andrew Williams)**  
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- 12(l) Scrutiny of Health (Chair: Councillor Andrew Lee)**  
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- 12(m) Transport, Economy, Environment and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor David Staveley)**  
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- 12(n) Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Barbara Brodigan)**  
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- 12(o) Housing and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright)**  
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- 12(p) Care and Independence Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Chair: Councillor Barbara Brodigan)**  
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- 13. Use of special urgency procedures since the last meeting of Council - Report of the Leader**  
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- 14. Council Procedure Rule 10 Questions**

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Tuesday, 10 March 2026