

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 14th April 2025.

Present: Councillor N Hanratty in the Chair
Councillors S Luckhurst, A Farlow, D Bell, R A Bell, D L Mather, H M Hanratty, S Quinn and P Quinn.

SA 78/24 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors M Johnson, W Keal, G Mather, K Ambrosini and D Reynolds.

SA 79/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 80/24 Members’ Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 81/24 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of March 2025 which indicated that bar sales were below budget and meal sales slightly exceeded budget, resulting in an overall overspend against budget of £5.8k.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 82/24 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager advised Members that price increases had been implemented with an average increase of 10p per pint, 20p on bottled products and between 10p – 20p on spirits.

Members were advised that there had been no interest in the Assistant Cook vacancy and a meeting had been held with Hiyed Employment Support who provide employment opportunities to adults with learning difficulties, mental health difficulties, autism and other health conditions that may impact working life with a view to employment opportunities at the Shildon Civic Hall.

The Civic Hall Manager informed Members that 1730 eggs had been distributed to Primary Schools and Nurseries within Shildon and the surrounding area. The Town Clerk thanked the Civic Hall Manager for his dedication and commitment to the Easter Egg Appeal.

Following an incident of verbal abuse towards the Civic Hall Manager, Members were advised that any abuse from customers would not be tolerated and measures would be taken to prevent any further incidents.

The Civic Hall Manager thanked the Town Clerk, Members and staff for their continued support.

Recommended that the report be received.

Signed
Chairman.....

SA 83/24 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Members discussed the following planning application:

- a. Change of use of land to side and rear from open space to garden, two storey side extension, garage to rear and boundary treatments (part retrospective) at 37 Redworth Road, Shildon.

Recommended that the Planning Officer be contacted to ascertain who owns the land in question at the side and rear of the property before a comment can be made by the Town Council on the planning application.

SA 84/24 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

Recommended that the decisions taken since the last meeting of the Committee be noted.

Signed
Chairman.....