

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 19th January 2026.

Present: Councillor N Hanratty in the Chair
Councillors S Quinn, A Farlow, S Luckhurst, T Hillary, N Cleasby, S Ring, S Townsend, R A Bell, D Bell, D L Mather and P Quinn.

SA 52/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor D Thompson.

SA 53/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 54/25 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 55/25 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of December 2025.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 56/25 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager advised Members that the brewery contract was due to expire and the contract had been put out to tender with two breweries whose product ranges best suited the Civic Hall. Heineken, the current provider, had provided a comprehensive and competitive offer which offered financial security against future price rises and supported continuity of supply with minimal disruption. The other brewery had failed to provide a formal proposal.

Members voted unanimously to renew the brewery contract with Heineken.

Members were informed that the long standing quiz master had sadly passed away and it was his wish for the quiz night to continue and be run by former councillors, Kelly Ambrosini and Dave Reynolds, who had been closely involved in the event. Kelly and Dave had agreed to host the quiz night and donate all payments to Leukemia Research in line with the quiz masters wishes. The Civic Hall Manager was to contact the Finance Officer to provide a payment plan and would report back to the next meeting.

Members were advised that the redecorating in the Main Hall was near completion.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. the brewery contract be renewed with Heineken.

SA 57/25 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

Recommended that no comment be made on the following application: -

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Chairman.....

- a. Single storey extension to side, detached garden room to rear garden at 5 Windsor Gardens, Shildon.

SA 58/25 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

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Chairman.....