

Minutes of the meeting of the Service & Amenities Committee held in the Council Chamber, Civic Hall Square, Shildon, Co Durham on Monday, 9th February 2026.

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

SA 59/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors D Thompson, S Luckhurst and N Hanratty.

SA 60/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 61/25 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 62/25 Civic Hall Financial Performance

Members were provided with the Civic Hall Financial Performance report for the month of January 2026.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 63/25 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager advised Members that the February promotions had been well received. These offers had helped drive footfall and maintain steady trade during traditionally quieter months.

As part of the proposed purchase of new chairs for the restaurant, the furniture supplier was to assist with the overall layout and design to ensure a more polished, professional finish while maintaining cost control.

The Civic Hall Manager updated Members on the Quiz Night and advised that the Finance Officer had recommended that a payment system be implemented and receipts obtained from the new Quiz Masters in order to donate all payments to Leukemia Research.

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 64/25 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

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

- a. Cut back and prune T1 Horse Chestnut at 17 Stephenson Court, Shildon.

SA 65/25 Durham County Council: Planning Decisions

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

Signed
Chairman.....