

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

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

SA 66/25 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors S Luckhurst and P Quinn.

SA 67/25 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

SA 68/25 Members' Dispensations

No written requests for dispensations had been received.

SA 69/25 Civic Hall Financial Performance

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

Recommended that the report be received.

SA 70/25 Civic Hall Managers Report

The Civic Hall Manager informed Members that the Easter Egg Appeal was making positive progress and the aim was to supply easter eggs to schools and nurseries in Shildon, Bishop Auckland and the surrounding area.

Members were advised that due to the unacceptable behaviour of a member of the public, the Civic Hall Manager would be exercising the right to refuse entry to them in the future.

Due to various staffing challenges, the Civic Hall Manager had been unable to take the allocated leave allowance and requested that any unused annual leave be carried over into the 2026 allowance.

Recommended that:

- a. the report be received.
- b. the request to carry over unused annual leave into 2026 be approved.

SA 71/25 Durham County Council: Planning Applications

The Town Clerk advised Members that the recommended date of completion for the construction of a new Playzone at Hackworth Park, Shildon was to be completed by the end of July 2026.

Resolved that the information be noted.

Signed
Chairman.....

No planning decisions had been received.

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