



Chief Executive's Department
Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

15th February 2010

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors Aiken, C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Allison, Atkinson, Barker, Brash, R W Cook, S Cook, Coward, Cranney, Fenwick, Fleet, Fleming, Flintoff, Gibbon, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Hill, Jackson, James, Laffey, Lauderdale, A E Lilley, G Lilley, London, A Marshall, J Marshall, McKenna, Dr. Morris, Payne, Plant, Preece, Richardson, Rogan, Shaw, Simmons, Sutheran, Thompson, Tumilty, Turner, Wallace, Wistow, Worthy, Wright, and Young.

Madam or Sir,

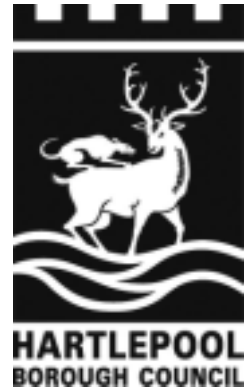
You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on THURSDAY, 25th February 2010 at 7.00p.m. in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

P Walker
Chief Executive

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COUNCIL AGENDA



25th February 2010

at 7.00 p.m.

in the Council Chamber

1. To receive apologies from absent members.
2. To receive any declarations of interest from members.
3. To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business.
4. To receive questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters of which notice has been given under Rule 10.
5. To approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Council held on 11 February 2010 as a correct record (to follow).
6. Questions from Members of the Council on the minutes of the last meeting of the Council.
7. To answer questions of members of the Council under Council Procedure Rule 11;
 - (a) Questions to members of the Executive about recent decisions of the Executive (without notice)
 - (b) Questions to members of the Executive and Chairs of Committees and Forums, for which notice has been given.
 - (c) Questions to the appropriate members on Police and Fire Authority issues, for which notice has been given.

8. To deal with any business required by statute to be done.
9. To receive any announcements from the Chair, the Mayor, members of the Cabinet or the head of the paid service.
10. To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting and to receive the report of any scrutiny forum or other committee to which such business was referred for consideration.
11. To receive reports from the Council's committees and working groups other than any overview and scrutiny committee and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports;
12. To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, including consideration of reports of the overview and scrutiny committees for debate and to receive questions and answers on any of those items;
13. To consider reports from the Executive:-
 - (a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework
 - (i) Formal Council Tax Setting 2010/2011 – Incorporation of Police and Fire Authority Precepts
 - (ii) Local Area Agreement Refresh
 - (b) Proposals for departures from the budget and policy framework

None
14. To consider any motions in the order in which notice has been received.
15. To receive the Chief Executive's report and to pass such resolutions thereon as may be deemed necessary.

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">11 FEBRUARY 2010</p>

The meeting commenced at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool

PRESENT:-

The Chairman (Councillor C Richardson) presiding:

COUNCILLORS:

Aiken	C Akers-Belcher	S Akers-Belcher
Allison	Atkinson	Barker
Brash	R W Cook	S Cook
Cranney	Fleet	Fleming
Flintoff	Gibbon	Griffin
Hall	Hargreaves	Hill
Jackson	James	Lauderdale
A Lilley	G Lilley	London
A Marshall	J Marshall	McKenna
Payne	Preece	Rogan
Shaw	Simmons	Thompson
Turner	Worthy	Wright
Young		

Officers: Paul Walker, Chief Executive
Peter Devlin, Chief Solicitor
Andrew Atkin, Assistant Chief Executive
Joanne Machers, Chief Personnel Officer
Mike Ward, Chief Financial Officer,
Chris Little, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Dave Stubbs, Director of Regeneration and Neighbourhoods
Nicola Bailey, Director of Child and Adult Services
Alistair Rae, Public Relations Officer
Joan Wilkins, Scrutiny Manager
David Cosgrove, Angela Hunter, Democratic Services Team

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond, Councillors Coward, Fenwick, Laffey, Dr. Morris, Plant, Sutheran, Tumilty, Wallace and Wistow.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor James declared a non-prejudicial interest in minute no. 100.

90. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE TO BE DONE BEFORE ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

91. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None.

92. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Council held on the 10 December 2009, having been laid before the Council.

RESOLVED - That the minutes be confirmed.

The minutes were thereupon signed by the Chairman.

93. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL ON THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

None.

94. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

- (a) Questions to Members of the Executive about recent decisions of the Executive

None.

- (b) Questions to Members of the Executive and Chairs of Committees and Forums, for which Notice has been given

- (i) Councillor McKenna to the Mayor, Stuart Drummond

“With the Tall Ships event due this year, can the Mayor update Council with the progress of adoption of the Marina car parks and surrounding areas, and will he advise members on the timetable of planned works (if any) to rectify drainage concerns?”

In the absence of the Mayor, Councillor Jackson, Portfolio Holder for

Neighbourhoods and Communities stated that as all councillors are aware that the Council has been trying for several years to come to an agreement with Mandale, the owners of Navigation Point and Harbour Walk, to allow the Council to adopt these areas so that we can bring them up to a much better standard and support the continued development of the Marina.

Until recently, the Council thought it was very close to reaching agreement to adopting the car park areas, highways and surface water drainage. However, at the final hour Mandale withdrew because they wanted the Council to also take responsibility for the un-adopted sewers and un-adopted water supply, together with all of the utilities under the ground. This is not the usual practice when land is adopted and a step too far for the Council. We have never done it before, nor would we contemplate doing it in the future.

Clearly, the drainage system throughout this area is not up to standard, but it is not in the ownership of the Council nor is it adopted by Northumbrian Water. Despite this, over a period of years, the Council has cleared blockages from the sewerage system, at its own cost, as it was felt that this was in the best interests of the residents of Hartlepool and the tenants of the Marina.

We've also been carrying out a cleansing service on the Marina as well as emptying all litter bins and doing some street lighting works. However, as part of tonight's budget setting, it is proposed these services will be withdrawn from 1st April and the money re-directed to the out of hours noise nuisance service which benefits the whole of the town. We simply cannot continue any longer to provide services that a private organisation receiving income from tenants should be providing.

I firmly believe that the service charge which all tenants on the Marina pay to the owners should be used to carry out the much-needed upgrading of the highways, sewers and water supply. I also share the grave concerns that businesses have about the introduction of car parking charges. Had the Council adopted the area from Mandale, it was only on the proviso that we would not introduce car parking charges.

Despite our frustrations, we will continue to work with the tenants of all the businesses at Navigation Point to try and ensure that Mandale face up to their responsibility and upgrade the area. We will also ensure that the utilities - the Environment Agency and Northumbrian Water - also carry out their own responsibilities in ensuring that the sewage system and water discharge system is up to standard.

The Council has already done more than it is required to assist businesses on the Marina and as the Mayor has publically stated, the door is still open if Mandale want to sit round the table and reach an agreement on adoption and deliver on their responsibilities as part of this. Also, the Mayor and Council officers are meeting with Marina businesses on Monday to try and determine a way forward.

There were no supplementary questions

In the ensuing discussion Members indicated their support for the Mayor's approach set out in the response given by Councillor Jackson.

(ii) Councillor G Lilley to the Mayor, Stuart Drummond

"Could the Mayor please identify the specific areas in Hartlepool being considered for clearance or currently being cleared to make way for new affordable housing?"

In light of the Mayor's absence, Councillor G Lilley requested that his question be deferred until the next meeting of Council.

(iii) Councillor Brash to the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Neighbourhoods

"Parking on residential streets can present real issues at the best of times, but for disabled people the problem can be particularly acute. Several residents of the Burn Valley ward have raised this concern with me so will the Portfolio holder please outline the current policy position of the Council in respect of disabled parking provision on residential streets?"

Councillor Jackson, the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Neighbourhoods indicated that there are no direct policies for the creation of disabled parking bays within residential areas of Hartlepool. The Council did examine the options some time ago and took the decision that in the case of dedicated on street parking and advisory "H" bar carriageway markings this provision could not be offered to residents.

The decision was taken following a number of complaints regarding the marking of "H" bars and the disagreement and resentment this caused between neighbours.

There are several reasons why the provision of disabled bays is difficult to provide / manage. They include:

1. The road infrastructure is often unsuitable and the number of requests would likely exceed demand.
2. Too many dedicated disabled spaces would have a detrimental impact particularly on permit controlled residential zones.
3. There is a sense of ownership of the bay by the resident who makes the request which in reality is available to any disabled permit holder.
4. It is difficult to manage the records and allocation of bays, people move house etc., and the removal / inclusion of a bay would bring with it substantial cost.
5. There is a likelihood of a saturation of dedicated disabled bays in some areas (concentration of elderly people etc.) which reduces the parking space

available to other residents and neighbours.

6. When measures were previously introduced this created animosity with other residents.

7) It is unlikely that the Council could cope with either the manpower resource to consider all applications or the financial resource to implement the new bays. The town currently has 5000 registered blue badge holders a number of which have no dedicated parking provision of private access driveways.

Officers are, however, looking at the criteria used in neighbouring north eastern councils to examine if there are any common criteria in this area. It may be possible in the future to commit to a regional policy on such matters if some of the concerns I have outlined can be overcome.

In a supplementary question Councillor Brash indicated that while he acknowledged the difficulties, he did consider that other Councils did tackle these issues differently and suggested the Portfolio Holder examine the different methods used by other authorities in tackling these issues in developing any future policy. The Portfolio Holder indicated that he would request that officers seek such information from other authorities.

(c) Questions to the appropriate Members on Police and Fire Authority issues, for which notice has been given.

None.

95. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

(i) Report on Special Urgency Decisions

Council noted that there were no Special Urgency decisions taken in the period October to December 2009.

(ii) Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel

The Chief Executive outlined to Council the contents of the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel in relation to a three year review programme of the basis of allowances to ensure that they are robust and fit for purpose. In carrying out the review the Panel had sought the views of the political parties and the Mayor.

The Basic Allowance, which is paid to all members of the Council and was last reviewed in 2006 with inflation updates in accordance with the local government pay award, is currently £5,696. In 2006 the Panel undertook a major review of this allowance and in undertaking its current review was interested to ascertain whether there had been any major changes in responsibility or changes with other Councils.

In looking at the level of the Basic Allowance the Panel noted that there was no support from the Mayor or the political groups for change at this time. Of the other comments submitted to the Panel, these generally supported the status quo although some amendments were suggested. One involved allowing members to claim for internet access where members are not connected through the Council's arrangements, in a manner similar to the current arrangements for telephones. The Panel noted this together with comments from Officers that the Council had a policy and rollout programme for connection to the Council's network. After consideration they supported this and determined not to make any recommendations to change the scheme in this regard. Another suggested a review of the allowance for Licensing Committee. The Panel were mindful of the changes that had occurred in this area previously and the appropriateness for review. The Panel requested and considered a framework for consideration based on Decision Making responsibility, Involvement of the Public and length of time/frequencies of meetings.

The Panel also considered the survey of all Local Authorities schemes which had been carried out by the Local Government Association. The Panel noted that the information on allowances, whilst interesting, was subject to such variation that it was not particularly helpful. It did note that for its size and expanse of responsibilities the Council's allowances were low.

The Panel also noted that the survey identified the average time spent by back bench Councillors on their role was on average 20 hours per week. The panel noted that in terms of Hartlepool's scheme this broadly equated with an hourly rate in line with the national minimum wage.

Taking all these factors into account the Panel recommend that the Basic Allowance be maintained at its current level and increased in line with the Local Government Pay Award for the period April 2010-2013.

Special Responsibility Allowances (SRAs) are paid to a number of members who hold positions that have varying degrees of additional duties. This allowance is paid in addition to the basic allowance and is determined as a proportion of the basic allowance. Details of the current SRAs were set out in the report. The Panel commented when reviewing the special responsibility allowances that they were of the view that the majority of the allowances were appropriate, however they considered some positions in more detail. Those positions were the Chairs of Audit Committee, Licensing Committee, Planning Committee and Contract Scrutiny Committee.

Councillor R W Cook declared a non-prejudicial interest at this point in the meeting as Chair of the Planning Committee and indicated that he would not vote on the recommendations set out in the report.

In commenting on the report of the Panel, a view was expressed by a Member that consideration should be given to internet costs being met as a move towards the Council's e-government agenda and reducing the costs associated with printing and paper. Other Members did not consider such a payment should be pursued and felt that the lack of Member training was a greater

obstacle at present.

RESOLVED –

1. That internet costs not be made an allowable expense in the Council scheme.
2. That the Basic Allowance be maintained at its current level, indexed to the Local Government Pay award for the three years commencing April 2010.
3. That the Special Responsibility Allowances be maintained at their current levels with the following exceptions
 - That the Licensing special responsibility weighting be increased to 60% from April 2010.
 - That the Planning special responsibility weighting be increased to 100% from April 2010.
4. That the Council appoints two new members to bring the Independent Remuneration Panel's membership up to strength.

96. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair confirmed that an Extraordinary Meeting of the Council would be held on 11 March 2010 commencing at 7.00 p.m. for the conferring of the titles of Honorary Alderman and Freeman of the Borough.

97. TO DISPOSE OF BUSINESS (IF ANY) REMAINING FROM THE LAST MEETING AND TO RECEIVE THE REPORT OF ANY SCRUTINY FORUM OR OTHER COMMITTEE TO WHICH SUCH BUSINESS WAS REFERRED FOR CONSIDERATION.

None.

98. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM THE COUNCIL'S COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

(i) Report of the Constitution Committee

The Vice-Chair of the Constitution Committee moved the report of the Committee in which it was proposed that the recommendations of the Constitution Committee to approve the scheme of delegation to be adopted by the Council to enable it to discharge its statutory obligations as the Commons Registration Authority. The appropriate amendment to the Constitution was set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

The Commons Act 2006 has repealed the previous statutory framework for dealing with Town and Village Greens. The report set out the procedure to be

adopted by the Council when dealing with applications by members of the public for the registration of new areas of land as town or village green. The Act came into force in relation to the registration of town and village green on the 6th April 2007. Currently the Council's Constitution does not include its role as Registration Authority under the Commons Act 2006. The law and procedure for dealing with applications to register land as town or village green is similar to that in relation to Public Rights of Way. It is therefore logical to add the Council's role as Registration Authority under the Commons Act 2006 to the scheme of delegation for the Planning Committee. The Planning Committee had considered and supported this proposal at its meeting on 2 December 2009.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed amendment to the Constitution as set out in Appendix 1 to the report amending the functions and delegations to the Planning Committee be approved.
2. That the procedure and time limits set out in Appendix 2 to the report as the proper procedure for dealing with applications made to register new town and village greens be approved.

99. TO CONSIDER ANY OTHER BUSINESS SPECIFIED IN THE SUMMONS OF THE MEETING

None.

100. REPORTS FROM THE EXECUTIVE

- (a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework
 - (i) Medium Term Financial Strategy – Budget and Policy Framework 2010/11 to 2013/14

The Finance and Performance Portfolio Holder, Councillor Payne, indicated that the development of the budget for 2010/11 had been a difficult process in light of the current economic situation and the potential changes to local authority funding that were likely following the forthcoming general election. The Portfolio Holder also stated that this budget would be the last produced under the guidance of the Chief Financial Officer, prior to his retirement in the spring. The Portfolio Holder expressed his thanks to the Chief Financial Officer, Mr Michael Ward and spoke in tribute to his service to the authority.

The Adult and Community Services Portfolio Holder, Councillor Hall, outlined the major issues set out within the budget and policy framework for 2010/11. Councillor Hall highlighted the excellent work undertaken by Scrutiny in considering the budget pressures and savings outlined in the initial budget consultations and also the feedback received from the Trade Unions and the local business community during the consultation process.

Councillor Hall highlighted the support that came through the scrutiny process for the extension to the out of hours noise service, the support for the Financial Inclusion Partnership and the Strategic Capital Resource and Asset Programme Team (SCRAPT), which included the capitalisation of the disabled facilities grant that would be of great benefit in ensuring more people in need could benefit. Voting against the budget would mean voting against these excellent proposals that were targeted at those in most need in the town. The budget maintained and extended some front-line services but had not been achieved without any pain. There were already a number of council staff that had lost their positions through this budget exercise and in light of the difficult times ahead for local government there would undoubtedly be more.

In terms of the national position this Council was with this budget sending a strong message to central government that this Council could and would continue to manage our budget. We prove wrong the belief that we are too small. We have excellent officers here delivering our excellent services to the people of Hartlepool.

On the issue of Council Tax, it was assumed a couple of years ago that we would be increasing council tax by 3.9%. Through this budget we have been able to keep the proposed council tax rise down to 2.5%, not an unreasonable increase in current circumstances. A new feature in the budget process is the setting out of the statutory functions and the expenditure directed to them. When we look at the budgets that we as Members actually manage, we have to be very proud about what local government actually achieves and in particular what this Council does.

Councillor Hall commended the Medium Term Financial Strategy – Budget and Policy Framework 2010/11 to 2013/14 to the Council.

Motion put and seconded

“That the detailed recommendations set out within the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy – Budget and Policy Framework 2010/11 to 2013/14 be approved.”

Members welcomed the proposals, and in particular the extension of the out of hours noise service which would be very welcome to those people in the town who suffer the nuisance of noisy neighbours. Members also sought assurances that the money allocated to the Financial Inclusion Partnership would be ring-fenced. The partnership through its support for services like the Credit Union was directly supporting those families in the town on the lowest incomes. Child poverty and indeed family poverty is unfortunately extremely prevalent in Hartlepool and recent figures have suggested that it is 1 in 3 households in the town fall into this category. It was proposed that the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Performance consider the ring-fencing of the monies to be allocated to the Financial Inclusion Partnership.

Councillors also referred to the hospital bus service, one of the many positive services being supported by the Council. The Portfolio Holder for Transport and

Neighbourhoods was congratulated for his work in maintaining this service.

One Councillor did feel that even a rise of 2.5% would be difficult for many residents, particularly the elderly to meet from their already stretched budgets. Many residents of the town hadn't received a pay rise for two years.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 17.4 (ii);

Motion Moved and seconded

"That a recorded vote be taken."

Motion carried.

The motion put to a recorded vote "That the detailed recommendations set out within the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy – Budget and Policy Framework 2010/11 to 2013/14 be approved".

Those in favour Councillors C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Atkinson, Barker, Brash, R W Cook, S Cook, Cranney, Fleet, Fleming, Flintoff, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Hill, Jackson, James, Lauderdale, A E Lilley, G Lilley, London, A Marshall, Payne, Preece, Richardson, Rogan, Shaw, Simmons, Thompson, Turner, Worthy, Wright, and Young.

Those against; Councillors Aiken, Allison, Gibbon, McKenna,

Motion Carried

RESOLVED as follows: -

(All paragraph and appendices references below relate to the Supporting Documentation Booklet submitted to Council as part of the agenda papers.)

CAPITAL

1. That the proposal to passport Government capital allocations be approved.
2. That the proposal to continue capital investment of £1.2m in SCRAPT priorities which is funded from prudential borrowing. Detailed proposals are set out in Appendix A, table 1 be approved.
3. That the proposal to use unsupported borrowing to support the following capital investment in 2010/2011 be approved: -

	<u>£'000</u>
Community Safety Initiatives	150
Disabled Adaptations	50
Neighbourhood Forum Minor Works	156
Vehicle Replacement Programme	1905

4. That the additions to the Schools Capital Programme which have been supported by the Schools Forum Capital Sub-group be endorsed.
5. That the proposal to use unsupported prudential borrowing as detailed in Appendix A, Table 2 to support the Council's vehicle replacement programme be approved, where the business case demonstrates this is more cost effective than leasing and these costs can be either funded from existing budgets or increased income.
6. That from 2011/2012 the SCRAPT priorities monies be used to address major strategic issues.

2009/2010 OUTTURN STRATEGY

7. That a specific reserve ring fenced for Looked After Children be created from the net underspend from the Children's services budget 2009/2010.
8. That any other net departmental underspend be transferred to the new strategic risk reserve.
9. That the underspend on centralised estimates be also transferred to the strategic risk reserve.
10. That underspend on Area Based Grant schemes be clawed back centrally and used where possible to underpin the flexibility used to support the general fund.

2010/2011 REVENUE BUDGET

11. That the pressures of £1.159m included at Appendix C (5.2.3) be approved.
12. That the contingency of £0.450m as detailed in Appendix D be approved.
13. That the Business Transformation efficiency of £2.514m (5.2.7) be approved.
14. That the temporary funding of £1.960m being the use of reserves from the Budget Support Fund (5.2.10) and Area Based Grant flexibility (5.2.11) be approved.
15. That Council confirms the detailed allocations for individual Area Based Grant Schemes (Working Neighbourhood Fund Projects) as set out in Appendix F (5.2.11) and individual Area Based Grant Schemes (Non Working Neighbourhood Fund Projects) as set out in Appendix 3 of the report.
16. That Council confirms the Corporate efficiencies and savings of £1.75m as detailed in 5.2.12, excluding the item detailed in paragraph 3.32 of the report.

17. That the proposed increase in Council Tax of 2.5%, with guideline increase of 2.5% for 2011/2012, 2012/2013 and 3.9% for 2013/2014 be approved.
18. That the additional items reflected in Cabinet report of 22 December 2009 report and detailed in 5.2.18 together with the proposed funding of these changes as detailed in 5.2.19 be approved.
19. That the detailed proposals for the achievement of the income target as detailed in Appendix G (5.2.18) excluding the item detailed in paragraph 3.32 of the report be approved.
20. Council notes the achievement of the 4% efficiency target (5.2.20).
21. Council notes the Budget risks and approve the mitigation strategy (5.2.22).
22. Council notes the key financial assumption underpinning the budget as detailed in Appendix I (5.5.3).
23. That the transfer of £0.5m from the Supporting People reserve, previously set aside from grant repayment to the Strategic Risk Reserve (5.2.23 and 5.6.5) be approved.
24. Council notes the opportunity to re-badge the additional Working Neighbourhoods Fund (5.2.23) and that this be investigated with any resources freed up being transferred to the strategic risk reserve.
25. Council notes the lack of insurance cover for the Tall Ships event and note the continued need for the specific reserve.
26. That the allocation of £38,000 to extend the out of hours noise service to include Friday and Saturday nights, 52 weeks of the year and to fund this commitment from the saving in cleansing costs on the Marina, which will now be funded by the owners of the Marina be approved. This funding would need to be underwritten from General Fund Balances in 2010/11 and, if necessary, in future years from the budget headroom;
27. That approval be given to the £4,000 Youth Service tuck shop income being retained for investment in projects agreed in consultation with young people and in 2010/2011 this amount is funded from the Collection Fund surplus and in future years from the budget headroom;
28. That Council provides £60,000 on a one-off basis to support the Credit Union and that this be funded from General Fund Balances. The Finance and Performance Portfolio Holder be requested to consider ring-fencing this funding.

Supporting Statutory Resolutions

29. That the following supporting amounts which must be calculated by the Council for 2010/2011 in accordance with Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and relevant regulations be approved.

- (i) That the net budgeted requirement of £91,188,205 (as summarised at Appendix 1 of this report) be approved and for the purposes of Section 32(2), (3) and (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the following amounts also be approved: -

	<u>£</u>
Aggregate Expenditure	278,112,242
Aggregate Income	<u>(186,924,037)</u>
Budget Requirement (inc Parish Precepts)	<u>91,188,205</u>

- (ii) Being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable into the General Fund in respect of Revenue Support grant £6,532,869 and redistributed Business Rate Grant £44,989,336, increased by the amount the Council estimates will be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund as its surplus in respect of Council Tax as at 31st March, 2010, £252,515 in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Local Government Changes for England (Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits) Regulations 1995 as amended.
- (iii) Being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33 of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year of £1,419.64.
- (iv) That the contributions made towards the expenses of Dalton Piercy, Elwick, Greatham and Hart Parish Councils be approved to enable them to carry out the associated concurrent functions; and formally accept the Precepts in relation to non concurrent functions and approve the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act as set below:-

	<u>Concurrent Functions</u>	<u>Precepts</u>
	<u>£</u>	<u>£</u>
Dalton Piercy	2,839	5,813
Elwick	5,977	5,667
Greatham	1,385	3,201
Hart	3,410	3,250
Headland	0	8,000
Newton Bewley	<u>0</u>	<u>222</u>
Total Concurrent functions	13,611	
Aggregate Amount (Section 34 (i))		26,153

- (v) That the basic Council Tax for 2010/2011 calculated in accordance with Section 34(2) for dwellings in those areas that have no parish precepts or other special items shall be £1,418.70.

- (vi) That the basic Council Tax for 2010/2011 calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) for dwellings in those areas that have parish precepts be as set out in Appendix 2, Table 1 (to this report) be approved.
 - (vii) That the amounts of Council Tax at items (iv) and (v) multiplied by the proportions applicable to each category of dwelling in its area, in accordance with Section 36 of the Act be as set out in Appendix 2, Table 2 (to this report) be approved.
30. That Council approve indicative Council Tax increases for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 of 2.5%.

(b) Proposal for Departure from the Budget and Policy Framework

None.

101. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

There were no motions on notice.

102. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT MEMBER TO THE COUNCIL'S STANDARDS COMMITTEE AND THE INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL

The Chief Executive reported that the Relevant Authorities (Standards Committees) Regulations, 2001 and now the Standards Committee (England) Regulations, 2008, provide that Standards Committees must ensure that at least 25 per cent of its membership are "independent members".

Following a publicity exercise, an application was forthcoming from Professor Brian Footitt, for appointment as an independent and therefore a co-opted member of the Council's Standards Committee. Professor Footitt also indicated his willingness to serve upon the Council's Independent Remuneration Panel, subject to the approval of Council.

Professor Footitt was interviewed for these positions before a meeting of the Council's Standards Committee, which convened on 15 December, 2009. The Committee unanimously recommended that Professor Footitt be appointed, subject to Council approval, in respect of these two roles. Members are therefore asked to approve the appointment of Professor Footitt for a term of four years upon the Council's Standards Committee and also upon the Independent Remuneration Panel.

RESOLVED –

That Council approves the appointment of Professor Brian Footitt as an Independent Member upon the Council's Standards Committee and as a Member of the Independent Remuneration Panel for a term of four years.

103 APPOINTMENTS PANEL: ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – REGENERATION AND PLANNING

The Chief Executive reported that Cabinet agreed on 16 November 2009 to establish a post of Assistant Director – Regeneration and Planning, in line with the Council's procedures. As a result, the Vacancy Monitoring Panel considered the above post at its meeting on 27 January 2010 and confirmed the request to fill the post. The Trade Unions were consulted on 28 January 2010 and agreed to the release of the post during the Recruitment Freeze.

Council is requested, therefore, to approve the establishment of an Appointments Panel. In line with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, as set out in the Constitution, the Panel will consist of eight members, as follows:-

The Mayor

The Chairman of the Council

Group nominations – 3 Labour Councillors, 1 Conservative Councillor, 1 Liberal Democrat Councillor and 1 Administrative Group Councillor.

In addition, as identified in the Officer Employment Procedure Rules, Council is also requested to reflect the gender balance of the Council when nominating to the Panel. It is suggested therefore that Council nominate three female Councillors to the Panel.

Council was requested to approve the establishment of the Appointments Panel and nominate members accordingly.

RESOLVED –

1. That the following Members be appointed to the Appointments Panel for the post of Assistant Director – Regeneration and Planning –

Councillors Dr Morris (Conservative Group), London (LibDem Group), AE Lilley (Admin Group), S Akers-Belcher, R Cook and Hargreaves (Labour Group).

2. That the Portfolio Holder for Transport and Neighbourhoods participate in the Appointments process but without voting rights.

104. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2010/11

The Chief Executive reported on the Council's Treasury Management Strategy for 2010/2011, which included Prudential Indicators for 2010/2011 – 2012/2013 and set out the expected Treasury operations for this period. The Strategy fulfils four key legislative requirements:

- The reporting of Prudential Indicators based on expected capital activities.
- The Council's Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Policy, which sets out

how the Council will pay for capital assets through revenue each year.

- The Treasury Management Strategy Statement which sets out the planned borrowing and investment strategies and the limitations on treasury activity by the use of Treasury Prudential Indicators.
- The Investment Strategy which sets out the Council's criteria for investment counterparties and limiting exposure to the risk of loss. This strategy is in accordance with the Department of Communities and Local Government (CLG) Investment Guidance.

These policies and parameters provided an approved framework within which officers undertake the day to day capital and Treasury activities.

The revised editions of the CIPFA Prudential Code and CIPFA Treasury Management Code of Practice were issued in late November 2009 and the CLG is currently consulting on changes to the Investment Guidance. The revised guidance and CLG proposals have been incorporated within this report. If necessary the Investment Strategy will be revised if any elements of the final CLG Investment Guidance result in significant changes.

The main changes arising from the new guidance are process related and now make it compulsory to adopt practices that the Council already had in place. One notable change from existing practice is the requirement to nominate a body (best practice recommends this is normally the Audit Committee) to be responsible for ensuring effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and policies, before making recommendations to Council. It is recommended that this responsibility be given to the Audit Committee. This year, because the revised guidance was not received until December it was not been possible for the Audit Committee to review the strategy prior this report being presented to the Council. The Strategy will be referred to the next meeting of the Audit Committee on 16th March and if any changes are recommended these will be referred to the next meeting of the Council on 15th April, 2010.

The revised Code increases the responsibility of Members' in this area. This will require training for Members to enable better scrutiny of the Treasury policies. Arrangements will be made early in the new year for training to be provided.

The Chief Executive went on to outline the following key areas of the report –

- Prudential Indicators and Treasury Limits for 2010/2011 to 2012/2013;
- Outlook for Interest Rates;
- Borrowing Strategy;
- Investment Strategy.

The Chief Executive advised Council that the authority currently uses Butlers as its treasury management consultants. The company provides a range of services which include:

- Technical support on treasury matters, capital finance issues and the drafting of Member reports;

- Economic and interest rate analysis;
- Debt services which includes advice on the timing of borrowing;
- Debt rescheduling advice surrounding the existing portfolio;
- Generic investment advice on interest rates, timing and investment instruments;
- Credit ratings/market information service comprising the three main credit rating agencies;

Whilst the advisers provide support to the internal Treasury function, under current market rules and the CIPFA Code of Practice the final decision on Treasury matters remains with the Council. This service is subject to regular review.

The Chief Executive particularly highlighted the increased role of Members and the need to ensure officers dealing with Treasury Management are well trained and kept up to date requires a suitable training process for Members and officers. Officers already attend regular training courses provided by Butlers. Arrangements would be made for some training for Members in the early part of the year. This is likely to take the form of a number of a workshop session involving Butlers.

Members queried if there would need to be additional specialised training for the members of the Audit Committee. The Chair Executive commented that it would be helpful if all the members of the Audit Committee undergo the training that would be organised for Members.

The Chair of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee commented that during the budget consultation process Members had looked at potential ways to utilise capital funding in the future to meet the aspirations of Members and officers. Training to ensure that all Members understood the capital expenditure arrangements of the authority for example would be extremely helpful in enhancing the understanding and progressing the wishes of Members.

Members questioned the interest rates sought by the Council and its advisors for both borrowing and particularly investment to ensure the best income generation for the authority. The Chief Executive commented that interest rates were constantly examined to ensure that the Council was receiving the best deal available without putting the Council's finances at risk. In terms of borrowings, both the interest rate and the term of borrowing were constantly re-examined to ensure the Council gained the best from the markets.

RESOLVED – as follows

1. The responsibility for the effective scrutiny of Treasury activities to be allocated to the Audit Committee.
2. The Prudential Indicators and Limits relating to Capital Expenditure for 2010/2011 to 2012/2013 as per in Section 3.
3. The Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) Statement as per paragraph 5.5.

4. The Borrowing Strategy for 2010/2011 to 2012/2013 and related Treasury Prudential Indicators as set out in Section 5.
5. The Investment Strategy Counterparty Criteria contained in Section 6.
6. The Investment Strategy for 2010/2011 to 2012/2013 and related Treasury Prudential Indicators as detailed in Section 6.

The meeting concluded at 8.30 p.m.

C RICHARDSON

CHAIRMAN

COUNCIL REPORT

25th February, 2010



Report of: Chief Executive

Subject: FORMAL COUNCIL TAX SETTING 2010/2011 –
INCORPORATION OF FIRE AND POLICE
AUTHORITY PRECEPTS

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To enable Council to set the overall level of Council Tax following the notification by the Police and Fire Authority of their Council Tax levels for 2010/2011.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At your meeting on 11th February, 2010, Members considered and approved the proposed Medium Term Financial Strategy and this Authority's own 2010/2011 Council Tax level, including Parish Council Tax levels where applicable. In accordance with statutory requirements the Council then needs to approve the overall Council Tax, inclusive of the Police and Fire Authority precepts. The Fire Authority set its precept and Council Tax on 5th February, 2010 and the Police Authority is scheduled to set its precept and Council Tax on the morning of 25th February 2010.

3. DETERMINATION OF OVERALL COUNCIL TAX LEVELS

- 3.1 The determination of the overall Council Tax level is a statutory function, which brings together the individual Council Tax levels determined by this Council, Cleveland Police Authority, Cleveland Fire Authority and where applicable Parish Councils.
- 3.2 A detailed schedule of the statutory Council Tax calculation incorporating the Police and Fire Authority Council Tax levels for 2010/2011 will be circulated at your meeting on 25th February, 2010.

4. PROPOSAL

- 4.1 Council is requested to approve the following proposal: -
- i) The amount of Council Tax including the Cleveland Police Authority and Cleveland Fire Authority precepts, in accordance with Section 40 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and the relevant inclusion of amounts of Council Tax for each category of dwelling in accordance with Sections 43 to 47 of the Act, as set out in Appendix A, Table 4 (to be circulated separately).

COUNCIL
25th February 2010



Report of: The Executive

Subject: LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT REFRESH

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek Council's approval of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) refresh submission for 2010/11.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 A LAA is a three year agreement based on local Community Strategies that sets out the priorities agreed between Central Government (represented by the regional Government Office) and a local area (represented by the local authority and other key partners through Local Strategic Partnerships). Hartlepool's LAA is structured around the themes of the Community Strategy and sets out agreed priorities that the Local Strategic Partnership (LSP), through its partners, will progress.
- 2.2 There are 3 types of targets within the LAA:
- Designated Improvement Targets - those that have been designated by the Secretary of State and are subject to upward reporting to Government. These targets have been derived from the National Indicator Set and conform to the associated Handbook of Definitions.
 - DCSF Improvement Targets – led by Child & Adult Services
 - Local Priority Targets - those where targets are set by the LSP and are only subject to local monitoring arrangements.
- 2.3 Hartlepool's LAA was agreed by Council at its meeting in May 2008 and subsequently signed-off by the Secretary of State in June 2008. The LAA was reviewed in 2008/9 and the refreshed LAA was agreed by Cabinet and Council at their meetings in March 2009 and then signed off by the Secretary of State. In legal terms, the LAA is simply a collection of improvement targets submitted to the Secretary of State for approval.

3. REFRESH PROCESS 2010/11

- 3.1 The annual LAA refresh process provides the opportunity to revise a limited number of designated targets, revise local priority targets and also to consider any emerging priorities and potentially new targets that we may wish to include within our LAA. As this will be the final year of the current 3 year agreement, targets within the LAA are not being revised unless there are exceptional circumstances.
- 3.2 The refresh process for 2010/11 started in December 2009 with the identification of indicators that required refreshing. At this time the Story of Place was reviewed and updated. This sits alongside the LAA and sets out the local context and evidence base for each outcome. Throughout the refresh process reports have been presented to the Hartlepool Partnership, Cabinet and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee. In addition a Members Seminar was held on 5th January 2010 to brief members on the progress of the LAA and provide an opportunity for more detailed discussion on the proposed amendments to the LAA for 2010/11.
- 3.3 Lead Officers from the relevant organisations were identified for each indicator that needed to be refreshed. Working through the Partnership Support Team, negotiations have taken place with Government Office North East (GONE) to agree the revised targets within Hartlepool's refresh submission. These proposed changes have also been considered by the Hartlepool Partnership (29th January) and Cabinet (8th February).

4. PROPOSED CHANGES IN THE LAA REFRESH SUBMISSION FOR 2010/11**4.1 Outcomes:**

When the LAA was first developed it was felt appropriate that activity aimed at reducing child poverty was included within the outcome 'Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life'. However, as child poverty is increasingly a concern both nationally and within Hartlepool it is proposed to introduce a new outcome within the Jobs & Economy theme which would be 'Fewer children in Hartlepool experience the effects of poverty'. This outcome would include the designated target for NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty and the delivery and improvement plan for 2010/11 will reflect key elements of the Child Poverty Action Plan. A summary of the outcomes within the LAA reflecting this addition is set out in appendix 1. The updated Story of Place for 2010/11 including the new child poverty outcome will be available from the Hartlepool Borough Council and Hartlepool Partnership websites.

4.2 Designated Targets:

Hartlepool has renegotiated 6 designated targets that were not 'locked down' in the refresh last year. Central Government requested that in the refresh these targets are set out as relative to the regional or national average rather than as actual percentages. It has been proposed that the targets are set as

relative to the regional average and the proposed targets that have been agreed with GONE are set out within appendix 2.

- 4.3 Hartlepool has achieved the designated target for NI 155 Number of affordable homes constructed (gross) by the end of quarter 3 of 2009/10 (year 2 of the LAA) and therefore this achievement has been 'banked' and the target removed from the designated list. The target will remain in the LAA as a local indicator with a new target set for the final year.
- 4.4 To replace NI 155 it has been proposed that a new designated target be included within the LAA for NI 39 Alcohol related hospital admissions as set out in appendix 2. The recent Comprehensive Area Assessment (CAA) identified a red flag around alcohol for Hartlepool and it is felt appropriate to include this indicator within the LAA to demonstrate the importance that the Local Authority and its partners are putting on achieving improvement in this area. The target comes from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Vital Signs targets and has been agreed with GONE and the Strategic Health Authority.
- 4.5 Central Government, through the refresh process, has given areas the opportunity to remove the designated target for NI 112 Under-18 conception rates from the reward grant calculation. It is proposed that Hartlepool take up this opportunity but maintain it as a designated target in the LAA. This means that the 2010/11 target will remain as previously agreed but there will now be no financial penalty for non-achievement.
- 4.6 DCSF Targets
Negotiation of the DCSF targets is led by the Child & Adult Services Department and is separate to the LAA refresh process. The updated targets for 2010/11 are set out in appendix 3.
- 4.7 Local Priority Targets
As part of the refresh Hartlepool is able to revise local priority targets. However, as this is the final year of the LAA it is only proposed to revise those targets that have been rendered unrealistic by exceptional circumstances or those that will have been achieved in 2009/10.
- 4.8 Appendix 4 sets out the proposed changes to the following local priority targets:
- Unemployment Rate (Hartlepool)
 - Employment Rate (16-24 years old)
 - NI 172 Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth (local)
 - Youth Unemployment Rate (Hartlepool)
 - Youth Unemployment Rate (Neighbourhood Renewal Narrowing the Gap)
 - NI 155 Number of affordable homes constructed (gross)
 - Number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months (formerly number of homes brought back into use)
 - Number of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status
 - NI 3 Civic Participation in the local area

- 4.9 Scrutiny Coordinating Committee (SCC) considered the LAA refresh at their meeting on 15th January 2010. Whilst there was broad support for the proposals put forward they discussed in detail the 2010/11 target for the number of homes brought back into use and felt that the target was not ambitious enough. In response it has been proposed that the target be revised to 'reduce the number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months by 10%' and this is set out in further detail in appendix 4. This new target equates to 63 private dwellings which is a substantial increase from the original target for 2010/11 of 20 and is felt to be both ambitious and challenging. Appendix 5 sets out the definition of the indicator and the baseline figure. SCC at their meeting on the 29th January 2010 welcomed and noted the revised target proposal.
- 4.10 As the target for 'number of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status' has been achieved in 2009/10 it is proposed to replace this local priority indicator with two indicators which will see this area of work taken forward. These new indicators are set out in more detail in appendix 4.
- 4.11 To reflect empowerment work being undertaken in the Borough it has been proposed to include a new indicator, NI 3 Civic Participation in the local area. This new indicator is set out in more detail in appendix 4.
- 4.12 Tees Valley Multi Area Agreement (MAA) Targets
Appendix 6 sets out the current MAA targets. The targets contained in the MAA are complementary to the LAA and sit alongside the local priority targets. The MAA sets out key investment priorities, related resources, governance arrangements and the regeneration, housing and transport outcomes sought for the Tees Valley.
- 4.13 For information appendix 7 sets out all of the targets within the LAA for 2008-11. This includes the proposed target revisions outlined earlier in this report and the targets that have already been agreed in previous years.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Central Government have confirmed that there is £708,785 of Performance Reward Grant available to Hartlepool for achievement of the LAA. The proportion of reward that Hartlepool receives will be dependent upon average performance across the designated improvement targets. If all targets are achieved then the full reward grant will be paid, however no reward grant will be paid if the average performance is below 60%. Any performance reward grant will be paid to the Local Authority in 2 instalments during 2011/12 and 2010/13, each with a 28% capital element.
- 5.2 There are 2 designated improvement targets that will not be included within the reward grant calculation:
- NI 39 Alcohol related hospital admissions - this indicator was introduced after the March 2009 deadline for performance reward grant;

- NI 112 Under-18 conception rate – Following discussions with GONE and health partners, Hartlepool has taken up the opportunity to take this out of the reward calculation.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 That Council approves the LAA refresh submission for 2010/11.

7. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 The following papers are available on the Hartlepool Partnership website:
www.hartlepoolpartnership.co.uk
- Hartlepool's Local Area Agreement 2008-11 (April 2009)
 - LAA Story of Place February (2010)

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Hartlepool LAA - Summary of Outcomes for 2010/11

Jobs and the Economy

1. Attract Investment
2. Be Globally Competitive
3. Create more employment opportunities for local people
4. Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life.
5. Fewer children in Hartlepool experience the effects of poverty

Lifelong Learning and Skills

6. Enjoy and Achieve
7. Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice

Health and Wellbeing

8. Improved Health
9. Be Healthy
10. Exercise of choice and control and retention of personal dignity
11. Improved Mental Wellbeing
12. Access to Services

Community Safety

13. Reduced (total) crime
14. Reduced harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol
15. Improved neighbourhood safety and increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour
16. Reduced offending and re-offending
17. Stay safe

Environment

18. Deliver sustainable communities through high quality planning, new build and sensitive conservation and protect and enhance the local natural environment
19. Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces
20. Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system
21. Make better use of natural resources and reduce the generation of waste and maximise recycling
22. Prepare for the impacts of and secure local and global action to tackle Climate Change

23. Promote community involvement in positive action to reduce poverty through fair trade and promoting peace and security

Housing

24. Balancing Housing Supply and Demand
25. Improving the quality of existing housing
26. Changing housing needs and Meeting the Housing Needs of Vulnerable People
27. Access to housing

Culture and Leisure

28. Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport
29. Cultural and leisure services, including libraries, better meet the needs of the community, especially disadvantaged areas

Strengthening Communities

30. Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services
31. Make a positive contribution
32. Improving quality of life and ensuring service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs with particular focus on disadvantaged areas
33. Improving financial inclusion
34. Freedom from discrimination or harassment

Proposed Revisions to Designated Targets:

Outcome	Indicator	Hartlepool Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	NE Region Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Hartlepool – NE Region Gap Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Target 2010/11	Explanation
Attract investment	NI 151 Overall employment rate	65.8%	71.4%	5.6 percentage points (pp)	To maintain the gap at 5.6 pp	<p>The original targets were agreed in consultation with key partners at a time prior to the global economic crisis. Partners considered that these targets were stretching but achievable as long as economic growth and investment continued across the town. Since September 2008 the global economic crisis has impacted on the town with redundancies being announced at a number of companies, the unemployment rate increasing month on month to 7.2% in November 2009 (previously 5% in 2008) and the employment rate reducing from 67% in 2008 to 63.9%. Most sectors across the town have been affected by the recession and at the end of the financial year 2008/09 over 75% of new business enquiries to HBC were relating to redundancies, lay-offs and the need to reduce working hours.</p> <p>The reduction in the number of vacancies across the town over the past year further compels the issue of worklessness.</p>

Outcome	Indicator	Hartlepool Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	NE Region Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Hartlepool – NE Region Gap Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Target 2010/11	Explanation
Be globally competitive	NI 166 Median earnings of employees in the area	£332.45	£342.4	<p>-£9.95 or 97.1% of the regional average (2.9 pp below the regional average)</p>	<p>Narrow the gap to 97.6% of the regional average (2.4 pp below the regional average)</p>	<p>Alongside the issues identified for NI 151, companies within the town are reporting on price freezes and wage cuts (of on average ten per cent) and this trend is likely to continue as a review of all sectors - including the public sector – will aim to reduce wage bills further. This will impact on the original target of £499 being achieved.</p> <p>There has already been significant investment in improving the Median Earnings of Employees in the Area within Hartlepool and it is proposed that the above indicator is revised accordingly with the aim of narrowing the gap between Hartlepool and the North East Region by 0.5pp by the end of March 2011.</p>
Be globally competitive	NI 171 New business registration rate (VAT)	34.65	36.63	1.98 pp	Maintain the gap at 1.98 pp	<p>The original target of 47.49 was agreed in consultation with partners. However, following the global economic crisis which has impacted on local businesses within Hartlepool, it is clear that the NI 171 target needs to be revised. From close working relationships with businesses, it has been identified that most sectors across the town have been affected by the recession. Furthermore, with the</p>

Appendix 2

Outcome	Indicator	Hartlepool Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	NE Region Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Hartlepool – NE Region Gap Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Target 2010/11	Explanation
						adverse economic conditions local residents are sometimes unwilling to take the first step into self-employment and those who do register as a new business are requiring significantly higher levels of specialist support than in previous years to ensure survival. Factors such as reduced loans available from banks, is not assisting with potential new start businesses.
Create more employment opportunities for local people	NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	20.9%	16.4%	-4.5 pp	Maintain gap at -4.5 pp	It is anticipated that whilst there has been some optimism that the rise in the unemployment rate at a national and local level has slowed down, there is still a real possibility that a second slide in the labour market will occur in 2010 which will ultimately continue to negatively impact on the original targets of 18.7% and 26% respectively being achieved.
Create more employment opportunities for local people	NI 153 Working age population claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	32.7%	31.5%	-1.2 pp	Maintain gap at -1.2 pp	If the unemployment rate rises and the employment rate continues to fall due to a shrinking labour market, it is clear that the key priority groups will be further removed from the labour market as they will be unable to compete with skilled professionals who are newly redundant. There are fewer vacancies to apply for within the town and although significant investment and resources have been

Outcome	Indicator	Hartlepool Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	NE Region Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Hartlepool – NE Region Gap Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Target 2010/11	Explanation
						<p>placed in improving employment outcomes for all residents, there are still significant challenges which need to be rectified in the short, medium and long term.</p> <p>Across Hartlepool there are 18,950 adults who are classified as workless which is 33.8% of working age adults (as of Oct '09). This worklessness figure has increased for the past three years with the worklessness rate being 32% in 2007 and 32.1% in 2008. In a number of the most deprived wards such as Dyke House and Owton, the worklessness rates are even more disappointing and are peaking above 45%</p> <p>The number of adults who have been in receipt of incapacity/other sickness related benefit or income support over five years will have long term implications for the worklessness rate and therefore NI 152/NI 153. Unfortunately, these rates of worklessness and economic inactivity will not be short term and it will require not only an upturn in the economy but also new government initiatives – such as Pathways to Work – to tackle these generational problems.</p>

Outcome	Indicator	Hartlepool Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	NE Region Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Hartlepool – NE Region Gap Baseline (July 06 – June 07)	Target 2010/11	Explanation
Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life	NI 116 Proportion of children in poverty	29.0%	24.2%	-4.8 pp	Maintain gap at -4.8 pp	<p>The original LAA target required a 8.9 pp reduction in the number of children in families on out of work benefits. This target was agreed in consultation with key partners at a time prior to the global economic crisis. Partners considered that these targets were stretching but achievable as long as economic growth and investment continued across the town. Due to the complexities of child poverty, even if the parental employment rate is improved, research shows that one in two children whose parents work will still remain in poverty due to their level of income. To tackle this, over the past year the Council has worked towards the implementation of a Child Poverty Pledge, Strategy and Action Plan which will provide key strategic priorities that will improve the life chances of all children and families.</p> <p>It is extremely unlikely in the current climate that there will be any major reductions in the child poverty rate and the target has therefore been revised to aim to maintain the gap between Hartlepool and the North East Region.</p>

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Original Target	2010/11 Revised Target	Explanation
Balancing housing supply and demand	NI 155 Number of affordable homes constructed (gross)	10 (2006/7)	80 (total of 160 over 3 yrs)	140	3 year target achieved in year 2 (2009/10) therefore performance to be banked and target changed to a local priority indicator with revised target for 2010/11.

Proposal for New Designated Target:

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Proposed Target	Explanation
Improved health	NI 39 Alcohol related hospital admissions	1,874 (2006/7)	2,596	Target to be introduced in response to the Audit Commission Comprehensive Area Assessment report. The proposed target comes from the Primary Care Trust (PCT) Vital Signs targets that have previously been agreed with the Strategic Health Authority.

Department for School and Families Targets (Enjoy & Achieve outcome):

Indicator	Baseline (2006-07 Academic Year)	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners
		08/09	09/10	10/11	
NI 72 Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	38.4%	45.7%	44.9%	45.9%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 73 Achievement of level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	75.2%	78%.	82%	82%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 75 Achievement of 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	39%	44%	52%	51.7%	HBC, Secondary Schools
NI 87 Secondary School persistent absence rate	6.00%	5.80%	5.55%	5.4%	HBC, Secondary Schools
NI 92 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	45.70%	39.30%	39.06%	38.13%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 93 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	84.4%	95%	97%	94%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 94 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	80.70%	93.4%	97.00%	95%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 99 Children in Care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Summer 2007 = 33%	Current Y6 cohort 20%	Current Y5 cohort 43%	37.5%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 100 Children in Care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2	Summer 2007 = 50%	Current Y6 Cohort 30%	Current Y5 Cohort 43%	25%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 101 Children in Care achieving 5 A – C GCSE's (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)	Summer 2007 = 9%	Current Y11 Cohort 11%	Current Y10 Cohort 18%	12.55%	HBC, Secondary Schools

Proposed Revisions to LAA Local Priority Targets:

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Original Target	2010/11 Revised Target	Explanation
Attract Investment	Unemployment Rate (Hartlepool)	4.3% (2008)	3.7%	7.2%	<p>The original targets in this theme were agreed in consultation with key partners prior to the global economic crisis. Partners considered that these targets were stretching but achievable as long as economic growth and investment continued across the town. Since September 2008 the global economic crisis has impacted on the town with redundancies being announced at companies such as Woolworths and TK MAXX. The unemployment rate has increased month on month to 7.2% in November 2009 from 5% in 2008 and the employment rate has reduced from 67% in 2008 to 63.9%.</p>
Attract Investment	Employment Rate (16-24)	51.6% (2007)	54.4%	46%	<p>Most sectors across the town have been affected by the recession and advice given by HBC to local businesses at the end of the financial year 2008/09 reported that over 75% of new business enquiries were relating to redundancies, lay-offs and the need to reduce working hours. The reduction in the number of vacancies across the town over the past year has further compelled the issue of unemployment which ultimately impacts on the targets being achieved.</p> <p>The main challenge is to maintain and aim to improve on the proposed targets. There has already been significant investment in reducing the unemployment rate within Hartlepool which will work towards achieving the revised targets.</p>

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Original Target	2010/11 Revised Target	Explanation
Be globally competitive	NI 172 Percentage of small businesses in an area showing employment growth (local)	14.3 (2005-7)	Not previously set	14.3	NI 172 did not have an original target set as data was not available until recently. However, although performance improved in the lead up to the baseline year, there must be caution in setting a target that is too stretching. At best, the aim should be to maintain the current baseline figure of 14.3 as this in itself will be challenging in the current economic climate
Create more employment opportunities for local people	Youth Unemployment Rate (Hartlepool)	34.4% (2007)	32.2%	33.9% (2009)	The cohort worst affected by the downturn has been young people with nationally one in five young people currently unemployed. The picture is no different in Hartlepool with youth unemployment fluctuating erratically. For example, in June 2009 the youth unemployment rate was 31.5%, however, this increased to 33.9% in November 2009 (NOMIS). The actual numbers of young people who are unemployed in Hartlepool remains within the region of 1,200. The reduction in the number of vacancies across the town over the past year has further compelled the issue of youth unemployment. There has already been significant investment in improving the youth unemployment rate within Hartlepool which will work towards achieving the target.
Create more employment opportunities for local people	Youth Unemployment Rate (Neighbourhood Renewal Narrowing the Gap)	35.2% (2007)	32.5%	34.2%	
Balancing Housing Supply and Demand	Delivery of new Affordable Housing	10 (2006/07)	80	140	This target is an improvement to the original target. In the period 2008-10 265 units of affordable housing are expected to be delivered in total, with 234 units completed by December 2009. Schemes in the pipeline for 2010/11 are in excess of 140 units, therefore 140 is a realistic target to propose for 2010/11.

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Original Target	2010/11 Revised Target	Explanation
Balancing Housing Supply and Demand	Number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months (formerly number of homes brought back into use)	631 (2009)	20	63	<p>Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee felt that the original target was not ambitious enough and recommended that the target for 2010/11 be set at no less than 12% of the total homes available to be brought back in to use.</p> <p>In response it is proposed that the target be revised to 'reduce the number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months by 10%' which equates to 63 private dwellings. This is a substantial increase from the original target and is felt to be both ambitious and challenging.</p> <p>Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee welcomed and noted the revised target proposal at their meeting on the 29th January 2010.</p> <p>The definition of the indicator is set out in appendix 4.</p>

Proposed New Local Priority Targets:

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline Figure (Year)	2010/11 Target	Explanation
Be Healthy	Number of schools at stage 4b of the Healthy Schools Enhanced Model who have successfully completed their Health and Well being Improvement Tool	0% (2009/10)	20% (April 2011)	As the local priority indicator 'number of schools achieving National Healthy Schools Status' has been achieved in 2009/10 it is proposed to replace this indicator with the two outlined here. This is to ensure that the strategic profile of Healthy Schools is maintained locally.
Be Healthy	Number of schools that have successfully completed their Annual Review	0% (2009/10)	50% (July 2011)	
Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	NI 3 Civic participation in the local area	10.9%	13.0%	To reflect empowerment work being undertaken in the Borough it has been proposed to include a new indicator, NI 3 Civic Participation in the local area.

Local Priority Target - Number of empty homes

Description: The number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months

Definition: 'Private dwellings' are classified as all privately owned dwellings except for RSL dwellings.

Dwellings in the following categories are counted as being potentially available to the market:

- Empty between changing occupants
- Undergoing modernisation, repair or conversion
- Awaiting demolition
- Repossessions
- Awaiting probate
- Newly completed but not occupied
- Owned by a charity
- Unoccupied annexes
- Trustee in bankruptcy

Dwellings in the following categories are excluded because they are not considered as being available to the market:

- Second homes
- Holiday lets
- Flats and houses normally occupied by students
- Owner is in prison
- Owner receiving or giving care
- Owner in the armed or visiting forces
- Flood damaged
- Awaiting occupation by clergy

The calculation also excludes long-term vacant private sector dwellings earmarked for redevelopment or demolition.

Latest Available Data: 631 empty private homes in April 2009, 1.9% of the total number of private homes.

Proposed Target for 2010/11: To reduce the number of empty private homes by 10% (63 private homes).

Hartlepool Local Area Agreement 2008-11 Tees Valley Multi Area Agreement Indicators and Targets

INDICATOR	DEFINITION	DATA SOURCE	TARGET OBJECTIVE	BASELINE (2007/8)	YEAR 1 (2008/9)	YEAR 2 (2009/10)	YEAR 3 (2010/11)	YEAR 5 (2012/13)	YEAR 10 (2017/18)
M1 (Linked to RPI – Productivity, SNR and HMRC - DSO)	GVA (gross value added per capita) – measure of the total value of the economy	ONS	Narrow the gap between the economic performance of the Tees Valley and the UK average	78 <i>Index: UK=100 (2005 based. Available in Dec 2008)</i>	79 <i>(2006 based. Available in Dec 2009)</i>	79 <i>(2007 based. Available in Dec 2010)</i>	80 <i>(2008 based. Available in Dec 2011)</i>	81 <i>(2010 based. Available in Dec 2013)</i>	84 <i>(2015 based. Available in Dec 2018)</i>
M2 (NI 171) (Also linked to RPI – Enterprise)	New Business Registration Rate – the number of new VAT business registrations per 10,000 adult population	SBS/ONS	Narrow the gap between the Tees Valley and the Regional average	<i>(2007 based – based on new methodology. Available in Oct 2008)</i>	<i>A placeholder has been set up for this indicator since relevant data will not be available until Oct 2008. Targets will not be set until the data is available in the required format</i>				
M3 (NI 152)	Working Age People on Out of Work Benefits – proportion of working age population on benefits	NOMIS (Work and Pensions Longitudinal Survey - WPLS)	Narrow the gap between the percentage of people on out of work benefits in the Tees Valley compared to the national rate	5.2% Higher <i>(2007 based – only first 2 quarters currently available)</i>	5.0% Higher <i>(2008 based)</i>	4.8% Higher <i>(2009 based)</i>	4.5% Higher <i>(2010 based)</i>	4.1% Higher <i>(2012 based – 8 month lag)</i>	2.8% Higher <i>(2017 based)</i>
M4 (NI 151)	Overall Employment Rate – proportion of working age population in employment	Annual LFS and APS	Narrow the gap between the percentage of people in employment in the Tees Valley compared to the national rate	3.2% Below <i>(2007) based – 8 month lag)</i>	3.8% Below <i>(2008 based – 8 month lag)</i>	3.8% Below <i>(2009 based 8 month lag)</i>	3.5% Below <i>(2010 based – 8 month lag)</i>	2.7% Below <i>(2012 based – 8 month lag)</i>	1.0% Below <i>(2017 based – 8 month lag)</i>

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INDICATOR	DEFINITION	DATA SOURCE	TARGET OBJECTIVE	BASELINE (2007/8)	YEAR 1 (2008/9)	YEAR 2 (2009/10)	YEAR 3 (2010/11)	YEAR 5 (2012/13)	YEAR 10 (2017/18)
M5 (Linked to PSA 5 and to RPI – Sustainable Development)	Reliability of City Region Road Network – on the strategic road network	Based on journey time surveys performed locally	Demonstrate that the planned transport interventions maintain a reliable network that can be used to market the City Region to businesses, in line with the regeneration strategy	<i>Undertaken in Sept/Oct 2008 and Mar/May 2009; repeated annually</i>					
M6 (NI 154)	Net Additional Homes Provided – overall increase in dwelling stock	Housing Flows Reconciliation return	Increase the net additional homes, based on the RSS figures, plus the 20% enhancement offered by the Growth Point Bid (cumulative figures over 10 years are in brackets)	1,900 (0) <i>(2006/7 based. Available Jan 2008)</i>	1,500 (1,500) <i>(2007/8 based. Available Jan 2009)</i>	2,000 (3,500) <i>(2008/9 based. Available Jan 2010)</i>	2,500 (6,000) <i>(2009/10 based. Available Jan 2011)</i>	2,750 /pa (11,500) <i>(2011/12 based. Available Jan 2013)</i>	2740 /pa (25,200) <i>(2016/17 based. Available Jan 2018)</i>
M7 (Linked to NI186 and to RPI – Sustainable Development)	CO₂ Emissions from Industrial Premises – measure the resource efficiency of the industrial sector	TBC	A measure of CO ₂ emissions efficiency per 'unit of production' (e.g: per tonne of steel) will be designed. Aim: reduce the rate of emissions per unit of production	<i>TBC</i>					

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Key:

Abbreviation	Status
PRG	Indicators which are to be used to determine the LAA Performance Reward Grant
WNF	Indicators which are to be used to determine WNF reward
MAA	Indicators which contribute to the Tees Valley Multi Area Agreement

* New approach to target setting in year 3 (2010/11) as detailed in appendix 2.

Designated Improvement Targets:

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners	Status
			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Attract investment	NI 151 Overall employment rate	Outturn 2007/08 65.8%	66.8%	67.8%	Maintain gap at 5.6 percentage points (pp)*	HBC, Jobcentre Plus, Business Link, One North East	PRG WNF MAA
Be Globally Competitive	NI 171 New business rate registration	Average annual increase 2002-2007 is 4.6 registrations per 10,000 population = 47.9 businesses	baseline year	52.5 (+9.68%)	Maintain gap at 1.98 pp*	Business Link, HBC, Jobcentre Plus, One North East	PRG MAA
Be Globally Competitive	NI 166 Average Earnings of employees in the area	£440.60 per week	£460	£480	Narrow gap to 97.6% of regional average*	Business Link Jobcentre Plus, HBC, One North East	PRG
Create more employment opportunities for local people	NI 152 Working age people on out of work benefits	Outturn 2007/2008 21.7%	20.7%	19.7%	Maintain gap at -4.5 pp*	Jobcentre Plus, HBC	PRG WNF MAA
Create more employment opportunities for local people	NI 153 Working age population claiming out of work benefits in the worst performing neighbourhoods	33.2%	31%	28%	Maintain gap at -1.2 pp*	Jobcentre Plus, HBC	PRG

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Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners	Status
			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Achieve economic wellbeing for all children & young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life	NI 117 16 to 18 year olds who are not in education, training or employment (NEET)	9.0% Period ending: 31/12/07	8.4%	8.0%	7.6%	Connexions, HBC, Jobcentre Plus, LSC	PRG WNF
Fewer children in Hartlepool experience the effects of poverty	NI 116 Proportion of Children in Poverty	28.6%	25.6%	23.60%	Maintain gap at -4.8 pp*	Jobcentre Plus, HBC, One North East	PRG
Provision of high quality learning & skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	NI 161 Learners achieving a Level 1 qualification in literacy	388 learners achieving a literacy level 1 qualification (which includes GCSE English, KS Comms, Language and Literacy)	400	420	445 (cumulative 3 year total 400+420+445 = 1,263)	Learning and Skills Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education, HBC, Probation	PRG
Provision of high quality learning & skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	NI 162 Learners achieving an Entry Level 3 qualification in numeracy	115 learners achieving a numeracy qualification	122	132	134 (cumulative 3 year total 122+132+134 = 388)	Learning and Skills Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education, HBC, Probation	PRG

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			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Provision of high quality learning & skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	NI 163 Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher	64.7% (2006)	67.1%	69.6%	72.2%	Learning and Skills Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education, HBC	PRG WNF
Provision of high quality learning & skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	NI 164 Working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher	42.6% (2006)	44.2%	44.5%	46.5%	Learning and Skills Council, Hartlepool College of Further Education, HBC	PRG
Improved health	NI 120 All-age all cause mortality	2006 result Males 859.54 Females 662.93	Males 801 Females 579 (2008)	Males 767 Females 558 (2009)	Males 735 Females 539 (2010)	PCT NHS Trust, HBC	PRG
Improved health	NI 123 16+ current smoking rate prevalence	Ave. 2004/5-2006/7 1769	1769 (2008)	1769 (2009)	1769 (2010)	PCT, HBC	PRG
Improved health	NI 39 Alcohol related hospital admissions	1,874 (2006/7)	N/A	N/A	2,596	PCT, HBC	
Be healthy	NI 112 Under 18 conception rates	64.08 (2005 rate)	49.6 (- 35%) (2009)	41.3 (- 45%) (2010)	34.0 (- 55%) (2011)	PCT, HBC, Connexions, Schools	

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			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Exercise of choice and control and retention of personal dignity	NI 130 Social Care clients receiving Self Directed Support (Direct Payments and Individualised Budgets)	4.5% (2007/8)	50%	70%	90%	HBC PCT	PRG
Access to services	NI 135 Carers receiving needs assessment or review and a specific carer's service, or advice and information	12% (2006/07)	19%	20%	21%	HBC PCT	PRG
Reduced (total) crime	NI 16 Serious acquisitive crime rate	1500 crimes = 16.47 per 1000 population	1470 = 16.14 per 1000 population	1440 = 15.81 per 1000 population	1410 = 15.48 per 1000 population	Police, HBC	PRG
Reduced (total) crime	NI 20 Assault with injury crime rate	8.1 per 1000 population (estimated April 08 - Jan 09)	Baseline year	8% reduction on baseline by 2011		Police, HBC	PRG
Reduced re-offending and re-offending	NI 38 Drugs related (class A) offending rate	Out-turn for Jan-Mar 2008 cohort. Final data available July 2009. Emerging baseline: 1.4	N/A (Deferred indicator introduced April 2009)	Average 24.5% below baseline across 09/10 and 10/11 cohorts		Police, HBC, PCT, Probation	PRG
Improved neighbourhood safety & increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	NI 17 Perceptions of anti-social behaviour	20.9% (2008)	Baseline year	Not set as Place Survey is taken bi annually	17.7%	HBC, Police, Fire Authority, RSLs	PRG

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners	Status
			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener & safer public, private and community spaces	NI 195 Improved street and environmental cleanliness	NI 195 (i) 19% (ENCAMS 2006/7)	15%	14%	13%	HBC	PRG
Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system	NI 175 Access to services and facilities by public transport, walking and cycling	50% (Year: 2006/07) (Source: Tees Valley JSU)	50%	50%	55%	HBC	PRG
Make better use of natural resources and reduce the generation of waste and maximise recycling	NI 192 Tonnage of household waste recycled and composted	27.62% (2006/07)	35%	39%	42%	HBC	PRG
Prepare for the impacts of & secure local & global action to tackle climate change	NI 186 Per Capita CO ₂ emissions in the LA area	Revised baseline: 8.62 Tonnes Per Capita CO ₂ emissions in the LA area (2005)	11.25% reduction on baseline (7.5% National measures and 3.75% Local intervention) by 2011			HBC, Environment Agency	PRG MAA
Prepare for the impacts of & secure local & global action to tackle climate change	NI 188 Adapting to climate change	Baseline level 0 2007/2008	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	HBC, Environment Agency	PRG

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			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Changing housing needs & meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	NI 141 Number of vulnerable people achieving independent living	66.67% (2007/08)	72%	73%	75%	HBC, RSLs, PCT	PRG
Changing housing needs & meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	NI 142 Number of vulnerable people who are supported to maintain independent living	99.14% (2007/08)	99.15%	99.15%	99.15%	HBC, RSLs, PCT	PRG
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities & improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture & sport & community learning	NI 8 Adult participation in sport	18.9% (2005/06)	21.1%	22.1%	23.1%	HBC, Sport England	PRG
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities & improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture & sport & community learning	NI 11 Engagement in the arts	34.4% (2008)	Baseline year	35.4%	37.4%	HBC, Arts Council, Museums Libraries and Archives Council	PRG

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners	Status
			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities & improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture & sport & community learning	NI 10 Visits to museums or galleries	51.7 (2008)	Baseline year	52.7%	54.7%	HBC, Arts Council, Museums Libraries and Archives Council	PRG
Cultural & leisure services, better meet the needs of the community especially in disadvantaged areas	NI 9 Use of public libraries	48.1 (2008)	Baseline year	49.1%	51.1%	HBC, Museums Libraries and Archives Council	PRG
Make a positive contribution	NI 6 Participation in regular volunteering	18.7% (2008)	Baseline year	Not set as Place Survey is taken bi annually	21.8%	HVDA, HBC	PRG
Make a positive contribution	NI 110 Young people's participation in positive activities	70.2% (2008)	Baseline year	73.1%	75.9	HBC	PRG

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners	Status
			08/09	09/10	10/11		
Improving quality of life & ensuring service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs with particular focus on disadvantaged areas	NI 5 Overall/General satisfaction with local area	76.3% (2008)	Baseline year	Not set as Place Survey is taken bi annually	79.4%	HBC	PRG

Department for School and Families Targets (Enjoy & Achieve outcome):

Indicator	Baseline (2006-07 Academic Year)	LAA Improvement Targets			Lead partners
		08/09	09/10	10/11	
NI 72 Achievement of at least 78 points across the Early Years Foundation Stage with at least 6 in each of the scales in Personal Social and Emotional Development and Communication, Language and Literacy	38.4%	45.7%	44.9%	45.9%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 73 Achievement of level 4 or above in both English and Maths at Key Stage 2	75.2%	78%.	82%	82%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 75 Achievement of 5 or more A-C grades at GCSE or equivalent including English and Maths	39%	44%	52%	51.7%	HBC, Secondary Schools
NI 87 Secondary School persistent absence rate	6.00%	5.80%	5.55%	5.4%	HBC, Secondary Schools
NI 92 Narrowing the gap between the lowest achieving 20% in the Early Years Foundation Stage Profile and the rest	45.70%	39.30%	39.06%	38.13%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 93 Progression by 2 levels in English between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	84.4%	95%	97%	94%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 94 Progression by 2 levels in Maths between Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2	80.70%	93.4%	97.00%	95%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 99 Children in Care reaching level 4 in English at Key Stage 2	Summer 2007 = 33%	Current Y6 cohort 20%	Current Y5 cohort 43%	37.5%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 100 Children in Care reaching level 4 in Maths at Key Stage 2	Summer 2007 = 50%	Current Y6 Cohort 30%	Current Y5 Cohort 43%	25%	HBC, Primary Schools
NI 101 Children in Care achieving 5 A – C GCSE's (or equivalent) at Key Stage 4 (including English and Maths)	Summer 2007 = 9%	Current Y11 Cohort 11%	Current Y10 Cohort 18%	12.55%	HBC, Secondary Schools

Local Priority Targets

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Attract Investment	Employment rate (16-24 year olds)	51.6% (2007)	54.1%	54.1%	46%
Attract Investment	Unemployment rate	4.3% (2008)	3.9%	3.9%	7.2%
Be Globally Competitive	NI 172 VAT registered businesses in the area showing growth	14.3% (2005-7)	N/A	N/A	14.3%
Create more employment opportunities for local people	Youth unemployment rate (Hartlepool)	34.4% (2007)	33.7%	32.9%	33.9%
Create more employment opportunities for local people	Youth unemployment rate (NRA)	35.2% (2007)	34.3%	33.4%	34.2%
Create more employment opportunities for local people	NI 146 Adults with learning disabilities in employment	53 (2008)	+5%	+6%	+6.5%
Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life	Careers education and guidance is provided to all young people aged 13-19	99.5% (2007/8)	99.5%	99.5%	99.5%
Achieve economic wellbeing for all children and young people ensuring that they are prepared for working life	The percentage of key stage 4 pupils undertaking work related and useful work experience including enterprise activities	98.7% (2007/8)	99%	99%	99%
Enjoy & Achieve	Increase the proportion of NRA pupils achieving two level gains from KS1 – KS2 in English at a rate which exceeds the increase for non NRA	5.9%	5.4%	4.9%	4.5%
Enjoy & Achieve	Increase the proportion of NRA pupils achieving two level gains from KS1 – KS2 in mathematics at a rate which exceeds the increase for non NRA	6.4%	5.9%	5.4%	5.0%
Enjoy & Achieve	Increase the percentage of pupils in self governing mainstream secondary schools	51.6%	73%	73%	100%

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	No. of learners achieving a level 1 qualification in literacy (NRA)	276 (2006)	n/a	301	319
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	No. of learners achieving an entry level qualification in numeracy (NRA)	87 (2006)	n/a	100	109
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	Working age population qualified to at least Level 2 or higher (NRA)	418 (2006)	426	435	444
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	Working age population qualified to at least Level 3 or higher (NRA)	304 (2006)	313	323	333
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	Apprenticeship Framework completions	261	277	294	312
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	Apprenticeship Framework completions (NRA)	111	118	125	133

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Provision of high quality learning and skills opportunities that drive economic competitiveness, widen participation and build social justice	Train to Gain	521	552	585	620
Improved Health	16+ current smoking rate prevalence (NRA)	979 4-week quitters of 1,344 total quitters (2006/7)	600 of 1,000 total quitters	600 of 1,000 total quitters	550 of 1,000 total quitters
Improved Health	Mortality rates from heart disease, stroke and related diseases in people under 75	TBC	87.15	83.46	79.92
Improved Health	Vascular risk register	No practices have a register of people who have a 10yr CVD risk of greater than 20%	12/16 practices (75%)	14/16 practices (87.5%)	16/16 practices (100%)
Be Healthy	NI 55 Obesity among primary school age children in Reception year	9.6% (2006/7)	9%	14%	14.5%
Be Healthy	NI 56 Obesity among primary school age children in year 6	24.2% (2006/7)	24%	27%	27.5%
Be Healthy	Under 18 conception rate (NRA)	97 per 1,000 (1998)	n/a	50.8 per 1,000 (48%)	44 per 1,000 (55%)
Be Healthy	NI 53 prevalence of breast feeding at 6-8 weeks	19.9% (2008/9)	16.3%	21.0%	26.2%
Be Healthy	Smoking during pregnancy	28% (2007/8)	n/a	24%	22%

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Be Healthy	Number of schools at stage 4b of the Healthy Schools Enhanced Model who have successfully completed their Health and Well being Improvement Tool	0% (2009/10)	n/a	n/a	20% (April 2011)
Be Healthy	Number of schools that have successfully completed their Annual Review	0% (2009/10)	n/a	n/a	50% (July 2011)
Exercise of choice and control and retention of personal dignity	NI 136 People supported to live independently through social care	4148 (2008/9)	3102	4515	4698
Improved Mental Wellbeing	Number of emergency psychiatric readmissions as a percentage of discharges	3.33% (2006)	6%	5%	4%
Improved Mental Wellbeing	Reducing prescribing rates of antidepressants	1826.67 (2006/7)	1729.00	1720.00	TBC
Access to services	Access to equipment and telecare	84% (2006/7)	91%	90%	93%
Access to services	NI 132 Timeliness of social care assessments (all adults)	88.5% (2006/7)	90%	92%	93%
Access to services	NI 133 Timeliness of social care packages following assessment	82% (2006/7)	85%	86%	87%
Access to services	Percentage of GP practices offering extended hours to their patients	18.75% (2008)	50%	56%	61%
Access to services	New GP practices and health centres in place	0 (2008)	3 contracts to be awarded	2 new practices 1 health centre	2 practices 1 health centre
Reduced harm caused by illegal drugs and alcohol	NI 40 Drug users in effective treatment	717 (2008)	4% increase	5.4% increase	6.7% increase
Improved neighbourhood safety and increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	Criminal damage	2412 (2007/8)	2332	2252	2171

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Improved neighbourhood safety and increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	Deliberate fires	812 (2007/8)	771	741	711
Improved neighbourhood safety and increased public confidence, leading to reduced fear of crime and anti-social behaviour	Deliberate fires (Whatever it takes area)	TBC	n/a	7% reduction	7% reduction
Reduced offending and re-offending	NI 18 Adult re-offending rates for those under probation supervision	Predicted no's of offenders who re-offend 371 Vs actual number who re-offended 393 (2007/8)	-9.9% change on baseline by 2010/11 (334 or less offenders who re-offend)		
Reduced offending and re-offending	NI 19 Rate of proven re-offending by young offenders	162 (2005)	n/a	150	145
Reduced offending and re-offending	NI 30 Re-offending rate of prolific and priority offenders	214 (2007/8)	n/a	19% reduction to 176	20% reduction to 172
Reduced offending and re-offending	NI 111 First time entrants to the Youth Justice system aged 10-176 per 100,000 population	234 (2005/6)	n/a	223	211
Stay Safe	Children who became the subject of a CP Plan, or were registered per 10,000 population under 18	40% (2007)	38%	35%	30%
Stay Safe	NI 62 Percentage of children looked after at 31 st March with three or more placements during the year	14.9% (2006/7)	10%	12.5%	12%

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Deliver sustainable communities through high quality planning. New build and sensitive conservation and protect and enhance the local natural environment	Number of volunteer days spent working on nature conservation	694 (2007/8)	700	708	715
Deliver sustainable communities through high quality planning. New build and sensitive conservation and protect and enhance the local natural environment	NI 197 Proportion of Local Wildlife and Geology Sites where active conservation is being achieved	8 (2007/8)	10	11	12
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Improved street and environmental cleanliness – litter (NRA)	23% (2006/7)	18%	16%	14%
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Percentage of people who think litter and rubbish in the streets is a problem in their area	46% (2006)	44%	n/a	42%
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Percentage of people who think litter and rubbish in the streets is a problem in their area (NRA)	57% (2006)	48%	n/a	44%
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Number of schools involved in environmental initiatives	18 (2007)	20	22	25

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Number of community groups involved in improving the local environment	11 (2007)	14	16	18
Improve the quality of the local environment by having cleaner, greener and safer public, private and community spaces	Bathing water quality	100% (2007)	100%	100%	100%
Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system	People killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	41 (2006)	34.82	31.27	27.72
Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system	Children killed or seriously injured in road traffic accidents	11 (2006)	6.88	6.38	5.90
Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system	Local bus passenger journeys originating in the authority area	5,831.39 (2006/7)	5869.35	5,750.37	5,578.82
Provide a sustainable, safe, efficient, effective and accessible transport system	Bus passenger satisfaction	65% (2003/4)	n/a	65%	65%
Make better use of natural resources and reduce the generation of waste and maximise recycling	Percentage of materials recycled and composted at Household Waste Recycling Centre	41% (2008)	n/a	50%	55%
Make better use of natural resources and reduce the generation of waste and maximise recycling	Number of businesses signed up to the 'Green Tourism Business Scheme'	0 (2008)	2	4	4

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Prepare for the impacts of and secure local and global action to tackle climate change	Reduce energy and water use in schools	950132 kWh (electricity) 2363234 kWh (gas) 10872 kWh (water) (2008/9)	-2%	-5%	-7%
Promote community involvement in positive action to reduce poverty through fair trade and promoting peace and security	Number of retail establishments offering Fairtrade products as an alternative	21 (2007)	21	22	23
Promote community involvement in positive action to reduce poverty through fair trade and promoting peace and security	Number of catering establishments offering Fairtrade products as an alternative	13 (2007)	13	14	15
Balancing housing supply & demand	NI 155 Number of affordable homes constructed	2006/7 10 (2007)	20	60	140
Balancing housing supply and demand	Number of private dwellings empty for over 6 months (formerly number of homes brought back into use)	631 (2009)	15	15	63
Balancing housing supply and demand	Number of sustainable homes constructed	20 (2007/8)	20	75	100
Balancing housing supply and demand	Houses to be demolished for regeneration by Housing Hartlepool	0	30	50	50
Improving the quality of existing housing	Achieving decent homes standard in social sector housing	83% (2008)	80%	90%	100%

Outcome	Indicator	Baseline	LAA Local Priority Targets		
			08/09	09/10	10/11
Improving the quality of existing housing	Achieving decent homes standard in private sector housing including those occupied by private tenants	64.85% (2005/6)	n/a	71.77%	71.94%
Changing housing needs and meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	The number of houses adapted or repaired to enable vulnerable people to remain living independently in their own homes	1883	3000	3200	3400
Changing housing needs and meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	The number of households considering themselves homeless who approached the housing advice service and where intervention resolved their situation	4.54 per 1,000 households	4.75	5.50	6.25
Changing housing needs and meeting the housing needs of vulnerable people	The percentage of new tenants receiving support from HBC sustaining their tenancies for 6 months	100% (2006/7)	80%	90%	95%
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport and community learning	Engagement in museum outreach activity by under-represented groups	392	350	375	390
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport and community learning	Visits to D2DE (MORI definition of working class) visitors to the Museum of Hartlepool	39% (2006/7)	41%	42%	43%
Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport and community learning	Number of people from vulnerable groups engaged in culture, leisure activities and sport	n/a	954	1030	1110

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Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve places where people live through enjoyment of leisure, culture and sport and community learning	Number of learners participating in Adult Learning Programmes	2830 (2008/9)	3100	3200	3500
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Residents satisfaction with sport & leisure	61% (2006)	n/a	65%	65%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase annual Leisure Centre attendances	430,144 (2007/8)	365,000	370,000	385,000
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase annual Leisure Centre attendances (NRA)	51% (2007/8)	57%	58%	58%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase proportion of residents satisfied with museums/arts	86% (2006)	86%	n/a	87%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase proportion of residents satisfied with museums/arts (NRA)	3% gap (2006)	2%	n/a	2%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase residents satisfaction with public parks and open spaces	73% (2006)	74%	n/a	76%

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Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase residents satisfaction with public parks and open spaces (NRA)	8% gap (2006)	7%	n/a	5%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase residents satisfaction with libraries	91% (2006)	91%	n/a	92%
Cultural and leisure services, better meet the needs of the community, especially in disadvantaged areas	Increase residents satisfaction with libraries (NRA)	1% gap (2006)	1%	n/a	0%
Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	NI 4 Percentage of adults who feel they can affect decisions that affect their own area	31.8% (2008)	Baseline year	n/a	35.5%
Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	NI 3 Civic participation in the local area	10.9%	Baseline year	n/a	13.0%
Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	Percentage of adults who feel they can affect decisions that affect their own area	28% (2006)	29%	n/a	30%
Empower local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	Percentage of adults who feel they can affect decisions that affect their own area (NRA)	23% (2008)	25%	n/a	27%

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Empow er local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	Number of individuals participating in local decision making structures who are supported in their roles by the Community Netw ork. A) Percentage of CN Theme Partnership Representatives and LSP Representatives attending Partnership meetings	n/a	65%	70%	75%
Empow er local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	Number of individuals participating in local decision making structures who are supported in their roles by the Community Netw ork. B) Percentage of resident representatives attending pre-agenda meetings.	n/a	70%	75%	80%
Empow er local people to have a greater voice and influence over local decision making and the delivery of services	Number of individuals participating in local decision making structures who are supported in their roles by the Community Netw ork. C) Percentage of active CEN members attending Community Netw ork Business Meetings	n/a	50%	55%	60%
Make a positive contribution	Percentage of people w ho have been helped by others (unpaid and not relatives) i) over the past years	49% (2006)	49%	n/a	49%
Make a positive contribution	Percentage of people w ho have been helped by others (unpaid and not relatives) ii) once a month over the past year	28% (2006)	28%	n/a	28%
Make a positive contribution	Percentage of people w ho have been helped by others (unpaid and not relatives) i) over the past years (NRA)	42% (2006)	42%	n/a	42%
Make a positive contribution	Percentage of people w ho have been helped by others (unpaid and not relatives) ii) once a month over the past year (NRA)	35% (2006)	35%	n/a	35%
Make a positive contribution	Access to the Youth Opportunity/Capital Funds – applications received	134 (2007/8)	250	200	250

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Make a positive contribution	Access to the Youth Opportunity/Capital Funds – applications approved	73 (2007/8)	200	150	150
Make a positive contribution	Access to the Youth Opportunity/Capital Funds young people involved in the application process	190 (2007/8)	45	300	300
Make a positive contribution	Improve the participation of young people with learning disabilities in their Section 140 assessments	100% (2007/8)	100%	100%	100%
Improving quality of life and ensuring service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs with particular focus on disadvantaged areas	Proportion of people satisfied with their local area as a place to live	83% (2006)	84%	n/a	85%
Improving quality of life and ensuring service providers are more responsive to neighbourhood needs with particular focus on disadvantaged areas	Proportion of people satisfied with their local area as a place to live (NRA)	78% (2006)	80%	n/a	82%
Improving financial inclusion	Number of Credit Union Current Accounts and Savings Accounts opened by adults.	3801 savings 0 current (2009)	n/a	Increase by 250 accounts	Increase by 500 accounts
Improving financial inclusion	Number of bank and savings accounts opened by school age and college age individuals	1637 (2009)	n/a	Increase by 150 accounts	Increase by 300 accounts
Improving financial inclusion	Take up of Council Tax reductions	0	n/a	100 new house- holds	200 new house- holds

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Freedom from discrimination and harassment	Percentage of people w ho feel that their local area is a place w here people from different backgrounds get on w ell together	61% (2006)	61%	n/a	62%
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COUNCIL
25 February 2010



Report of: Chief Executive

Subject: BUSINESS REPORT

1. RESIGNATION FROM LIBERAL DEMOCRAT GROUP

I have been informed that Councillor Atkinson has resigned from the Liberal Democrat Group.