



Chief Executive's Department
Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

30 August 2011

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors Aiken, C Akers-Belcher, S Akers-Belcher, Barclay, Brash, Cook, Cranney, Fenwick, Fleet, Fleming, Gibbon, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Hill, Ingham, Jackson, James, Lauderdale, Lawton, A E Lilley, G Lilley, Loynes, Maness, A Marshall, J Marshall, J W Marshall, McKenna, Dr. Morris, Payne, Preece, Richardson, Robinson, Rogan, Shaw, Shields, Simmons, Sirs, Sutheran, Tempest, Thomas, H Thompson, P Thompson, Turner, Wells, Wilcox and Wright.

Madam or Sir

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on THURSDAY 8 September, 2011 at 7.00 pm in the Civic Centre, Hartlepool to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Yours faithfully

N Bailey
Acting Chief Executive

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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA



8 September 2011

at 7.00 pm

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 waive Council Procedure Rules to the extent necessary to enable the meeting to follow the course set out below.
5. To deal with the business specified in the summons, namely

To discuss the closure of the Accident and Emergency Unit at University Hospital of Hartlepool

- (a) To receive the Chairman's Introduction
- (b) To receive the observations of the following guests:-
 - (i) Representatives from NHS Hartlepool;
 - (ii) Representatives from North Tees Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust.
- (c) As directed by the Chairman, to enable Members of the Council present to submit questions to the guests, to receive their responses and discuss issues arising.
- (d) To consider any motions in the order in which notice has been received.
 - i) "The A & E services are imperative to the needs of the residents of Hartlepool and the East Durham area.

From day one it appears that the One Life Centre Minor Injuries Unit is no substitute for the A & E services that were provided at the University Hospital of Hartlepool, irrespective of the recent NHS Trust report in the press.

At the University Hospital of North Tees we are witnessing waiting times being exorbitant, clinics have been cancelled because of the increase in numbers of trauma patients. This is the direct result of the extreme number of A & E patients that are being transferred from Hartlepool to Stockton.

Therefore I propose that a vote of no confidence in the North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust be taken and debated by this Council.”

Signed by:

Councillor Edna Wright
Councillor John Marshall
Councillor Lilian Sutheran
Councillor Arthur Preece
Councillor Steve Gibbon
Councillor Mike Turner

ii) “This Council resolves, that in the short to medium term, it will work with all levels of management in the local NHS Trusts to ensure that first-class services are provided and maintained for the benefit and wellbeing of the citizens of Hartlepool. We believe that the role of elected councillors is both necessary and significant in promoting this agenda.

Whilst we are not responsible for all decisions on the location of services at the operational level, we fully embrace our responsibility in working with clinicians and health professionals to secure the best outcomes.

In the longer term, we are committed, not only to continuing and re-enforcing this approach, but also to using the influence and powers provided by the Government to local health and wellbeing boards, and the public health function, of the local council to promote and establish a much greater degree of democratic accountability in service provision and determination of needs.

By accepting this role, and working with our scrutiny arrangements and local healthwatch, we believe that we can use the councils’ powers of promoting local wellbeing initiatives to have a much closer involvement with practitioners and administrators, thereby having an effective voice in service planning and delivery, to all at the point of need in the best traditions of a free National Health Service.

Signed by:

Councillor Ged Hall
Councillor Allan Barclay
Councillor Sheila Griffin
Councillor Mary Fleet
Councillor Christopher Akers-Belcher

(e) To receive the closing comments of the Chairman.