



Chief Executive's Department
Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

17th July, 2005

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors D Allison, S Allison, Barker, Belcher, Brash, Clouth, R W Cook, S Cook, Coward, Cranney, Fenwick, Fleet, Gibbon, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Henery, Hill, Isley, Jackson, James, Johnson, Kaiser, Lauderdale, Lilley, London, A Marshall, J Marshall, Dr Morris, Payne, Preece, Rayner, Richardson, Shaw, Sutheran, Tumilty, Turner, Wallace, D Waller, M P Waller, R Waller, Wistow, Worthy, Wright, and Young.

Madam or Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the COUNCIL to be held on THURSDAY, 27TH JULY, 2006 at 7.00 p.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



Thursday 27th July 2006

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 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 22nd June 2006, as a correct record (copy attached).
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 Authority issues, for which notice has been given. Minutes of the meetings of the Cleveland Police Authority held on 19th May 2006 are attached. (No Fire Authority minutes have been submitted)
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;
 - (a) Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel Working Group
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;
 - (a) Notification of Decision: Parish Council Election Recharges Scrutiny Referral.
13. To consider reports from the Executive:-
 - (a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework
None.
 - (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.
 "Council resolves to scrutinise the decision to close the nursery at the College of Further Education in the context of gaining a fuller undertaking of the College's underlying financial position at any alternative source of funding.

 Signed Councillor J Brash
 Councillor M Johnson
 Councillor MA James
 Councillor P Jackson
 Councillor RW Cook"
15. To receive the Chief Executive's report and to pass such resolutions thereon as may be deemed necessary.

Public questions for Council

Meeting: 27th July, 2006

1.	From: Mrs J P A Holdcroft
	To: The Mayor, Stuart Drummond
	Question: <i>What standards of confidentiality and quality of reply should we expect in any correspondence with our councillors?</i>
2.	From: Hayley Yull
	To: The Portfolio Holder for Children's Services, Councillor Hargreaves
	Question: <i>I would like to submit a question to Council under the item on the agenda relating to the receiving of questions from and provide answers to the public in relation to matters of which notice has been given under Rule 10.</i> <i>Councillor Hargreaves the Executive Member for Children's Services may be aware of the recent proposed closure of First Steps nursery, and how closing will result in many parents having to leave work and unable to continue their studies. First Steps is situated within the college campus, providing an education combined with child care provisions. This is closely tailored to young parents needs, enabling teenage mother a chance to gain qualifications and realize that life has more to offer than a life spent on benefits. What views and provisions does Hartlepool Council propose to do?</i>

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">22nd June 2006</p>
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PRESENT:-

The Chairman (Councillor C Richardson) presiding:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

COUNCILLORS:

Barker	Belcher	Brash
Clouth	R W Cook	S Cook
Cranney	Fenwick	Fleet
Gibbon	Griffin	Hall
Henery	Isley	Jackson
James	Johnson	Lauderdale
Lilley	London	A Marshall
J Marshall	Dr. Morris	Payne
Preece	Rayner	Rogan
Shaw	Sutherland	Tumilty
R Waller	Wistow	Worthy
Young		

OFFICERS:

Paul Walker, Chief Executive
Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning
Andrew Atkin, Assistant Chief Executive
Tony Brown, Chief Solicitor
Alan Dobby, Assistant Director (Support Services)
Graham Frankland, Head of Procurement and Property Services
Ian Merritt, Senior Education Officer
Michael Ward, Chief Financial Officer
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Steve Hilton, Assistant Public Relations Officer
Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team Manager
Pat Watson, Democratic Services Officer

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

Councillors D Allison, S Allison, J Coward, P Hargreaves, C Hill, S Kaiser, D Waller, M Waller and E Wright

13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Brash advised that he had a non prejudicial interest as he is employed by the Hartlepool Primary Care Trust

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

None

15. PUBLIC QUESTION

None

16. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Council meetings held on the 13th April 2006 and 25th May 2006, having been laid before the Council.

RESOLVED – (i) That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th April 2006 be confirmed subject to minute 148(b)(i) being amended to delete reference to Councillor Lilley in the details of those Members who submitted a question to the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Performance Management.

(i) That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th May 2006 be confirmed.

The minutes were thereupon signed by the Chairman.

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

None

18. 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) Question from Councillor Brash to Councillor Wistow, Chairman of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

“Will the Chairman of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum:-

- i) Report on the outcome of the Tees Valley Scrutiny meeting of 16th June.*
- ii) Outline what steps might now be taken through the Hartlepool Scrutiny Process”*

Councillor Wistow responded to the question and advised that the meeting on 16th June had been the final meeting of the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which had been convened to consider the report prepared by Professor Darzi on the Tees Review. Members were reminded of Professor Darzi’s recommendations in relation to gynaecological services and paediatric proposals at Hartlepool. Stockton residents had campaigned against those recommendations. The Committee had 3 options:

- (a) to support the recommendations included in the Darzi report;
- (b) that there should be a Centre of Excellence in Hartlepool but there should also be a Consultant led maternity service also at Stockton, and
- (c) (this had not been mentioned before) that there should not be a Centre of Excellence in Hartlepool but should be one in Stockton.

It was highlighted that the decision made was absolutely critical to the future of Hartlepool Hospital. At the meeting on 16th June, Stockton Council Members had read a prepared statement, of which people had not had notice, saying that they would not support any other proposal other than (c). When the vote had taken place the majority had voted for (b). Members from Hartlepool and Stockton had voted against (b) each for different reasons, outlined by Councillor Wistow. Clinical advice was in support of a Centre of Excellence in Hartlepool. As a consequence the Joint Scrutiny Committee agreed to write to the Secretary of State to say it did not support the Darzi Report and wished to see Consultant led services in Stockton and Hartlepool.

Members were reminded that this Council been unanimous that they wished to see full implementation of the Darzi Report. The Hartlepool Health Scrutiny Forum would need to consider whether to write to the Secretary of State to confirm support of the Darzi Report. The Forum was to meet in July and would be reporting to Scrutiny Coordinating Committee on 30th June 2006.

Supplementary Question from Councillor Brash to Councillor Wistow, Chairman of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

“I recently became aware that we are sharing a Chief Executive with Stockton PCT – do you see any conflict”?

Councillor Wistow responded by confirming that was the arrangement until the end of September, which demonstrated a Chief Executive having to deal with competing interests and was an example of why this town needed its own PCT.

Additional supplementary Question from Councillor Brash to Councillor Wistow, Chairman of the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum.

“What opportunity does this Council have to pursue this issue further”?

Councillor Wistow responded by advising that the Adult and Community Services and Health Scrutiny Forum would meet on 23rd June 2006 and re-open its enquiry. The Forum would be coming to a view on the issue and there was also be an item on the Chief Executive's report later on this Council meeting agenda.

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

Minutes of the meetings of the Cleveland Police Authority held on 23rd and 24th February 2006 and the minutes of the meetings of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 24th March and 31st March 2006 had been circulated.

There were no questions.

19. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

None

20. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

21. 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

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

None

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

(i) Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2005/06

Councillor James, Chair of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, presented the Authority's first Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2005/06, a copy of which had been circulated with the Council agenda. The report outlined how the Overview and Scrutiny Function had developed and highlighted the key areas of work undertaken by each of the Scrutiny Forums over the previous year.

As outlined in the Authority's Constitution, it was a requirement of the Overview and Scrutiny Function to produce an Annual Report, detailing the work of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and the four standing Scrutiny Forums that had been undertaken during the last 12 months together with suggested developments etc for the forthcoming year.

It was noted that the Annual Report would be despatched to key stakeholders and placed in key venues of public interest for information purposes.

Councillor James commended the report to Council.

RESOLVED – That the report be received.

24. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

(a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework

(i) Corporate (Best Value Performance) Plan, 2006/07

Councillor Jackson, Performance Management Portfolio Holder, presented the draft Corporate Plan (Best Value Performance Plan) 2006/07 for Council's approval.

Members noted that each Council had a statutory duty to publish a Best Value Performance Plan (BVPP) by 30th June. The Corporate Plan was part of the Council's Budget and Policy Framework and therefore required the involvement of scrutiny and approval by the full Council. The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had considered the BVPP on 24 February and 19 May. Hartlepool's approach to the Corporate Plan was set out in the report.

RESOLVED – That the draft Corporate Plan 2006/07 be approved for publication.

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

(i) Additions to 2006/07 Capital Programme

Councillor Payne, Finance Portfolio Holder, presented a report which sought Council's consideration of Cabinet's proposed additions to the 2006/07 Capital Programme.

Members were advised that since the 2006/2007 Budget and Policy Framework had been approved by Council on 16th February, 2006, a number of capital issues, which could not have been anticipated, had arisen and Cabinet was seeking Council's approval to add these items to the 2006/2007 Capital Programme.

These items related to:

- Repairs to the multi-storey car park;
- Emergency Highway Maintenance.

Details of these items had been presented to Cabinet on 19th June, 2006.

RESOLVED – That the proposals be approved as follows:-

- i) to fund the Council's urgent liabilities of £179,000 for repairs to the multi store car park from the uncommitted capital contingency.
- ii) to fund a package of emergency highway resurfacing works of £135,000 from the LPSA Capital Reward Grant.

25. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None

26. OUTSIDE BODIES 2006/07

Following approval of the appointments to Outside Bodies, Members were advised of the following minor change to those appointed at Annual Council:-

(i) Changes to those appointed at Annual Council

Forum for Racial Harmony – Councillor Richardson to replace Councillor Johnson.

(ii) Vacancy

Brierton Community Sports Centre (Management Committee) – Councillor M Waller to be appointed to vacancy deferred at the Annual Council meeting.

(iii) Additional Nominations Required

Together Project Steering Group – Three nominations have been made (Councillors R Cook, Lilley and Preece), though a further two Labour Councillors are required.

RESOLVED – (i) That the changes detailed above be approved.

(ii) That the outstanding two labour nominations to the Together Project Steering Group be submitted to the Chief Executive.

27. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES

Following approval of the Council's appointments to Committees, Forums and other Bodies, approval was sought of the following minor changes to those appointed at Annual Council:-

(i) Changes to those appointed at Annual Council

Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum – Councillor D Waller to replace Councillor Cranney.

(ii) Independent Remuneration Panel – Member Working Group- Members were reminded that at the meeting of Council held on 16th February 2006, the report produced by the Independent Remuneration Panel was referred to a cross party working group. Council agreed appointments to the Working Group, on 23 February 2006, as follows:-

Councillors James, Richardson, Sutheran, Clouth, Johnson, Flintoff, Preece, Morris, Kaiser and Ferriday.

Council's instructions are requested in respect of replacements for ex Councillors Ferriday and Flintoff.

RESOLVED – That Councillors Lauderdale and Tumilty be appointed to replace Councillors Ferriday and Flintoff respectively.

28. BY-ELECTION

Members will be aware of the election of Councillor Trevor Rogan on 8th June, 2006.

Following approval of the Council's appointments to Committees, Forums and other Bodies, there are currently vacancies on the following meetings:-

General Purposes Committee
Licensing Committee
Children's Services Scrutiny Forum

RESOLVED – That Councillor Rogan be appointed to the Committees listed above.

29. PCT RECONFIGURATION

A report was presented by the Chief Executive which advised of Counsel's advice in relation to the merits of seeking a Judicial Review of the Strategic Health Authority's consultation process in respect of the reconfiguration of Primary Care Trusts.

RESOLVED – That the meeting pass the appropriate resolution under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 to enable Members to discuss this matter further in private session.

30. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public were excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Minute 31 (PCT Reconfiguration)(para 5 – Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Minute 32 (Phoenix Centre)(para 3 – information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person [including the Authority holding that information])

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32. PHOENIX CENTRE

A report was presented by the Mayor which sought Council's consideration of Cabinet's proposal to earmark funding for the purchase of the Phoenix Centre.

C RICHARDSON

CHAIRMAN

Member questions for Council

Meeting: 27th JULY, 2006

1.	From: COUNCILLOR STEPHEN ALLISON
	To: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER
	<p>Question:</p> <p><i>The recent notice for the Ward Surgery in St. Hilda ward was printed in 11 different languages. Can the Portfolio Holder tell me how many native speakers of the 10 languages other than English, are resident in the town and in St. Hilda Ward in particular.</i></p>
2.	From: COUNCILLOR STEPHEN ALLISON
	To: PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER
	<p>Question:</p> <p>The Portfolio Holder's meeting of June 23rd refers to Hartlepool Council seeking accreditation through the Energy Trust. Will the Portfolio Holder explain the cost benefit calculation that lead him to agree to this accreditation being sought.</p>

CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE

A meeting of Cleveland Police Authority Executive was held on Friday 19 May 2006 in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Councillors Barker, Benbow, Coombs, Coppinger, Lowes, McLuckie, Wallace and Womphrey.

Magistrate Members
Mr Fisher JP and Mr Illingworth TD JP

Independent Members
Miss Andrews-Mawer, Mr Gardner, Mr Hanif and Mr Race

OFFICIALS: Mr McCarthy, Mrs Allaway, Mr Wright and Mrs Leng (CE)
Mr Price, Mr Hogg, Mr Briggs and Mrs Hall (CC)

312 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr Cox JP, Mr Nath and Councillor Pearson OBE.

313 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

314 **QUESTION TIME**

No questions were received from the public.

315 **MINUTES OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2006**

The minutes of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive Meeting held on the 23 February 2006 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

316 **MINUTES OF THE POLICE AUTHORITY HELD ON 24 FEBRUARY 2006**

The minutes of the Cleveland Police Authority Executive Meeting held on the 24 February 2006 were approved and signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record.

317 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Outstanding Recommendations were submitted and noted.

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POLICE AUTHORITY SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2006-2009

The Chief Executive presented the Police Authority Service Improvement Plan for 2006-2009. The plan had been formulated after consideration of the Self Assessment that took place early in 2005/06 and the Corporate Governance Inspection by the HMIC which was presented to Members on the 23 February 2006.

This the first Business Plan published by the Authority is structure around the APA Self Assessment Model and the European Foundation for Quality Management (EFQM) Excellence Model. The Plan incorporated the 9 agreed recommendations from the Corporate Governance Inspection and showed progress against these issues.

ORDERED that:-

1. The Service Improvement Plan for 2006-2009 be agreed.
2. An update on performance against the plan be received on a quarterly basis.
3. Progress on implementation of the recommendations arising from the HMIC Corporate Governance Inspection be noted.

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2006-09 CORPORATE POLICING STRATEGY, 2006-07 LOCAL POLICING PLAN AND BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN

The Chief Constable presented the 2006-09 Corporate Policing Strategy and 2006-07 Local Policing Plan/Best Value Performance Plan and Efficiency Plan Summary.

ORDERED that:-

1. Subject to final amendments the 2006-09 Corporate Policing Strategy and the 2006-07 Local Policing Plan be approved.
2. That a report on the impact of the new

licensing laws be submitted to a future meeting.

320

LOCAL POLICING SUMMARY LEAFLET

The Chief Constable presented a draft of the policing plan summary leaflet for distribution to all households across the force area.

ORDERED that subject to final amendments the summary leaflet for publication and distribution during June and July 2006 be approved.

321

PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Assistant Chief Constable presented an update on force performance from 1 April 2005 to 31 March 2006 against the 2005-08 Corporate Policing Strategy and 2005-06 Local Policing Plan.

ORDERED that the force performance against the strategic policing objectives set out in the 2005-08 Corporate Policing Strategy and the 2005-06 Local Policing Plan be noted.

322

MINUTES OF THE MODERNISATION PANEL HELD ON 15 FEBRUARY 2006, 15 MARCH 2006 AND THE 19 APRIL 2006

The Chair of the Modernisation Panel presented the Executive Summaries for the meetings held on the 15 February 2006, 15 March 2006 and the 19 April 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Modernisation Panel held on 15 February 2006, 15 March 2006 and the 19 April 2006 were submitted and noted.

MODERNISATION PANEL

A meeting of the Modernisation Panel was held on Wednesday 15 February 2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Mandela Room at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

PRESENT: Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP (Chair), Cllr Chris Coombs, Mr Keith Fisher JP, Mr Abdul Majid, Cllr Dave McLuckie and Mr Peter Race

OFFICIALS: Mr Joe McCarthy, Mr Norman Wright, Mrs Julie Leng and Mrs Clare Hunger (CE)
Mr Sean Price, Mrs Ann Hall, Chief Superintendent Dave Lumb, Mrs

Andrea Crinnion and Mrs Louise Solomon (CC)
Mrs Lynda Turnbull, Unison and Mr Brian Docherty Federation

323 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Councillor Barry Coppinger, Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Krishan Nath and DCC Ron Hogg.

324 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

325 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 18 January 2006 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

326 **MATTERS ARISING**

Lynda Turnbull requested that the matters arising of the previous minutes be amended to ensure that it was clear that all internal applicants would be considered first.

327 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ORDERED that the Outstanding Recommendations be noted.

328 **OUTLINE OF BEST VALUE REVIEW AND ASSOCIATED CONSULTATION PROCEDURES**

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the Best Value Review Guidelines.

ORDERED that the report be deferred to the next meeting. This would allow the report to be reworked by ACPO and the Authority.

329 **WORKSTREAM TWO - UPDATE**

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the current status of the projects which make up Modernisation Workstream Two.

ORDERED that the recommendations be noted.

330 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, excluding the press and public from the Meeting under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

331 **POLICE PENSION REGULATIONS**

The Head of Personnel and Development presented the report to members which outlined the issues surrounding the re issue of Widow's Pensions, under the Police Pension Regulations 1987.

ORDERED that before a decision could be made in relation to this individual application that a report be submitted to the March Modernisation Panel detailing all the implications and issues along with a discretion criteria around the reinstating of widows pensions.

MODERNISATION PANEL

A meeting of the Modernisation Panel was held on Wednesday 15 March 2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Police Authority Members' Conference Room at the Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP (Chair), Mr Krishan Nath (Vice Chair), Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Peter Race MBE, Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer and Mr Keith Fisher.

OFFICIALS Mrs Kath Allaway, Mr Norman Wright and Mrs Clare Hunter (CE)
Mr Sean Price (Chief Constable), Mr Ron Hogg (Deputy Chief Constable), Chief Superintendent Dave Lumb, Mrs Andrea Crinnion, Mrs Lynda Turnbull (Unison) and Mr Brian Docherty (Police Federation)

332 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Barry Copping, Mr Abdul Majid, Councillor Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Councillor Chris Coombs (ex officio) and Mrs Ann Hall (ACO Finance).

333 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

334 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15th February 2006 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

335 **MATTERS ARISING**

None.

336 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ORDERED that the Outstanding Recommendations be noted.

337 **BUDGET MONITORING REPORT TO JANUARY 2006**

The Chief Constable presented the fifth budget monitoring report for the year which covered the period April 2005 to January 2006.

ORDERED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted.
2. The potential outturn of a £3,103k underspend as detailed in paragraph 9 to the report be noted and the proposal to absorb the costs of all pension lump sums

within the revenue account, and review the pension reserve at year end, and during 2006/2007 be agreed.

3. The Chief Constable be authorised to temporarily exceed the 101 FTE PCSO establishment in 2005/06 on the basis that any excess would be absorbed into the Hartlepool Neighbourhood Policing Pilot.
4. In future, details of applicants and recruits using the diversity measures would be reported under the heading "Diversity and Equal Opportunities".
5. Approval be given for the controls on spending to be maintained and that the cumulative under-spend be used to strengthen the reserves against budget pressures in 2006/07 and 2007/08, as reported in the "Medium Term Financial Plan 2006/08".

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CAPITAL PROGRAMME TO JANUARY 2006

The Chief Constable presented the report to members. The Authority approved the recommendations of the Capital Planning and Processes Report at its meeting on the 28 April 2005. This provided for monitoring to be undertaken monthly and a full report to be submitted quarterly. Monitoring is delegated to the Finance Panel, however, the Police Authority Executive and the Modernisation Panel have plenary powers so this report was submitted to the Modernisation Panel for decision.

The report covered the period April 2005 to January 2006.

ORDERED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted.
2. A £2k increase in the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) Phase 2 budget from £277k (previously approved by Police Authority) to £279k be noted.
3. The £129k increase in the capital budget for the Stockton Two Storey Extension Scheme from £529k to £658k be noted.
4. The bid for £20k in respect of two vehicles for the Hartlepool Volume Crime Unit be approved.

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UPDATE ON WORKSTREAM 2 PROJECTS

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the current status of the projects which make up Modernisation Workstream 2.

ORDERED that:-

1. The recommendations be noted.
2. It was noted that the Riverside Park site may also be available for consideration for a new road policing facility.

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HQ LADGATE LANE – 4/5 YEAR CAPITAL PLANNED MAINTENANCE PRIORITIES

The Chief Constable provided Members with a schedule of Capital planned maintenance priorities within Police Headquarters. This provided the force with a structured programmed of works that offered real benefits commensurate with the anticipated move from Police Headquarters in 4/5 years time.

The priorities were suggested following consultation and all took into consideration, risk, health and safety, shelf-life and staff morale.

ORDERED that approval be given to go ahead with the programme of works detailed at Appendix A to the report at an estimated cost of £500k.

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PRICE WATERHOUSE COOPERS (PWC) PROJECT UPDATE IN RELATION TO FAST TRACK INVOICING

This report provided members with an update on progress of the Price Waterhouse Coopers (PWC) actions and steps required for the cessation of the fast tracking invoicing.

ORDERED that the report be noted.

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

The purpose of this report was to establish stability and resilience within the Facilities function and to reduce the level of reactive maintenance in favour of a more cost effective planned maintenance service and to increase strategic planning throughout the estate.

The proposed staffing structure detailed in the report would provide the resources required to improve the service delivery and develop a more robust approach to the delivery of capital projects in the future. An agreed methodology would be used and real focus on critical paths and timescales, resilience issues previously highlighted by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Police Standards Unit would be addressed.

It was reported that investment now would significantly minimise the potential risks and delays associated with the delivery of statutory schemes.

ORDERED that:-

1. The appointment of four fixed term contract posts for a period of two years be noted. The cost would be £126.5k per annum, which was agreed within the Medium Term Financial Planning Process.

2. A temporary Management post for two / three months in 2006/07 to provide a seamless handover and transfer of knowledge to the new Facilities Management be noted. This would be an additional one off cost of £5.8k in 2006/07 previously considered and approved within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

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HEADQUARTERS SECURITY AND STAFFING

This report addressed the health and safety concerns highlighted by Human Resources affecting both the security provision and the general safety of staff members working at Police Headquarters.

ORDERED that a new Security Officer post, Scale 1 / 2 at a cost of £13,836 per annum previously agreed within the Medium Term Financial Planning Process be noted.

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NATIONAL COSTED TRAINING MODEL- FORCE TRAINING BUDGET 2006/7

The Deputy Chief Constable informed Members that Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary's (HMIC) required Police Forces to use the National Costed Training Model to determine their annual training budget for internal force training.

ORDERED that:-

1. The HMIC compliance update be noted.
2. The budget requirement of £2,984,045.39 to finance the delivery of the prioritised internal force training agreed for the 2006/07 training year be approved.
3. Members noted that whilst the Force Training Department collated details of all external training and coursed being sourced to promote efficiency and Best Value, it was not a national requirement to report on such costs. Finance for such training was therefore derived from devolved District and Service Unit budgets.
4. Update reports on the training budget and plan be detailed within the established HR monitoring reports and that there should be year-on-year budget comparisons within the annual training budget report.

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FORCE TRAINING PLAN/STRATEGY AND SERVICE IMPROVEMENT PLAN UPDATE

DCC Hogg updated Members on the progress made as agreed in the submission report of the 1st June 2005.

ORDERED that:-

1. The updates provided in relation to progress on training implementation, the Service Improvement Plan and the

recently completed inspections from Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC) and the Adult Learning Inspectorate (ALI) be noted.

2. The Panel's appreciation of the service improvements effected by the training personnel, as had been acknowledged by HMIC and in a letter to staff from Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, be minuted.

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INTELLIGENCE VISION-FORCE INTELLIGENCE MANAGEMENT UNIT

The report informed the panel of the requirement to establish a Force Intelligence Management Unit (FIMU).

ORDERED that:-

1. The growth of 10 police staff posts in the financial year 2006/07 to support the establishment of the new force intelligence management unit that was expected to be operational in August 2006 be noted. The one off cost in the financial year 2006/07 would be £150k (annual cost £258k), which had already been approved in the Medium Term Financial Plan.
2. Budget savings will be achieved from Crime and Operations of £258k by 2007/8. This will ensure that the cost pressure of the Intelligence Management Unit is a one off cost in 2006/07 and the objectives of the Medium Term Financial Plan are met.

347

OUTLINE OF THE BEST VALUE REVIEW PROCESS

The Head of Strategy and Performance updated the Panel of the Best Value Review Guidelines.

ORDERED that:-

1. Appendix A which outlined the Best Value Review Guidelines that Members adopted at the Modernisation Panel meeting in September 2005 be noted.
2. That the importance of establishing a Best Value Steering Group, with Member involvement, be noted.

348

OUTLINE OF THE POLICE AND JUSTICE BILL

The Head of Strategy and Performance updated Members on the Police and Justice Bill.

ORDERED that:-

1. The outline of the contents of the Police and Justice Bill attached at Appendix A to the report be noted.
2. The outline of the contents of the recent review of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 attached at Appendix B to

the report be noted.

3. The press release from the Association of Police Authorities after the Bill received its second reading in the House of Commons on 6 March 2006 attached at Appendix C to the report be noted.

349 **POLICE AUTHORITY LEGAL SUPPORT**

The Head of Corporate Support informed members of the action taken to ensure that the Police Authority had appropriate legal advice.

ORDERED that the Police Head of Legal Services would act on behalf of the Police Authority in the first instance as the Police Authority Solicitor be noted. Members noted that should a conflict of interest arise from either a Force or Authority perspective, that the Authority would go to the most appropriate external Legal Advisor.

350 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting pursuant to Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, excluding the press and public from the Meeting under Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

351 **CHIEF EXECUTIVE CONDITIONS OF SERVICE**

ORDERED that the recommendations be agreed.

MODERNISATION PANEL

A meeting of the Modernisation Panel was held on Wednesday 19 April 2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Members Conference Room at Police Headquarters.

PRESENT: Mr Krishan Nath (Chair), Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer, Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Keith Fisher JP and Mr Peter Race MBE

OFFICIALS: Mr Norman Wright, Mrs Julie Leng and Mrs Clare Hunter (CE)
Mr Sean Price, Mrs Ann Hall, Mrs Andrea Crinnion and Chief Inspector Clive Pengilly (CC)
Mrs Lynda Turnbull, Unison and Mr Brian Docherty Federation

352 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Chris Coombs, Councillor Barry Copping, Councillor Dave McLuckie, Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP, Mr Joe McCarthy and DCC Ron Hogg, Chief Superintendent Braithwaite and Chief Superintendent Lumb.

353 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interests.

354 **CHANGE TO THE ORDER OF THE AGENDA**

It was agreed that Agenda Item No. 7 be heard first. Members also agreed to hear an additional Agenda Item below the line.

355 **WORKSTREAM THREE – REVIEW OF CENTRAL BUSINESS UNIT**

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided Members with a report detailing the outcomes and recommendations of a post implementation review of the Central Business Unit.

ORDERED that the recommendations of the review of the Central Business Unit detailed on page 18 of the report be noted.

356 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 15 March 2006 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

357 **MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

358 **OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

ORDERED that the Outstanding Recommendations be noted.

359 **WORKSTREAM TWO - UPDATE**

The Strategy and Performance Manager informed the Panel of the current status of the projects which make up Modernisation Workstream Two.

ORDERED that report be noted.

360 **UPDATE ON WORKSTREAM 3A POLICE STAFF MANAGEMENT STRUCTURES CONSULTATION**

The Head of Personnel and Development informed the Panel of the current status of the consultation process for Workstream 3a, Police Staff Management Structures.

It was reported that the three stage consultation process had commenced and is ongoing. Consultation with Unison had commenced on the 8 February and would continue until implementation was complete.

ORDERED that:-

1. The contents of the report be noted.

361 **POLICE STAFF INVESTIGATORS**

The Head of Personnel and Development provided Members with an overview of contractual agreements of Police Staff Investigators and sought Members approval to change those currently employed on successive Fixed Term Contracts to Permanent Contracts.

ORDERED that:-

1. The change of contractual agreement of 10 Police Staff Investigators from fixed term to permanent contracts be approved.

362

NORTH EAST AIR SUPPORT UNIT UPGRADE AND EXTENSION OF THE BASE AT NEWCASTLE AIRPORT

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided Members with an update in relation to a capital funding bid for the upgrade and extension of the North East Air Support Unit (NEASU) based at Newcastle Airport.

ORDERED that:-

0. That the funding of £70k for the extension and upgrade of the NEASU at Newcastle Airport originally required from Cleveland Police Authority would now be met from the NEASU Reserve Account be noted.

363

PEOPLE AND ORGANISATION DEVELOPMENT (P&OD) STRATEGY

ORDERED that a half day be arranged to allow a full debate of the report prior to formal submission to the next Modernisation Panel meeting.

364

APPOINTMENT OF PROFESSIONAL PROPERTY CONSULTANTS FROM THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF GOVERNMENT COMMERCE (OGC) FRAMEWORK AGREEMENT

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning presented the report. Member's had previously appointed Lamb and Edge as the Authority's chartered surveyor advisors. However, considering the amount of future work anticipated in relation to the Ladgate Lane Headquarters, Cannon Park and the disposal of buildings prior to PFI, the Chief Executive and the Chief Constable had agreed that it was appropriate to re-tender for future services.

This report proposed an appropriate replacement in the form of professional property consultants from the OGC National Framework Agreement who would provide design, feasibility and disposal services in support of the Force's Corporate Estate's Strategy.

ORDERED that:-

0. The OGC procurement solution, which provided the opportunity to develop a preferred supplier arrangement with one of the consultants or the flexibility and choice to use a number of different consultants if required be approved.

365

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting

pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, excluding the press and public from the Meeting under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

366 **PFI – TRANSFER OF SHARES IN SERVICE SUPPORT
(CLEVELAND) HOLDING LIMITED – TACTICAL TRAINING
CENTRE CONTRACT**

ORDERED that the recommendation be agreed.

367 **MINUTES OF THE FINANCE PANEL HELD ON THE
22 MARCH 2006**

The Chair of the Finance Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 22 March 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Finance Panel held on the 22 March 2006 were submitted and approved.

FINANCE PANEL

A meeting of the Finance Panel was held on Wednesday 22 March 2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Stainsby Room at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor Joyce Benbow, Councillor Chris Coombs (ex-officio), Mr Ted Cox JP, Mr Alf Illingworth TD JP, Councillor Steve Wallace(Chair) and Councillor Mike Womphrey

OFFICIALS: Mr Joe McCarthy, Mrs Julie Leng (CE)
Mrs Ann Hall (CC)

Also in attendance:- Mr Keith Fisher JP and Mr Peter Race MBE

368 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Dave McLuckie (ex officio).

369 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations of interests.

370 **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON THE 14
DECEMBER 2005**

AGREED that the minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a true and accurate record. There were no matters arising from the minutes.

371 **ACTION STATIONS PFI PROJECT UPDATE**

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided

Members with an update on the progress of the Action Stations PFI Project.

This report followed the quarterly sequence of updates to Members of the Police Authority on the progress of the Action Stations PFI Project.

It was reported that the overall construction programme was on schedule, and in some internal areas at Middlesbrough and Langbaugh HQ are well ahead in building the blockwork and both had reached a major milestone in their completion which was celebrated by a 'topping-out' ceremony. The 'topping out' ceremonies marked the completion of the buildings roof.

AGREED that:-

0. the contents of the report be noted

372

EXEMPTIONS TO FORCE STANDING ORDERS

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided members with an update detailing exemption request to Force Standing Orders.

AGREED that:-

0. Members noted that Force Standing Orders had been waived and the details of the exemptions were included in appendix A of the report.

373

PRUDENTIAL BORROWING INDICATORS AND TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2005/2006. PERIOD 10: APRIL 2005 TO JANUARY 2006

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning provided Members with an update regarding Force performance against each of the Prudential Indicators for 2005/06 as approved by Members of the Police Authority in May 2005.

AGREED that:-

0. the content of the report be noted.

374

EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

ORDERED that pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

375

ADMINISTRATION SERVICES FOR THE POLICE PENSION SCHEME

The Assistant Chief Officer Finance and Commissioning informed Members of the changes required in the Administration Services for the Police Pension Scheme prior to the introduction of the new Police

Pension Scheme (NPPS), new pension rights for unmarried partners, as well as the incorporation of the Inland Revenue Tax Regime into the existing Police Pensions Scheme.

AGREED that the Authority enter into an enhanced contract with HBS for the provision of Pension Administration Services for the period 1st April 2006 to 31st March 2009. This provision was included in the Revenue Budget for 2006/07 previously approved by members at the Police Authority Executive Meeting on 23rd February 2006.

376

MINUTES OF THE PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT PANEL HELD ON THE 4 MAY 2006

The Chair of the Performance and Audit Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 4 May 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Performance and Audit Panel held on the 4 May 2006 were submitted and approved.

PERFORMANCE AND AUDIT PANEL

A meeting of the Performance Panel was held on Thursday 4th May 2006 commencing at 10.00 am in the Mandela Room at Middlesbrough Town Hall.

PRESENT	Mr Peter Race MBE (Chair), Councillor Chris Coombs, Mr Keith Fisher JP, Cllr Ron Lowes, Mr Edward Cox JP and Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer.
OFFICIALS	Mr Norman Wright and Mrs Julie Leng ACC Adam Briggs and Mrs Ann Hall (ACO Finance and Commissioning).
AUDITORS	Mrs Catherine Andrews (Audit Commission) and Mr Ian Wallace (Bentley Jennison).

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Dave McLuckie (ex officio), Councillor Hazel Pearson OBE, Mr Krishan Nath, ACC Derek Bonnard and Chief Executive Joe McCarthy.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

379

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING HELD 16TH FEBRUARY 2006.

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Action

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OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The Outstanding Recommendations updates were noted. Acc Briggs

stated that the new Operational Performance Framework, currently being introduced, will lead to the required improvement in performance reporting.

381 **CLEVELAND POLICE AND CLEVELAND POLICE AUTHORITY
CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE**

The Assistant Chief Officer (Finance and Commissioning) presented this report, with the top 5 items highlighted and discussed.

AGREED that the report be noted.

382 **FINDINGS FROM THE BRITISH CRIME SURVEY UP TO
SEPTEMBER 2005**

The Assistant Chief Constable presented this report containing the latest British Crime Survey of residents' experiences of crime related incidents in the 12 months to September 2005. He pointed out that the perceptions of crime and disorder do not always mirror the changes in recorded crime and detections statistics.

AGREED that the report be noted.

383 **PERFORMANCE REPORT 2005/6**

The Assistant Chief Constable presented this report which examined performance on crimes and detections between April 2005 and March 2006 (inclusive). Crime figures show an improvement in 9 of the 13 categories reported and the detection rate has improved in all crime categories. Members commented on the excellent performance achieved.

AGREED that the report be noted.

384 **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2006/7**

This report was presented by the Internal Auditor. It follows on from the strategic audit plan and the audit needs assessment produced in 2005. It was pointed out that the risks identified are diminishing and that there has been an overall improvement in the Police Authority's control environment.

AGREED that the report be noted.

385 **DISTRICT AUDIT ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2006/7**

The District Auditor presented this report. There is a new code of audit practice and the fees are highlighted. The auditor commented upon the ability to control the cost of audit because the risks assessment has improved.

AGREED that the report be noted.

386 **BUDGET BOOK 2006/7**

The Assistant Chief Officer (Finance and Commissioning) introduced the budget book. Members commented upon the excellent style and

content.

AGREED that the report be noted.

387

POLICE AUTHORITY BUSINESS PLAN

The Chair noted that this report will not be tabled but will instead be discussed at the Police Authority Executive meeting in May.

388

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL HELD ON THE 26 APRIL 2006

The Chair of the Community Safety Panel presented the Executive Summary from the meeting held on the 26 April 2006.

ORDERED that the following minutes of the Community Safety Panel held on the 26 April 2006 were submitted and approved.

COMMUNITY SAFETY PANEL

A meeting of the Community Safety Panel was held on Wednesday 26th April 2006 commencing at 10.00am in the Stainsby Room, Middlesbrough Town Hall.

PRESENT:

Miss Pam Andrews-Mawer (Chair), Cllr Barry Coppinger, Mr Ken Gardner MBE, Cllr Ron Lowes, Cllr Joyce Benbow, Cllr Mike Womphrey, Cllr Chris Coombs and Mr Keith Fisher JP

OFFICIALS:

Mr John Bage, Mrs Joanne Hodgkinson, Dr Neville Cameron (CE)
ACC Adam Briggs, Ch Insp Rob Donaghy (CC)

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Dave McLuckie (ex officio) and ACC Derek Bonnard.

390

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

There were no declarations of interests.

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MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Action

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 January 2006 were accepted as a true and accurate record.

392

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Agenda Item 5 Outstanding Recommendations.
It was agreed that the officer to take action should be ACC Bonnard and not ACC Briggs as stated in the minutes.

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OUTSTANDING RECOMMENDATIONS

- A Cost Recovery report would be completed at the end of the football season, so that all costs may be included. A briefing note on the football match F.C. Roma v Middlesbrough to be circulated.
- Neighbourhood Policing – progress report to be produced for the next meeting.
- Domestic Violence update – report to be produced for the next meeting.

A CC Briggs

A CC
Bonnard

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PUBLIC PROTECTION UNIT

Detective Chief Inspector Rob Donaghy informed Members of the working practices in the area of Public Protection. Prior to the 1st April 2006 the Force had a separate Public Protection Unit and Vulnerable Adults Unit.

Now the Public Protection Unit (PPU) monitors and manages violent and sex offenders living within the community alongside the National Probation Service Teesside.

The unit consists of 1 Detective Inspector, 2 Detective Sergeants and 8 Detective Constables. Members were informed that regular reviews are to be undertaken to ensure that the unit operates as efficiently as possible. In addition to this all risk assessments are quality checked by independent outside agencies.

AGREED:

The report be noted.

395

WORKING TOGETHER TO SAFEGUARD CHILDREN AND CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATION

Members agreed to report Agenda Items No. 7 and 9 together.

Detective Chief Inspector Rob Donaghy informed Members of the changes to working practices regarding Child Abuse Investigations in light of the guidance document 'Working together to Safeguard Children' produced by the Government in 2005.

The 'Working Together to Safeguard Children' document is intended to provide a national framework within which agencies and professionals at a local level can draw up and agree ways of working together to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Members were informed of the change in title from the Child Protection Unit (CPU) to the Child Abuse Investigation Unit (CAIU) and to highlight current initiatives within the Department.

There had been a change in focus from protecting children to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. The CAIU clarified the role the Police will play in safeguarding children in line with the national focus. This change took place from 1st April 2006. The structure of the Unit remains the same with officers based in

each of the four Districts.

AGREED

- 0. The reports be noted.
- 0. A briefing be arranged to inform members of the full implications of these items.

**Julie Leng
& Det Insp
Dickson**

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CENTRALISED ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR UPDATE

ACC Briggs provided members with an update on the progress of the Centralised Anti-Social Behaviour Unit, operating under the title of 'Don't Walk By'.

The centralised unit was established in November 2005. This report updated Members on the progress and performance of the unit.

The full compliment of the unit was intended to be 2 Sergeants, 6 Constables and 20 Community Support Officers (CSOs). However, the unit currently consists of 2 Sergeants, 3 Constables and 20 CSOs. It was not anticipated that a full compliment of Police Officers would be achieved in the short to medium term, however, this does not appear to be having an adverse affect on the efficient and effective deployments.

The performance of the Anti Social-Behaviour Team was very good and it was reported that the Unit been deployed in all four Districts.

AGREED that:-

- 0. The report be noted.
- 0. A briefing be arranged to further inform Members on 'Crimestoppers'.

Julie Leng

397

CHANGES TO SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP FUNDING ARRANGEMENTS

ACC Briggs provided Members with an update on the recent changes to the funding arrangements for the Safety Camera Partnership.

Members were informed that from 1 April 2007 the Government was changing the funding arrangements from the current 'hypothecation' method to a funding arrangement direct to Local Authority Road Safety Units.

ACC Briggs informed Members of plans to establish a Local Strategic Road Safety Partnership in which the Police Authority would be included.

AGREED that:-

- 0. The report be noted.
- 0. A report be submitted to a future Community Safety Panel providing additional information in relation to the changes in funding arrangements.

398

CHILDRENS BOARD – QUARTERLY REPORT

The Chair informed Members that in August 2005 the Police Authority Community Safety Panel was notified of statutory guidance issued under Section 10 of the Children's Act 2004, which required Local Authorities and their 'relevant partners' to co-operate to improve Children's well-being. The report updated the Police Authority of their current involvement with Children's trusts/boards in the Cleveland policing area.

AGREED that:-

- 1. The report be noted.

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BCU FEEDBACK

There were no verbal updates.

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CDRP FEEDBACK

The Strategy Manager provided a verbal update on the Stockton CDRP.

AGREED that:-

- 0. The report be noted.
- 0. That in the future minutes of the CDRP meetings be circulated with the reports.

**Joanne
Hodgkinson**

INDEPENDENT REMUNERATION PANEL REPORT WORKING GROUP

MINUTES

29 June 2006

Present:

Councillors Marjorie James, Mick Johnson, Stan Kaiser, John Lauderdale
Arthur Preece, Carl Richardson, Lillian Sutheran and Victor Tumilty.

Officers: Mike Ward, Chief Financial Officer
David Cosgrove, Principal Democratic Services Officer

1. Appointment of Chairman

It was agreed that Councillor Carl Richardson take the Chair.

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Dr Morris

3. Independent Remuneration Panel's Report Working Group *(Chief Financial Officer)*

Council at its meeting on 16 February 2006 considered a report from the Independent Remuneration Panel (IRP) proposing an increase in the allowances paid to elected Members. Council, at that meeting, established a this Working Group to examine the proposals put forward by the IRP and to report back with recommendations (Minute No. 118 refers). No timescale was set by Council.

The Chief Financial Officer submitted a report detailing the legal position relating to Members Allowances, the previous recommendations of the Panel and the Council Minute and remit of this group. The Chief Financial Officer had written to the Working Group members in advance of the meeting to ask if there were any particular areas they would wish to raise during the meeting. A number of responses were received which highlighted the following:-

- Incorporation of Travel
- Basis for determination of Basic Allowance
- Level of Allowance

Appended to the report was the original report of the IRP submitted to

Council on 16 February 2006. The IRP had recommended an increase of 10% in Members Basic Allowance to reflect the changes in the role and responsibilities of Councillors and a 3% inflationary increase. The Panel also recommended an additional amount of £170 be paid to all Councillors to cover the cost of all travel within a 35 mile radius of Hartlepool.

Members raised the following points: -

- Members were concerned that the papers originally circulated to Council had been reported in the press before some Councillors had received their papers.
- The IRP process needed to meet earlier in the year to feed into the budget process.
- There was concern at paying travel at a flat rate. Those Members who did travel to a number of meetings were likely to (under the present system) incur travel claims much higher than the proposed £170 per annum. Whereas those Members who didn't attend any meetings outside the borough would receive an allowance regardless. The Chief Financial Officer commented that while there would be some efficiency savings by treating travel expenses this way, the only reason the IRP had examined travel and made the proposal was due to the matter being raised as an issue with them by a Member.
- With the removal of the flat rate travel allowance and the maintenance of the current procedure, Members of the Working Group supported the remaining proposals of the IRP.
- Members of the Panel suggested that the calculation of the Basic Allowance should be based on the national standard minimum hourly pay rate. The IRP would have to estimate the appropriate number of hours per week to act as a multiplier so that the Basic Allowance could be calculated. The basic allowance would also then increase each year in the autumn in line with the national minimum pay award.
- Members supported the IRP proposal for the Basic Allowance to increase each year in line with inflation
- Members were concerned with the effect of the allowances on those Members in receipt of state benefits particularly in relation to taxation.

Following a full and detailed discussion, the Working Group agreed the following recommendations to be submitted to Council on 27 July 2006.

RECOMMENDED as follows -

1. That the Independent Remuneration Panel be requested to coordinate its meetings in the future so that any proposals from the Panel feed into the budget process.
2. That the Panel's proposals to pay a flat rate for travel allowance to all Councillors be rejected.
3. That the amended proposed increase in the Basic Allowance to £5410 be recommended, effective from 1 April 2006.

4. That the annual increase in the Basic Allowance be linked to the percentage increase in the Mayor's Special Responsibility Allowance.
5. That in the future the Independent Remuneration Panel give consideration to calculating the Basic Allowance as a multiplication of the national minimum hourly rate as set by the government each year with the Panel suggesting the appropriate multiplier relevant to the basic and other allowances.

C RICHARDSON

CHAIRMAN

COUNCIL

27 July 2006



Report of: Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Subject: NOTIFICATION OF DECISION: 'PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RECHARGES' SCRUTINY REFERRAL

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 In line with the Authority's Constitution, to report the unanimous decision of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to not examine the Parish Council Election Recharges issue, referred by the Performance Management Portfolio Holder on 26 June 2006 to the Overview and Scrutiny Function.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 At a meeting of the Performance Management Portfolio on 26 June 2006, consideration was given to a report of the Chief Solicitor in relation whether the costs of the Headland Parish by-elections should be recovered from the Parish Council.
- 2.2 At this meeting, it was subsequently agreed that the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee be asked to examine certain aspects touching upon a decision whether the costs of the Parish by-elections should be recovered from the Parish Council (Minute 1 refers).
- 2.3 In line with Council procedures, the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee considered the mandatory referral at its meeting on 30 June 2006, together with the Chief Solicitor's report that was presented to the Performance Management Portfolio Meeting on 26 June 2006.
- 2.4 Members of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee acknowledged that whilst the Committee was aware that it had a mandatory obligation to consider referrals from individual Cabinet Members, after much discussion the Committee reached the decision not to undertake the referral on the basis of:-
- (a) That there is sufficient information available within the Chief Solicitor's report to make an informed decision; and

- (b) That the advice of the Chief Solicitor was in line with the Council's policy and any decision made to not recover Parish Council Election Expenses would be contrary to Council policy.
- 2.5 In addition to reporting this decision to this meeting of Council, an earlier report has also been presented to the Performance Management Portfolio Meeting (the referring body) on 24 July 2006, the outcome of which I will verbally report during the presentation of this report to Council.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That Council notes the decision reached unanimously by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee to not undertake the Scrutiny Referral, for the reasons outlined earlier in paragraph 2.4 of this report (Minute 19 refers).

COUNCILLOR MARJORIE JAMES CHAIR OF SCRUTINY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE

June 2006

Contact:- Charlotte Burnham – Scrutiny Manager
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BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report:-

- (i) Report of the Chief Solicitor entitled 'Parish Council Election Recharges' presented to the Performance Management Portfolio on 26 June 2006.
- (ii) Decision Record of the Performance Management Portfolio Meeting held on 26 June 2006.
- (iii) Report of the Scrutiny Manager entitled 'Scrutiny Topic Referral from the Performance Management Portfolio – Parish Council Election Recharges' presented to the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee on 30 June 2006.
- (iv) Minutes of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee held on 30 June 2006.
- (v) Report of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee entitled 'Formal Response to 'Parish Council Election Recharges Scrutiny Referral' presented to the Performance Management Portfolio Meeting on 24 July 2006.

COUNCIL
27th July 2006



Report of: Chief Executive

Subject: BUSINESS REPORT

1. PROPOSED MERGER OF CLEVELAND, DURHAM AND NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AREAS

Appended to this Business Report is a copy of a letter (Appendix A), which was sent to Mr A Timol at the Police Structures Team, following consideration by Cabinet, setting out the authority's objections to the proposed merger. A letter from the Home Office, dated 13 July 2006, is attached as Appendix B. Council are requested to note its content.

2. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT – TEESSIDE VALUATION TRIBUNAL

Council on 15th September 2005 deferred consideration of a request from the President of the Tribunal for the nomination of two non-elected individuals from the Hartlepool area. A copy of the minute is attached at Appendix C.

A further request was then received from the Tribunal for the extension of the term of office for the following members from the 31st March 2006 to the 31st March 2009:-

Mr B Smith
Mr E Priest
Mr E Jeffries
Councillor J Coward
Councillor G Lilley
Mrs A Lilley

On 15th December 2005, Council considered the extension of the terms of office and resolved that the term of office, of the members detailed above, be extended for a further 3 months and that nominations to the Tribunal be considered further at the next Annual meeting of the Council.

The issue was not considered at the Annual Council meeting. Council is, therefore, requested to give consideration to the following outstanding issues:-

- (i) The request, from the Tribunal, for the extension of the term of office on the Tribunal.
- (ii) The request for the appointment of two non-elected individuals from the Hartlepool area to replace Councillors Cook and Morris, consideration of which was deferred at Council on the 15 September.

3. OUTSIDE BODIES

Together Project Steering Group – two further labour nominations were requested at the meeting on 22 June 2006, though to date none have been received. No nominations are requested to allow the Steering Group to proceed.

4. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES, FORUMS AND OTHER BODIES

A Labour Group vacancy still exists on the Neighbourhood Services Scrutiny Forum. A nomination to the vacancy is requested.

5. APPOINTMENT PANEL NOMINATIONS FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR VACANCIES IN CHILDREN'S SERVICES DEPARTMENT

Council will be aware that there are still two outstanding Assistant Director vacancies in the Children's Services Department. The two posts are; Assistant Director - Resources and Support Services and Assistant Director - Safeguarding and Specialist Services.

Council, therefore, is being requested to approve membership for an Appointments Panel for these two posts. In line with the Officer Employment Procedure Rules the Panel will consist of eight members, as follows:-

Mayor
Chairman of the Council
3 Labour Group nominations
2 Administrative Group nominations
1 Liberal Democrat Group nomination

Also, 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 is requested to approve the establishment of the Appointments Panel and nominate members accordingly.

CEX/PW/CL

30 June 2006

Mr A Timol
Police Structures Team
6th Floor Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

Dear Mr Timol

Proposed Merger of Cleveland, Durham and Northumbria Police Areas

Thank you for your letter of 3rd March regarding the above matter.

I can confirm that this matter was;

- a) Discussed by our Cabinet on 24 October 2005 and the decision at this time is shown below.

- “1. That in light of their being no option for the retention of the current Cleveland Constabulary, Hartlepool Borough Council supports the proposal put forward by Cleveland Police Authority for the establishment of a Tees Valley City Region Police Force based on the Cleveland and south Durham County areas.
2. That Hartlepool Borough Council states its total opposition to a Regional Police Force due to the significant adverse effects such a proposal would have on the people of Hartlepool.
3. That under any new structure, arrangements be put in place to ensure that Councillors and local people are involved in the governance of neighbourhood and community policing within Hartlepool”.

This meeting was attended by representatives of the Cleveland Police Authority, with all members of the Council invited.

- b) It was also discussed at Council on 16 February 2006 where the notice on motion “*That the Council believe that Cleveland Police should not be merged to create a Regional Force, but should retain its current boundaries*”, was put and agreed. This is attached as Appendix 1.
- c) In addition a letter was sent by the Chief Executive on 20 February 2006 to the Minister informing him of the motion agreed by council and the response from Hazel Blears. These are attached as Appendix 2.
- d) Further to this and in response to your letter of 3 March Cabinet again considered the matter at the meeting of 15th May and the decision at this meeting was

"that cabinet is of the view that Cleveland Police should not be merged to create a Regional Force but should retain its current boundaries with a Basic Command Unit being retained for Hartlepool with coterminous boundaries with the Council"

I think that this makes clear the objections of this authority to the proposed merger.

Yours sincerely

Paul Walker
Chief Executive

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<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">16 February 2006</p>

PRESENT:-

The Chairman, Councillor C Richardson, presiding;

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

COUNCILLORS:

C Barker	S J Belcher	J Cambridge
H Clouth	K H Cranney	D R P Ferriday
M Fleet	R Flintoff	S Griffin
G G Hall	P Hargreaves	G Henery
W H Iseley	P T Jackson	MA James
M Johnson	J Lauderdale	G M Lilley
F London	A Marshall	J Marshall
Dr G H Morris	R W Payne	A Preece
P Rayner	T Rogan	J E Shaw
L M Sutheran	V Tumilty	M W Turner
S D Wallace	D Waller	M P Waller
R Waller	G Worthy	E Wright
D R Young		

OFFICERS:

Paul Walker, Chief Executive
Adrienne Simcock, Director of Children's Services
Nicola Bailey, Director of Adult and Community Services
Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning
Andrew Atkin, Assistant Chief Executive
Mike Ward, Chief Financial Officer
Chris Little, Assistant Chief Financial Officer
Peter Devlin, Legal Services Manager
Charlotte Burnham, Scrutiny Manager
Steve Hilton, Assistant Public Relations Officer
David Cosgrove, Principal Democratic Services Officer
Jan Bentley, Democratic Services Officer

111. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

Councillors D Allison R W Cook, W J Coward, S Fenwick, S W Fortune, C F Hill, S Kaiser, J Kennedy and G Wistow

The Chairman noted that four of the Councillors not present at the meeting were absent due to recent illness. The Chairman indicated he would write to Councillors Cook, Fortune, Hill and Kaiser expressing the Council's best wishes for their speedy recovery.

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Wallace declared a Private and Personal Interest in Minute No. 124.

124. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

- (i) That the Council believe that Cleveland Police should not be merged to create a Regional Force, but should retain its current boundaries.

Councillor Stephen Wallace
Councillor Marjorie James
Councillor Ann Marshall
Councillor Kevin Cranney
Councillor Gerald Wistow

Motion put and agreed.

C RICHARDSON

CHAIRMAN

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20 February 2006

Rt Hon Charles Clarke MP
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Dear Minister

I am writing to inform you that a full meeting of Hartlepool Council, held on 16 February 2006 unanimously approved the following resolution:

'This Council believes that Cleveland Police should not be merged to create a regional force but should retain its current boundaries.'

There has been considerable local debate on this issue and I believe it is important to stress the strength of feeling, both within the Council and the population of Hartlepool as a whole. Having campaigned successfully to gain control of our own affairs through the creation of a unitary local authority, we believe it is entirely unacceptable that such fundamental changes in the operation of what is one of our most important local services should be forced through with such undue haste and little or no genuine consultation with those most affected.

Whilst the Prime Minister, has stressed the importance of 'listening' to the views of people on this matter, has made clear that other options rather than outright merger should be given proper consideration and has said that there should be no 'forcing' through of mergers, it appears that as far as the people of Hartlepool are concerned, nobody in Government is listening. There has been no attempt to consider other options such as inter-force co-operation, and a regional force which is overwhelmingly opposed across the whole of the North East is being forced through by your Department.

What people in Hartlepool find particularly objectionable is that this appears to be part of a concerted effort to force through regional control on a whole range of vital services even though the 'regional agenda' was overwhelmingly rejected in the Regional Assembly referendum just over a year ago (78% of the people of Hartlepool voted against creating an assembly).

We have no confidence that a regional force and authority, which would undoubtedly be dominated by interests in the north of the region, would be able to deliver the quality of local policing required by our communities, and we are absolutely certain that the ability to call to account those in control, whether within the Force or the authority, would be seriously diminished. Under the current structure we can, and do expect the Chief Constable and the Chair of the Police Authority to meet not just with the Council but with local communities to



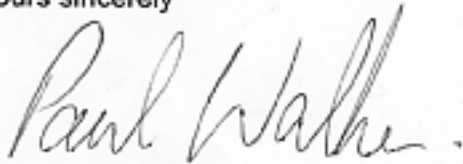
listen and respond to their concerns and needs. That clearly could not happen with a Regional Force.

There are also serious concerns in relation to the important channels of communication and co-operation which must exist between the police and many Council services, for example in the child protection and licensing fields. We can see no evidence that any real thought has been given as to how placing the police and local council services on such a widely differing structural basis would affect their working arrangements.

We fully support the position taken by the Cleveland Police Authority that the review into police structures has been conducted in a wholly unacceptable manner and that any attempt to force through mergers to create a single North East Force should be strongly opposed.

We would urge you to reconsider the position adopted by your Department and recognise that attempting to impose a structure, which fails to meet the fundamental requirements of local support, consent and accountability is a recipe for disaster.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Paul Walker', with a stylized, cursive script.

Paul Walker
CHIEF EXECUTIVE



The Rt Hon Hazel Blears MP
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6 APR 2006

Dear Paul Walker,

Thank you for your letter of 20 February 2006 to the Home Secretary about proposals to restructure police forces in England and Wales. I am replying as Minister with responsibility for policing and I am sorry you have not received a response before now.

As I am sure you are aware, Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary (HMIC), in its report on force structures and protective services, *Closing the Gap*, clearly demonstrated that the current force structure in England and Wales is not fit for purpose and in the interest of efficient and effective policing it should change. HMIC found that the current provision of protective services was not sufficient to meet the required standard. In the interest of public safety, the government has a responsibility to act and address these critical issues.

Your letter mentions the timescale proposed for the reform; the Home Secretary when he first wrote to all forces and authorities acknowledged that he was setting out a challenging timescale. However, the problems in policing serious crime and major incidents, as highlighted in HMIC's report '*Closing the Gap*' are 'here and now' problems and they will not go away. To delay reform would subject the service to a prolonged period of uncertainty which could lead to loss of morale and distraction from their core task of protecting the public. We cannot allow that

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to happen to the police service so we need to press ahead as quickly as it is sensible to do so.

You raise concerns that local policing may be adversely affected by amalgamation. I see no reason for this to be the case. This reform is about protecting the public better by effectively tackling serious and organised crime that crosses force boundaries. Local policing structures will be left intact and will continue to provide effective local policing to the local area – responding to community needs and priorities. Indeed any proposals to restructure police forces will improve the services that are provided to individual neighbourhoods.

The roll out of neighbourhood policing by 2008 will ensure that local communities will be served by the police station, the police officers and Police Community Support Officers (PCSOs) in their own communities. The creation of strategic forces with sufficient capacity and resilience to deal with major investigations or public order incidents will help safeguard local policing by reducing the need to abstract officers from neighbourhood policing teams.

You also express concern regarding local accountability and mention that under current arrangements senior officers meet with members of the public as well as Hartlepool Borough Council to discuss local issues. We have been considering with relevant stakeholders how we can strengthen police responsiveness and accountability at Basic Command Unit (BCU) level.

We have recently published the results of our review of the partnership arrangements set out in the Crime and Disorder Act. Following this review, we propose to strengthen the effectiveness of Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnerships (CDRPs) including by ensuring that elected local authority members responsible for community safety issues play a full part in setting community safety priorities. These priorities will only be determined after full consultation with local communities. CDRPs will also be subject to periodic scrutiny, by local authority scrutiny committees, and inspection, by the new Inspectorate for Justice, Community Safety and Custody.

In addition, we propose that BCU commanders and local authority chief executives hold regular public briefing sessions to respond to issues raised by local communities.

Finally, the Police and Justice Bill establishes the Community Call for Action to trigger intervention by the local authority scrutiny committee if community safety issues have not been adequately addressed by the police or their partners.

Taken together, these measures amount to a significant enhancement of the accountability arrangements at BCU and CDRP level.

I would also like to assure you that the Government recognises the importance of effective working between police forces, their partners in the Criminal Justice System, and other agencies and organisations. The current operational benefits of co-terminosity with such agencies are apparent and we will want to retain those benefits as far as possible after restructuring.

To minimise any disruption to CJS and other partners, guidance was given to police forces/authorities that there is a presumption against cutting across existing government office boundaries and against splitting an existing police force area between two or more forces, unless a truly compelling case can be made. This is reflected in the design criteria for the development of strategic forces.

You also suggest that there has been no consultation on this issue. The consultation process has been conducted on a local level rather than by central government. Police authorities have been holding consultation exercises and we would expect business cases submitted to reflect local views.

Additionally, as you will know, The Home Secretary's statement on 3 March 2006 provided notice of his intention to merge forces in those areas where the protective services assessment identified one option which was clearly optimal and would be of greatest benefit to those communities. Those areas were the North East, North West, West Midlands and Wales.

Therefore, in accordance with sections 32 and 33 of the Police Act 1996 these police authorities, local authorities and chief constables now have until 2 July to submit any objections to the proposed mergers. Any objections received will be carefully considered.

Yours Sincerely

HAZEL BLEARS MP

Hazel Blears

Appendix B



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Date 13th July 2006

To: See attached list

PROPOSED MERGER OF NORTHUMBRIA, DURHAM and CLEVELAND POLICE AREAS

On 3 March 2006, my predecessor, Lorraine Rogerson, wrote to you giving notice of the then Home Secretary's intention to make an order amalgamating the Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland police areas with effect from 1 April 2007. As you will be aware on 19 June the Home Secretary announced that he does not intend to proceed with enforced police force mergers.

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is to notify you formally that the Home Secretary has decided to withdraw the notice he issued under Section 33 of the Police Act 1996 in respect of Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland.

I am writing in similar terms to all other police force areas to which the then Home Secretary gave notice of his proposal to make an amalgamation Order.

We will be writing to forces and police authorities shortly about next steps.

I am copying this letter, for information to the Clerks of Northumbria, Durham and Cleveland Police Authorities, the Association of Chief Police Officers, the Association of Police Authorities, the Chief Police Officers Staff Association, the Police Superintendents' Association, the Police Federation, the Local Government Association and Unison.

JAE S SAMANT
Acting Director, Policing Policy

68. OUTSIDE BODY APPOINTMENT – TEESSIDE VALUATION TRIBUNAL

Council had previously approved the appointments of Councillor's Cook and Morris to take up vacant positions on the Tribunal. Notification had since been received from the Tribunal that it could not accept the nominations for the following reasons:

- i) Although the Council has 8 places on the Tribunal the number of elected members is restricted to two, with the remaining places to be taken by non-elected individuals from the Hartlepool area. The Valuation Community Charge Regulations 1989--SI 1989/439 - REG 5 Regulations dictate that the appointment of elected Members is subject to a maximum of one third of the total membership.

Appointments are made jointly by the appointing Authority and the President of the Tribunal. The Council already has two appointed elected Members (Councillor's Lilley and Coward) and as such the President of the Tribunal is unable to accept the nomination of Cllr's Morris and Cook.

- ii) Regarding Councillor Morris' nomination the Tribunal also has a clear rule regarding its 72-year age limit and has indicated that it must adhere to it. The rule stems from The Valuation Community Charge Regulations 1989--SI 1989/439 - REG 6

Based on the reasons outlined above the President of the Tribunal was now seeking the nomination of two non-elected individuals from the Hartlepool area.

RESOLVED – That consideration of the report be deferred.

COUNCIL

27 July 2006

**Report of:** Chief Executive**Subject:** BUSINESS REPORT (2)**6. TURNING POINT'S "BOTTLING IT UP" CAMPAIGN**

Turning Point is a registered charity which provides services for people with complex needs, including those affected by drug and alcohol misuse, mental health problems and those with a learning disability. Twenty thousand young people benefit from Turning Point's services each year.

The "bottling it up" campaign is calling on the Government to hold a national inquiry into the effect of parental alcohol misuse on children and families. Up to one in eleven children in the UK live with parents who misuse alcohol. These children suffer from a range of problems which affect their health and behaviour. The life of the whole family is disrupted.

These are some shocking statistics contained in the Turning Point report which was produced to support the "bottling it up" campaign.

- Approximately 3.8 million people in England and Wales are dependant on alcohol
- Alcohol causes 22,000 deaths each year and 1,000 suicides
- Alcohol misuse by parents was identified as a factor in over 50% child protection cases
- Around one third of all domestic violence incidents are linked to alcohol misuse
- Five times as many children could be affected by parental alcohol problems as by parental drug misuse.

The Safer Hartlepool Partnership is leading the development of the Hartlepool Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy. This development has focused on alcohol consumption, violence, crime and the wider anti-social effects of alcohol communities. It does not include the needs of children and families, although it would be possible to enhance the strategy to take account of these needs.

Currently there is no specific Government funding available for alcohol treatment, but locally there are two staff at the Whitby Street Community drugs centre with alcohol expertise, and GPs now have a contract clause to deliver

brief treatment interventions to their patients. Other initiatives in Hartlepool will be contributing to reducing the impact of alcohol misuse on families, but this is happening because other problems, such as domestic violence, have been identified.

Council's is requested to indicate if it wishes to support the "Bottling it up" Campaign.

7. BY-ELECTION

Members will be aware of the election of Councillor Mary Laffey on 20 July, 2006.

I have been informed by the Admin. Group that they wish to make the following changes to appointments of Committees/Forums:-

Licensing Committee – Councillor Laffey to replace Councillor S Allison.
 Children's Services Scrutiny Forum – Councillor Laffey to replace Councillor Coward.
 Regeneration and Planning Services Scrutiny Forum – Councillor Laffey to replace Councillor Coward.
 Scrutiny Coordinating Committee - Councillor Laffey to replace Councillor Coward.

Council is requested to note Councillor Laffey's election and the proposed amendments to Committee/Forum memberships.

8. CHANGE TO COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

I have been informed of the following change to the membership of the Licensing Committee by the Labour Group: -

Councillor Richardson to replace Councillor S. Cook