

30 January, 2006

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors

Madam or Sir,

You are hereby summoned to attend an extraordinary meeting of the <u>COUNCIL</u> to be held on <u>THURS DAY</u>, 8 <u>FEB RUA RY</u>, 2007 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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EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL AGENDA



Thursday 8 February 2007

at 7:00 pm

in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool

- 1. To receive apologies and communications sent to the Chairman or Chief Executive.
- 2. To receive any declarations of interest from Members.
- To deal with any business required by statute to be done before any other business.
- 4. To consider the following motion in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 3.2:-

"That the Council joins the Labour Group in deploring the decision of the Independent Reconfiguration Panel in respect of University Hospital Hartlepool and to totally condemn the broken promises of the Blair Government. We demand that this decision be urgently reconsidered so that those promises, made by both the Prime Minster and the former Health Secretary John Reid, can be delivered in full.

Furthermore the Council reaffirm its commitment to health services that are accessible, accountable and of the highest quality in Hartlepool, for Hartlepool. It is vital that we resist any further migration of both jobs and services out of the town to Stockton and fight any downgrading of services at University Hospital Hartlepool.

Health services in Hartlepool must be both maintained and indeed improved. We need increased funding, better transport links, improved primary care in our communities, an immediate development of new and equipped health centres and improved terms and conditions for all health sector workers in the town. We must seek a full and comprehensive understanding of the NHS proposals for Hartlepool and a timetable for its investment programs.

The Council therefore resolve that the full powers of this Council's scrutiny process be employed to deal with these issues and that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee urgently set out a timetable for investigation, reporting back to Council at the earliest opportunity."