



Chief Executive's Department
Civic Centre
HARTLEPOOL

5th February 2007

The Mayor (Stuart Drummond)

Councillors Akers-Belcher, D. Allison, S Allison, Barker, Brash, Clouth, R W Cook, S Cook, Coward, Cranney, Fenwick, Fleet, Gibbon, Griffin, Hall, Hargreaves, Henery, Hill, Iseley, Jackson, James, Johnson, Kaiser, Laffey, Lauderdale, Lilley, London, A Marshall, J Marshall, Dr. Morris, Payne, Preece, Rayner, Richardson, Rogan, 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, 15th February, 2007 at 7.00 p.m. in the Town Hall, Raby Road, Hartlepool, to consider the subjects set out in the attached agenda.

Members are requested to note the change in venue of the meeting.

Yours faithfully

P Walker
Chief Executive

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COUNCIL AGENDA



Thursday 15th February 2007

at 7.00 pm

**in the Town Hall, Raby Road, Hartlepool
(main Theatre entrance)**

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 meeting of the Council held on 14th December 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 and Fire Authority issues, for which notice has been given. Minutes of the meeting of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 24th November 2006 are attached.

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8. To deal with any business required by statute to be done.
 - (a) Report on Special Urgency Decisions in respect of the period from October to December 2006
9. To receive any announcements from the Chair, the Mayor, members of the Cabinet or the head of the paid service.
10. To dispose of business (if any) remaining from the last meeting and to receive the report of any scrutiny forum or other committee to which such business was referred for consideration.
11. To receive reports from the Council's committees and working groups other than any overview and scrutiny committee and to receive questions and answers on any of those reports
12. To consider any other business specified in the summons to the meeting, including consideration of reports of the overview and scrutiny committees for debate and to receive questions and answers on any of those items;
13. To consider reports from the Executive:-
 - (a) Proposals in relation to the Council's budget and policy framework

Budget and Policy Framework 2007-8 to 2009-10
 - (b) Proposals for departures from the budget and policy framework

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

Public questions for Council

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1.	From: Robert Bussey
	To: The Mayor
	<p>Question:</p> <p><i>Please explain why you have felt it unnecessary to make an entry in the Hospitality register in respect of the availability made to you of Wynyard Hall as the venue for your wedding? Did Sir John Hall attend the function.</i></p>

<p style="text-align: center;">COUNCIL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS</p> <p style="text-align: center;">14th December 2006</p>
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PRESENT:-

The Chairman (Councillor C Richardson) presiding:

The Mayor, Stuart Drummond

COUNCILLORS:

Akers-Belcher	Brash	RW Cook
S Cook	Coward	Cranney
Fleet	Gibbon	Griffin
Hall	Hargreaves	Henery
Jackson	James	Johnson
M P Laffey	Lauderdale	Lilley
London	Dr. Morris	Payne
Preece	Rayner	Tumilty
Turner	Wallace	D Waller
M P Waller	R Waller	Worthy
Wright		

OFFICERS:

Paul Walker, Chief Executive
Nicola Bailey, Director of Adult and Community Services
Peter Scott, Director of Regeneration and Planning Services
Dave Stubbs, Director of Neighbourhood Services
Tony Brown, Chief Solicitor
Sue Johnson, Assistant Director of Childrens Services
Michael Ward, Chief Financial Officer
Charlotte Bumham, Scrutiny Manager
Amanda Whitaker, Democratic Services Team Manager
Jo Wilson, Democratic Services Officer

104. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENT MEMBERS

Councillors D Allison, S Allison, Barker, Fenwick, Hill, Iseley, Kaiser, A Marshall, J Marshall, Wistow and Young.

105. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

Councillor Wallace (Chair of the Primary Care Trust) and Councillor Lilley (member of Save Our Hospital Group) declared non-prejudicial interests in minute number 107.

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

None

107. PUBLIC QUESTION

(i) Question from Mr K Fisher to the Mayor:-

"MR. Mayor I recognise and appreciate that you, personally, have always been an active campaigner in the struggle to SAVE OUR HOSPITAL I remember, some years ago, when you facilitated and chaired a series of meetings here in this building when others were saying that there never was a threat to our hospital.

I now recognise that the whole body of this council are effective and formal supporters of the current campaign and therefore I hope that, with their support, my question to you is like me pushing upon an already open door.

The people of Hartlepool, and its surrounding area, are very concerned that conflicting information about the changes to our Holdforth Road Hospital is being passed, leaked, and exposed through diverse conduits such as your good-self, The Hartlepool Mail and the Save our Hospital Campaigners, This is clearly an unprofessional AND UNACCEPTABLE way to implement ANY changes to our essential services.

You will be pleased to note that now my eventual question itself is short and simple.

Question:

*"Does the Mayor agree that it would be beneficial to invite Mr Dalton and his Hartlepool and North Tees Trust Members to a formal **Public Meeting** in order that they may afford simple answers DIRECT to the public questions, and would he be prepared to arrange such a meeting here in this Chamber?"*

In response the Mayor advised that he had already suggested that a public meeting be arranged to ensure the correct information was conveyed to members of the public. The suggestion had been politely declined but arrangements had been made for a meeting to be held on 19th December involving the Mayor, Portfolio Holder and representatives of the Save our Hospital Group.

A supplementary question raised by Mr Fisher asked the Mayor if he would be prepared to put the question, of a public meeting, again if he had a mandate from the Council. The Mayor replied by advising Council that he would be more than happy to publish answers following his meeting and was happy to again raise the issue of a public meeting.

Members expressed their support of a public meeting and referred to 'wider health issues' which needed to be considered.

108. MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS

The Minutes of Proceedings of the Council held on the 26th October 2006, having been laid before the Council.

RESOLVED - That the minutes be confirmed.

The minutes were thereupon signed by the Chairman.

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

With reference to minute 90(b)(ii), Councillor Lilley questioned whether a response had been sent in relation to the consultation on 'the nuclear policy framework'. The Mayor confirmed that a response had been forwarded to the Dti and he would arrange for a copy of that response to be circulated to all Members of the Council.

110. 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

None

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

There were no questions relating to Police and Fire Authority issues.

Minutes of the meetings of the Cleveland Police Authority held on 21st September 2006 and the meetings of the Cleveland Fire Authority held on 29th September 2006 and 20th October 2006 were circulated.

111. BUSINESS REQUIRED BY STATUTE

None

112. ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chief Executive announced that Denise Ogden had been appointed to the post of Head of Neighbourhood Management.

The Chief Executive referred also to the completion of the CPA and JAR Inspections and thanked Members for their contribution. It was noted that final reports were expected in March 2007.

113. 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

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

- (i) Co-option of Children and Young Persons to Children's Services Scrutiny Forum (Report of Constitution Committee).

The report invited Council to approve changes to the Constitution necessary to accommodate the proposal of the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum to co-opt children and young persons.

Following much consideration, the Children's Services Scrutiny Forum had decided to adopt proposals to include 6 children and young persons as co-opted members of the forum. The co-optees, who would be members of and nominated by the Young Voices Group, would not have voting powers. Each co-optee would have an elected member mentor. Other adjustments to the procedures of the forum would be adjusted so as to accommodate the co-optees.

At their meeting on 10th November 2006, the Constitution Working Group considered the changes necessary to the Constitution arising from the Scrutiny Forum's proposals. The Working Group had concluded that changes would be necessary to both Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) and Part 4 (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules). The Constitution Committee, on 27th November 2006, examined the amendments suggested by the Working Group and, with minor modification, had agreed to recommend them to Council.

The proposed amendments to Part 3 (Responsibility for Functions) related to the entry regarding the Childrens Services Scrutiny Forum, and comprised the inclusion of reference to the Children and Young Persons Representatives, in the statement of composition of the forum.

The proposed amendments to Part 4 (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) related to paragraph 4 of the procedure rules and comprised the inclusion of provisions for the co-option, a confirmation that the Children and Young Persons Representatives will not have voting powers (as distinct from statutory co-optees), and a requirement for the appointment of an elected member mentor for each Children and Young Persons Representative. Other incidental changes necessary for the sake of consistency had been made. The proposed amendments were highlighted in the report's Appendix.

RESOLVED – That the amendments to the Constitution, as set out in Appendix 1, be approved.

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

(i) Final Report – Closure of Rossmere Swimming Pool (Report of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee)

A report, prepared by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, presented the findings of the Committee following its enquiry into the closure of Rossmere swimming pool.

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee had taken evidence from a wide range of sources to assist in the formulation of a balanced range of recommendations. The Committee's key recommendations to the Council were presented as follows:-

- (a) That the Executive makes the necessary arrangements to ensure that the Rossmere Pool site is cleared and that the land is reinstated forthwith;
- (b) The Executive ensures that the ongoing responsibility for the maintenance of Council properties is reviewed regularly and that the appropriate Health and Safety Inspections are carried out annually;
- (c) That where significant issues are identified as a result of Health and Safety Inspection, that these matters are reported to the relevant Portfolio Holder;
- (d) That the Authority's Children's Services Department makes appropriate budgetary provision for the maintenance of Brinkburn Swimming Pool, in light of the recent conditions assessment, so that it meets the same standards of the schools on-site swimming pools;

- (e) That representatives of the Hartlepool Swimming Club are invited to work with the Authority's Children's Services Department to ensure that where concerns are identified in relation to the condition/maintenance of the Brinkburn Swimming Pool, these are rectified as soon as is practicable;
- (f) That an annual review of the Swimming Strategy is undertaken and the findings of which are reported to the relevant Portfolio Holder and the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee; and
- (g) That where the Executive /responsible Portfolio Holder considers buildings that have been identified as surplus to the needs of the Council, that renovation and demolition costs are considered amongst the options for its future use.

Members congratulated the Committee on the comprehensive report and a request was made by a Member that appropriate Officers provide an update on progress in relation to the £90,000 set aside for Brinkburn Swimming Pool and that a copy of the Swimming Strategy be circulated.

RESOLVED – That the recommendations of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee be approved and adopted.

116. REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE

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

None

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

None

117. MOTIONS ON NOTICE

None

118. SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FORUM

The Chief Executive reported that he had been informed that Councillor Shaw had resigned from her appointment as the Council's representative on the School Admissions Forum. Council was requested to nominate a replacement member.

RESOLVED - That Councillor M Waller replace Councillor Shaw on the School Admissions Forum.

119. CHANGES IN POLITICAL GROUPS

Since the last meeting of Council, notification had been received of the following changes in the composition of political groups:-

Labour Group - Cllr Rogan had voluntarily stepped down from the Labour Group until such time as his personal difficulties are resolved.

Liberal Democrat - Cllr Tumilty has given formal notification of his resignation from the Liberal Democrat Group.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

120. "THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION IN DESIGNATED PUBLIC PLACES) REGULATIONS 2001

The Chief Executive advised Council that under the "Community Safety element of his Regeneration, Liveability and Housing Portfolio, the Mayor had undertaken consultation with relevant individuals and organisations on the establishment of designated areas under The Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001. Once an order was in force, a person who continued to drink after being required not to do so by the police would be guilty of an arrestable offence and could be subject to an on-the-spot fine, and to have alcohol in his/her possession confiscated. As a result of that consultation, it was suggested that, in the first instance, the areas and highways regulated under the former byelaws be designated for the purposes of the regulations. However, it was also proposed that consideration be given to the designation of other areas where the Council was satisfied that anti-social drinking was a problem. The processes provided for in the regulations included the giving of statutory notice and the consideration of representations received.

RESOLVED - (a) That approval in principle be given to the making of an Order or Orders in relation to the areas and highways regulated by the previous byelaws and other areas where anti-social drinking is a problem,

(b) That the Licensing Committee be authorized to discharge the Council's functions under the Local Authorities (Alcohol Consumption in Designated Public Places) Regulations 2001 including:

- consideration of any representations received,
- add to, delete, extend, reduce or otherwise vary the proposed designated areas, and
- on the Council's behalf, to approve the order or orders and take any further action necessary in that regard;

and

- (c) That the Chief Solicitor be authorised to publish all notices necessary to comply with the regulations.

121. EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING

Members had suggested the holding of an extraordinary meeting of the Council relating to the Reconfiguration of the Primary Care Trust. No date had been finalised for the meeting though discussions, with the Strategic Health Authority, were focussing on a meeting date in January/early February.

The Chief Executive advised Members, at the meeting, that an e mail had been received immediately prior to this meeting as follows:-

“Mr Carr and David Flory would be quite happy to come and talk to the Leader, Chief Executive and the person who holds the health portfolio. If their intention is to hold a full Council meeting then the person who should attend would be the Chief Executive of the PCT as he deals with issues concerned with Hartlepool. Mr Carr and David Flory deal with regional issues, and this is the basis for their meeting.”

The views of Members were sought, therefore, in relation to the attendance of the Chief Executive of Hartlepool Primary Care Trust at a future meeting of the Council.

Members highlighted ‘wider health issues’ and supported the Adult and Public Health Portfolio Holder’s suggestion that the Chief Executive of Hartlepool Primary Care Trust be invited to make a presentation to a future meeting of the Council addressing issues including the survey undertaken by the Primary Care Trust, Age Profiling and Doctors’ surgeries appointment problems.

RESOLVED – That the Chief Executive of the Primary Care Trust be invited to make a presentation at a future Council meeting.

122. MANOR COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY – FOUNDATION STATUS

Appended to the Business Report was a letter which had been sent to Iain Wright MP, at Council's request, together with subsequent response. (Appendices 1 and 2 refer). Council was requested to note their content.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

123. CO-OPTION OF RESIDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NEIGHBOURHOOD CONSULTATIVE FORUMS

The Chief Executive reported the outcome of the recent elections held at the Neighbourhood Consultative Forums as follows –

North:- (1) Vice-chair – Linda Shields (Dyke House Ward)

- (2) John Cambridge (St Hilda Ward)
- (3) John Lynch (St Hilda Ward)
- (4) Joan Norman (Throston Ward)
- (5) Mary Power (Brus Ward)
- (6) Bob Steel (Hart Ward)
- (7) Joan Steel (Hart Ward)
- (8) Vacancy

Central:- (1) Vice-chair – James Atkinson (Park Ward)

- (2) Ian Campbell (Park Ward)
- (3) Bob Farrow (Foggy Furze Ward)
- (4) Patrick Finnan (Grange Ward)
- (5) Alan Greenwell (Grange Ward)
- (6) Ted Jackson (Park Ward)
- (7) Jean Kennedy (Stranton Ward)
- (8) Evelyn Leck (Bum Valley Ward)
- (9) Alan Lloyd (Rift House Ward)
- (10) Brian McBean (Grange Ward)

South:- (1) Vice-chair – Mary Green (Owton Ward)

- (2) Ann Butterfield (Fens Ward)
- (3) Rose Kennedy (Rossmere Ward)
- (4) Alison Lilley (Fens Ward)
- (5) Michael McKie (Greatham Ward)
- (6) Iris Ryder (Seaton Ward)
- (7) Michael Ward (Greatham Ward)

Council was requested to confirm the co-option of the elected resident representatives.

At the induction meeting of resident representatives there was unanimous agreement that the terms of office of the resident representatives should be aligned to the election of councillors. This would have the benefit that resident representatives were in place for substantially the whole of the financial year in which they were elected, rather than from half way through the year, as at present. It was, therefore, recommended that Council resolve that the 2 year terms of office of the resident representatives for each area should expire on the date of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum for the area next following the date of Council elections in 2008, and at which meeting the next election of resident representatives would take place.

RESOLVED – (i) That the co-option of the elected resident representatives be confirmed.

(ii) That the 2 year terms of office of the resident representatives for each area expire on the date of the meeting of the Neighbourhood Consultative Forum for the area next following the date of Council elections in 2008, at which meeting the next election of resident representatives take place.

124. NORTH CENTRAL HARTLEPOOL COMPULSORY PURCHASE ORDER 2005

The Chief Executive had received (Appendix 3) the decision letter of the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government confirming the above compulsory purchase order, in respect of which the public inquiry was held on 18th & 19th July 2006. The Order related to lands in Chester Road, Chatham Road, Raby Road, Moore Street, Acclom Street, Pelham Street, Harwood Street and Marston Gardens.

Following advertisement of the Secretary of State's decision, a statutory objection period of 6 weeks would need to elapse before the Orders could be implemented. Subject to any statutory challenge of this and the earlier Mildred and Mayfair Streets Compulsory Purchase Orders (reported to Council on 14th September 2006 Min.79), this decision satisfactorily concluded the formal procedures which ensured that the Council was able to secure acquisition of all properties necessary to enable the regeneration of the relevant areas, in accordance with the proposals previously approved by the Council.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

125. NORTH EAST CHARTER FOR MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

An item included on the Business report referred to signing up to the North East Charter for Elected Member Development as follows:-

“Hartlepool Borough Council recognises the need for skilled political and community leadership to enable continuous improvement in the quality of all services to the community. We are therefore committed to the continuous development of our elected members, to reinforce this commitment we are signing up to the North East Charter for Elected Member Development which will provide external recognition for our Member Development Programme. The Charter provides a framework for good practice and helps focus the commitment to Member Development, provides a strategic approach, ensures a member learning and development plan is in place, enables learning and development to build capacity and promotes work life balance and citizenship. Progress towards the Charter will be led and monitored by the Member Development Group who would like to request the full participation and support of all Elected Members to achieve Charter status.”

Grave reservations were expressed by a Member that Member Development was being promoted at a time when ICT problems were being experienced by Members.

RESOLVED – That the Council sign up to the North East Charter for Member Development.

126. CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

The Chief Executive reported that he had received notification that the Liberal Democrat Group wished to appoint Councillor Henery as a member of Cleveland Fire Authority to replace Councillor Tumilty. Council was requested to approve the change in representation.

RESOLVED – That Councillor Henery replace Councillor Tumilty on the Cleveland Fire Authority.

C RICHARDSON

CHAIRMAN



CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING HELD ON

FRIDAY, 24 NOVEMBER 2006

- PRESENT:**
- CHAIRMAN**
Councillor B Forster – Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council
 - HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL:**
Councillors Payne, Waller, Tumilty
 - MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL:-**
Councillors Clark, Jones, Porley, Biswas, Mawston
 - REDCAR AND CLEVELAND BOROUGH COUNCIL:-**
Councillors Briggs, Dunning, Cooney, Walker
 - STOCKTON ON TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL:-**
Councillors Brown, Kirton, O'Donnell, Roberts, Salt, Woodhead, Walmsley
 - PROPER OFFICERS:-**
Clerk, Deputy Legal Adviser, Treasurer
 - FIRE BRIGADE OFFICERS:-**
Chief Fire Officer, Executive Director,
- APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- Councillor Pearson – Middlesbrough
 - Councillor Smith – Redcar & Cleveland

Members congratulated the Learn and Live Team on their excellent presentation and the Chair agreed to forward a letter of appreciation to the Learn and Live Team.

John Doyle informed Members that the Fire Control Project Regional Director had recently taken ill and Members asked the Chairman to pass on their best wishes.

98. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2006 AND SPECIAL CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 20 OCTOBER 2006

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority Meeting held on 29 September 2006 and the Special Cleveland Fire Authority Meeting held on the 20 October 2006, be confirmed.

99. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2006 and 3 NOVEMBER 2006; TENDER COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2006; AND POLICY COMMITTEE – 3 NOVEMBER 2006

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting held on 29 September 2006 and the 3rd November 2006; the Tender Committee on the 29 September 2006; the Policy Committee on the 3 November 2006, be confirmed.

**100. TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
REGIONAL MANAGEMENT BOARD MEETING – 6 OCTOBER 2006**

100.1 RMB EXPENDITURE AND INCOME 2005/6

The Chief Fire Officer provided Members with information on expenditure and income of the RMB and asked for approval of the accounts for 2005/06.

RESOLVED – that Members approved the RMB accounts for the year end 31 March 2006.

100.2 APPOINTMENT OF CLERK TO RMB

The Chief Fire Officer informed Members that at the RMB Annual Meeting held 13 July 2006, Councillor Magee from Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority was appointed Chair of the RMB. Councillor Mrs B Forster from Cleveland Fire Authority was appointed Vice Chair. It had now been proposed that the position of Clerk rotates with the appointment of the Chair and the position of Treasurer rotates with the appointment of the Vice Chair.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that Members approved the appointment of Mrs L A Davies, Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority as Clerk to the RMB.
- (ii) that Members approved that the position of the Clerk rotates with the appointment of Chair to the RMB.
- (iii) that Members approved that the position of the Treasurer rotate with the appointment of Vice Chair to the RMB and that Mr A Emmerson be appointed to the position of Treasurer to the RMB.

100.3 REGIONAL CONTROL CENTRE – PROJECT MANAGER

Due to the illness of the Project Manager, the Chief Fire Officer advised members that his workload had been spread across the Project Team and this will be under constant review with any changes reported to the Authority.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that the appointment of Project Director for the period 1 February – 31 March 2007 and for 2007/08 be approved.
- (ii) That each constituent authorities be requested to provide further funding for the post in the region of £2,877/authority for 2006/07 and £17,262/authority for 2007/08 (subject to pay awards) plus travel and subsistence incurred.
- (iii) Agree to further written representations being made to the DCLG regarding financial support for the post of Project Director

100.4 REGIONAL CONTROL CENTRE/FIRELINK – PROGRESS REPORT

The Chief Fire Officer updated members of the progress within each of the projects of RCC and FireLink and sought approval for financial resources in 2007/08.

Councillor Payne asked that “celebration” be omitted from the commemorative marking of the completion of the RCC due to the uncertainty of people jobs. The Chair agreed to raise these comments at the next meeting.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that members approved an event to mark the completion of the RCC building with commemorative marking but that “celebration” not be used.
- (ii) members agreed that, as required, the RMB net balance of £87,000 be utilised to fund the project costs outlined in paragraph 3.3 of the report.
- (iii) that members approved to recommend that the constituent authorities consider the appointment of a full time Firelink day-to-day contact from April 2007 and make provision in their budget for 2007/8 for additional Firelink resources identified in paragraphs 4.3 and 4.4.
- (iv) that members approved the project management structure outlined in Section 5 and Appendix C.

100.5 NORTH EAST REGIONAL HUMAN RESOURCES STRATEGY

The Chief Fire Officer informed members that the RMB were requested to endorse a Regional Human Resources Management Strategy for the North East Fire and Rescue Service. There were three approaches Policies; Working Relationships and Human Resource Functions and in considering the future HR strategy and the way in which the RMB need to respond to the many pressures and influences, this three way phase implementation will ensure the provision of common HR arrangements that will facilitate the most efficiency and cost effective means at regional and/or local level.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that members noted the contents of this report.
- (ii) that members approved the endorsement of the Human Resources Management Strategy for the North East Fire and Rescue Services and the strategy of implementation.

100.6 REGIONAL EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY STRATEGY

The Chief Fire Officer sought Members endorsement of the North East Equality and Diversity Strategy as recommended by the Regional Management Board. All four NE Fire and Rescue Services have contributed to the development of this strategy and it is therefore anticipated that this document should meet the needs of those staff who are charged with the principle responsibility for ensuring all obligations are met.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that members noted the contents of this report
- (ii) that members endorse the Equality and Diversity Strategy for the North East Fire and Rescue Services.

100.7 NEFRA PROJECT – 4P'S GATEWAY REVIEW 2 – PROCUREMENT STRATEGY

The Chief Fire Officer informed members of the outcome of the most recent Gateway Review, the recommendations of the Review Team and the initial responses and proposes to address them.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that members approve the proposals for action as detailed in the report.
- (ii) that members agree to an interim review/health check at an appropriate time.
- (iii) To receive further reports as appropriate.

100.8 RMB REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

The Chief Fire Officer informed members of the minutes and reports presented to the Board for noting.

RESOLVED– That members noted the minutes and reports for information.

101 TO RECEIVE THE REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

101.1 POLICY FRAMEWORK, STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION STRATEGY, FRAMEWORK FOR THE DELIVERY OF VALUE FOR MONEY AND THE CAPITAL STRATEGY

Ian Hayton presented the Policy Framework, Stakeholder Consultation Strategy, Framework for the Delivery of Value for Money and the Capital Strategy which had been recommended by the Policy Committee. The Policy Framework ensures that all policies and procedures are constructed in a robust and consistent manner with clearly identified outcomes which can be performance managed and are fit for the purpose for which it was intended.

RESOLVED– that the Policy Framework, Stakeholder Consultation Strategy, Framework for the Delivery of Value for Money and Capital Strategy be approved

101.2 SAFETY IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2007/08 (IRMP4)

Ian Hayton informed Members that the recommendations that the Policy Committee had made had now been included and sought Members approval of the Draft Safety Improvement Plan 2007/08 (IRMP 4), the Public Consultation Leaflet and the Consultation Plan.

RESOLVED -

- (i) that Members approve the draft version of the Authority's Draft Safety Improvement Plan 2007/08
- (ii) that Members approve the draft Public Consultation Leaflet, at Appendix 2 to the report
- (iii) that Members approve the Consultation Plan of the Authority's Safety Improvement Plan of the Authority's Safety Improvement Plan 2007/08 (IRMP 4) as at Appendix 3 to the report.

101.3 LGA CONSULTATION DOCUMENT – FIRE AND RESCUE IN 2017

Ian Hayton sought Members views on the LGA's consultation document Fire and Rescue in 2017: He reported that the vision of the DCLG, LGA and CFA were outlined within P4 of the document. The Chief Fire Officer reported that this Authority are already doing a lot of what is in this document now and that Fire and Rescue Services should do whatever it takes to save lives and continue to help and support the community. Members reported that we are already doing most of the things referred to in the document and our progress should not be stopped by this.

RESOLVED - that Members views be forwarded to the Executive Director by 10 December 2006 and that the Chairman, Vice Chair and one minority member be given the delegated powers to approve the submission of the Consultation of the Fire and Rescue in 2017: Rising to the Challenge document.

101.4 EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS INFORMATION PACK NO. 65 – NOVEMBER 2006

- 101.3.1 Fire and Rescue Service Circulars
- 101.3.2 Fire Brigade National Employers Circulars
- 101.3.3 Merger of Devon FRA and Somerset FRA
- 101.3.4 National Mutual Aid Protocol.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

102.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CO-RESPONDER SCHEME – SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT UPDATE

Councillor Cooney informed Members of the Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee's recommendations with regard to the conclusion of the Scrutiny Review of the Co-responder Scheme. She reported that the Cleveland Area are now serviced by North East Ambulance (NEAS) and their approach to co-responder has now changed and we are unclear at this time whether they are seeking expansion. Councillor Cooney informed Members that NEAS had also set a budgetary limit at £16,000 for the co-responder service and this change in provision had been brought to the attention of the MP for East Cleveland. Members discussed this scheme at length and expressed concern at the budgetary limit and agreed to a further deferment.

RESOLVED -

- (i) that the expansion of the Co-Responder Scheme be deferred until such time as a refined agreement with the North East Ambulance Service regarding the Scheme and how it operates within the Cleveland Fire Authority is available and has been agreed by the CFA
- (ii) That the co-responder scheme is monitored by both the Performance Service Delivery Scrutiny Committees until such time as a decision has been made with regard to the future of the Co-responder Scheme by the CFA.
- (iii) That the MP for East Cleveland area be contacted via the Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee advising of the possible changes to the Co-responder Scheme in the area and the potential impact this may have on the community response available.

102.1 CLEVELAND FIRE BRIGADE CONTROL ROOM – DRAFT SCRUTINY REVIEW REPORT

Councillor Cooney informed Members on the proposed content and recommendations of the draft report on the scrutiny review of Cleveland Fire Brigade Control Room, following completion of research and interviews. Councillor Payne asked if the scrutiny review had been undertaken on the basis of moving to RCC in 2008 or the last quarter of 2009 as now reported. Ian Hayton reported that the scrutiny and risk assessment was based on 2008.

RESOLVED –

- (i) that the Brigade Control Room Risk Assessments are submitted to the Service Delivery Scrutiny Committee on an annual basis – February/March each year, or whenever equipment or systems are changed, until such time as the Regional Control Centre is active. Members will consider any changes to the risk ratings identified in the Risk Assessments and make recommendations to the CFA
- (ii) that the CFA is informed of any significant occurrences which may impact the effectiveness or resilience of the Cleveland Fire Brigade control room.
- (iii) that the CFA is informed of any changes to the implementation date for the Regional control Centre – currently last quarter of 2009.

**103.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
ANNUAL EFFICIENCY STATEMENT – FORWARD LOOK 2005/06 & BACKWARD
LOOK 2005/06**

Councillor Porley appraised Members of the Brigade's performance against the Forward and Backward Look Annual Efficiency Statement (AES). He reported that the Fire Authority are obliged to submit efficiency statements for 2005/06 and confirmed nothing of concern was found in the statements and that the backward look actually shows savings saved were even larger than previously estimated. Councillor Payne asked if we were on target for the efficiency targets and if we are on target would this be taken from our budget.

The Treasurer informed Members that the efficiency target for the Fire Service was a national one not disaggregated to individual FRS's. The Clerk informed Members that in distributing government support (grants) the only way the Government is able to proceed is to differentiate between class of Authorities. If Cleveland should exceed the Gershon targets it is highly unlikely that this would be reflected in future settlements other than at an aggregate level for all FRS's

RESOLVED – that Members note the contents of the annual efficiency statement.

104. REPORTS OF THE CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

104.1 LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT CONFERENCE – 11 JANUARY 2007

The Clerk sought the Authority's wishes in respect of member attendance at the LGA local Area Agreement Conference – looking to 2008 and beyond which is to be held in London on 11 January 2007. Councillor Payne suggested that the 4 Safer Partnerships representatives attend and re-affirmed the importance of the CFA in LAA's. Members considered 3 option of attendance; one member for each district; one member each party; chairman, vice chair and one minority member. After discussion Members agreed that the Chairman, Vice Chairman and one minority member attend and inform all other CFA members

RESOLVED – that the Chairman, Vice Chair and one Minority Member attend the Local Area Agreement Conference in London on 11 January 2007.

104.2 THE FUTURE OF PUBLIC SERVICES CONFERENCE

The Clerk sought the authority's wishes in respect of Member attendance at the Future of Public Services Conference which is to be held 30 January 2007 in Manchester and 8 February 2007 in London. After a discussion Members agreed that the Chair, Vice Chair and one minority member should attend the Manchester conference on 30 January 2007

RESOLVED – that the Chairman, Vice Chair and one Minority Member attend the Future of Public Services Conference in Manchester on 30 January 2007

104.3 CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY'S INFORMATION PACK – NOVEMBER 2006

- 104.3.1 LGA Independent Commission: Review of Relationships
- 104.3.2 Fire Conference 8/9 November 2006, Telford

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

**105. REPORT OF THE TREASURER AND CHIEF FIRE OFFICER
BUDGET STRATEGY 2007/08 TO 2010/11**

The Treasurer informed Members of the Authority's current financial position and challenging outlook for public expenditure over the new few years which is reflected in the existing budget strategy. He reported that the Authority have adequate balances to manage the position and could release part of these resources to meet one-off expenditure commitments such as addressing the backlog of property maintenance. He advised members that at this stage the report assumes that Members will confirm the indicative Council Tax increase for 2007/08 of 5% which will result in a Band D Council Tax of £56.23 (2006/07 - £53.55). A further report will be submitted once details of the final 2007/08 grant allocation is known to enable Members to finalise the 2007/08 budget and council Tax levels.

Councillor Payne asked Members not to increase Council Tax by 5% this year and offset this by the £1M from the Authority's balances. He also requested further information on what this money would be used for. The Treasurer reported that if we did not increase the Council Tax the Authority would lose income for the future and we would be unable to balance the budget for the next 3 years without a significant increase in council tax or budget reductions and this was not an efficient use of balances. The Treasurer also informed Members that a suggested programme for the allocation of the investment resources would be presented to Members for debate and final approval before any of the resources were utilised.

RESOLVED -

- (i) That Members note the report.
- (ii) That a detailed report be provided regarding the allocation £1m of balances and £1m of Prudential Borrowing prior to the usage of these resources.
- (iii) That Members confirmed the indicative 2007/08 Council Tax increase of 5% pending the determination of the actual increase in February 2007.

**106. REPORT OF THE TREASURER
TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW**

The Treasurer informed members that the current Investment and Borrowing Strategy was approved by members on 2 June 2006 and the CIPFA Code of Practice for Treasury management recommends as best practice, interim reporting of Treasury Management activities. He reported that the report provided details of Treasury Management events for the year to date and recommends changes to the Strategy as appropriate to reflect the prospects for short and long term interest rates. The review covers prospect for Interest Rates; Borrowing Strategy; Investment Strategy; Prudential code Monitoring.

RESOLVED -

- (i) that Members approve the borrowing and investment strategies outlined in the report.
- (ii) that Members approve the extension of investment periods as set out in Appendix A to the report.

**107. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
OUTTURN BVPI INCLUSION INTO FIRE SERVICE COMMUNITY PLAN 2006-2007**

Ian Hayton informed Members of the inclusion of the final end of year performance outturns which have been inserted into the Authority's Fire Service Community Plan 2006/07 (FSCP) which was attached at appendix 1 to the report. The BVPI outturns have already been presented to the Performance Scrutiny Committee.

RESOLVED – that the new performance section which is part of the Fire Service Community Plan 2006/07 be approved and that the full version of the Plan is available to all stakeholders on the Authority's intranet and internet and Members

108. LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

RESOLVED – “That under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as declined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of schedule 12A to the Act namely information regarding an individual; namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding the information)”.

109. TO CONFIRM THE CONFIDENTIAL MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE CLEVELAND FIRE AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2006

RESOLVED – that the confidential minutes of the Cleveland Fire Authority meeting held on 29 September 2006 be confirmed.

109a. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF COMMITTEES:- EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2006 AND TENDER COMMITTEE – 29 SEPTEMBER 2006

RESOLVED – that the confidential minutes of the Executive Committee held 29 September 2006 and the Tender Committee held on the 29 September 2006 be confirmed.

**COUNCILLOR MRS BRENDA FORSTER JP
CHAIRMAN**

7(c) (ii)

Questions to appropriate Members of the Police Authority

Meeting: 15th February 2007

1.	From: Councillor Geoff Lilley
	To: Appropriate Members of the Police Authority Councillors Barker and Wallace
	Question: <i>'Question. When crime statistics are presented to the various Neighbourhood Forum Police Consultative committees, how and where are the incidents of anti social behaviour reported to each forum and how happy are you that this reflects a true picture of the situation regarding ASB in each area?'</i>

ITEM 8(a)

**QUARTERLY REPORT ON SPECIAL URGENCY DECISIONS
IN RESPECT OF THE PERIOD OCTOBER TO DECEMBER 2006**

MEMBERS FROM WHOM CONSENT WAS OBTAINED	SUMMARY OF EXECUTIVE DECISION TAKEN	DECISION TAKER
Councillor James, Chairman of Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee	That the Council host the tall ships race in accordance with the bid and that the Chief Solicitor be authorised to approve the form of the agreement with the Tall Ships Races (Europe) Ltd.	Mayor

Total Number of Special Urgency Decisions Taken during Period - One

COUNCIL REPORT

15th February, 2007



Report of: The Cabinet

Subject: BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK 2007/2008 TO 2009/2010

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To present details of the proposed 2007/2008 Budget and Policy Framework. The report covers:

- Outturn Strategy 2006/2007;
- Capital Budget 2007/2008 and Prudential Indicators;
- Budget Requirement and Council Tax 2007/2008;
- Budget Requirement and indicative Council Tax 2008/2009 to 2009/10.

2. BACKGROUND

2.1 In accordance with the Constitution Cabinet is responsible for preparing the Budget and Policy Framework proposals, which includes the proposed Council Tax level for 2007/2008. These proposals are then referred to Council for consideration. The final stages of the budget timetable for completing this process and subsequently issuing Council Tax bills is extremely tight and the key dates are as follows:

- Cabinet 5th February, 2007 – approved Budget and Policy Framework proposals to be referred to Council;
- Council 15th February, 2007 – consider Cabinet's Budget and Policy Framework proposals, including Hartlepool Borough Council's own Council Tax for 2007/2008;
- Council 1st March, 2007 – approves overall Council Tax levels, including Fire and Police Authority precepts. This is a week later than in previous years owing to the Police Authority not meeting until Friday, 23rd February, 2007, to set their Budget and Council Tax, which is within the prescribed deadline for setting their Budget and Council Tax of 11th March, 2007.

2.2 A copy of the detailed 2007/2008 to 2009/2010 Budget and Policy Framework Report, which Cabinet considered at its meeting on

5th February, 2007, was issued in a separate booklet with the agenda papers for today's meeting. This report provides Members with the detailed supporting information to the budget proposals.

- 2.3 In addition, the attached booklet also provides details of departmental budget allocations before any terminating grants pressures, priorities or savings are considered by Council. Details of these issues are provided in the appendices to the Cabinet report as set out in Section A of the attached booklet.
- 2.4 Cabinet have determined a number of minor amendments to the proposals detailed in the original Cabinet report, as detailed in paragraphs 3 and 4 below.

3. REVISED CABINET PROPOSAL - 2006/07 OUTTURN STRATEGY

- 3.1 Since the initial Cabinet report was issued the Strategic Health Authority have advised the Council that funds are available to resettle 3 individuals with Learning Disabilities currently residing in NHS long stay provision, who are part of the Government's resettlement programme. The Strategic Health Authority has identified £300,000 for this group to enable the provision of housing accommodation. The Council is required to take the lead in sourcing the accommodation and intends working with one, or more, housing associations to meet this demand.
- 3.2 It is a requirement of the Department of Health, via the Strategic Health Authority, that the funds are committed before the 31st March 2007. The Council's Legal Division, together with the Director of Adult & Community Services, intend to have an agreement drawn up with the relevant housing associations to secure appropriate accommodation and let a contract for the care and support of those individuals with a suitable care provider.
- 3.3 In order to access this money Cabinet is proposing that the necessary self funding virement is included within the proposed 2006/07 Outturn Strategy.

4. REVISED CABINET PROPOSAL - 2007/08 REVENUE BUDGET PROPOSALS

- 4.1 At its meeting on 5th February 2007 Cabinet determined to keep the Eldon Grove Centre open until 30th June 2007 to enable alternative providers to develop proposals for the long term usage of this building. This proposal will require a budget provision of £15,000.
- 4.2 Cabinet also determined to withdraw the proposed 3% saving of £8,000 from closing the Art Gallery and Tourist Information Centre on Sundays and Bank Holidays.
- 4.3 Cabinet have proposed that the above items be funded from the contingency.

5. ROBUSTNESS OF BUDGET FORECASTS, RISK ASSESSMENT AND RESERVES

5.1 The Local Government Act 2003 introduced new requirements to formally consider the robustness of the budget forecasts, the level of reserves and the proposed use of reserves as part of the budget setting process. In preparing the proposals for the 2007/2008 budget, Cabinet has considered and approved the advice of the Chief Financial Officer as detailed at paragraph 12 of the Budget and Policy Framework 2007/2008 report.

5.2 This advice is equally relevant to Council when considering this report.

6. PROPOSALS

6.1 Council is requested to consider the following detailed proposals. Where reference is made to a paragraph number or appendix this refers to the Budget and Policy Framework 2007/2008 report, which was circulated within the separate booklet to the main agenda papers, unless otherwise stated.

6.2 Outturn Strategy

- i) Approve the proposed outturn strategy detailed in paragraphs 3.1 to 3.5.
- ii) Approve the proposal to earmark the one-off benefit from restructuring of the Authority's debt portfolio for costs associated with the Tall Ships, (paragraph 3.7).
- iii) Approve the self financing virement from the Strategic Health Authority Grant for Learning Disability reconfiguration of £300,000 (as detailed in paragraph 3 of this report)

6.3 Capital and Treasury Management

- i) Approve the capital allocations identified at Appendix B, which incorporates the proposals detailed in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.10 of the report.
- ii) Authorise the relevant Portfolio Holder to approve the detailed Capital Programmes for using the Government's Supported Allocations detailed in paragraph 4.1.
- iii) Approve the allocation of £0.369m from the 2008/2009 Corporate Prudential Borrowing allocation for the Multi-Storey Car Park to enable the appropriate contractual arrangements to be made and note this amount will not be spent until 2008/2009.

- iv) Approve the Prudential Indicators detailed at Appendix C.
- v) Approve the proposed Treasury Management Strategy, as detailed in paragraphs 4.21 to 4.28, including the establishment of an “Interest Risk Reserve” of up to 0.5% of long term debt.

6.4 2007/2008 Revenue Budget and Council Tax

6.5 Approve a 4.9% increase in Council Tax and subject to approval of this proposal approve the following supporting resolutions: -

- i) Approve an increase in all departmental resource allocations of 3% and the resulting budget allocations as detailed at Appendix I, with specific top-up for terminating grants, specific pressures and/or priorities as detailed in (ii) to (iv) below .
- ii) Approve the allocation of resources for the terminating grant regimes detailed in Appendix D.
- iii) Approve the proposed budget pressures detailed in Appendix E.
- iv) Approve the proposed budget priorities detailed in Appendix F.
- v) Approve the corporate efficiency initiatives of £1.1m detailed in paragraph 7.4.
- vi) Approve the permanent corporate savings of £1.359m as detailed in Appendix G, Table 1.
- vii) Approve the use of additional temporary corporate savings of £1.156m to reduce the 2007/2008 budget gap, detailed in Appendix G, Table 2.
- viii) Approve the use of £2.56m of reserves (inclusive of £0.5m from the 2006/2007 Budget Support Fund) to support the 2007/2008 budget
- ix) Approved the proposed service efficiencies and savings of £1.904m as detailed in Appendix H, excluding the savings
 - from closing Eldon Grove, which will remain open until 30th June 2007 to enable alternative providers to develop proposals for the long term usage of this building. This proposal will require a budget provision of £15,000 and
 - the Art Gallery/TIC saving of £8,000; and
 - approve that the above items be funded from the contingency.

6.6 Approve the following supporting amounts which must be calculated by the Council for 2007/2008 in accordance with Section 32 to 36 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 and relevant regulations

- i) For the purposes of Section 32(2), (3) and (4) of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, the following amounts be approved: -

	£
Aggregate Expenditure	233,846,823
Aggregate Income	<u>(154,756,321)</u>
Budget Requirement (inc Parish Precepts)	<u>79,090,502</u>

- ii) Being the aggregate of the sums which the Council estimates will be payable into the General Fund in respect of Revenue Support grant £6,249,711 and redistributed Business Rate Grant £37,240,421, increased by the amount the Council estimates will be transferred from the Collection Fund to the General Fund as its surplus in respect of Council Tax as at 31st March, 2007, £254,000 in accordance with Section 97 (3) of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 and the Local Government Changes for England (Collection Fund Surpluses and Deficits) Regulations 1995 as amended.
- iii) Being the amount calculated by the Council in accordance with Section 33 of the Act, as the basic amount of Council Tax for the year of £1,282.92.
- iv) Approve the contributions of £3,447, £5,200 and £1,000 made towards the expenses of Dalton Piercy, Elwick and Greatham Parish Councils to enable them to carry out the associated concurrent functions; and formally accept the following Precepts in relation to non concurrent functions and approve the aggregate amount of all special items referred to in Section 34(1) of the Act.

	£
Dalton Piercy	4,717
Elwick	4,930
Greatham	2,800
Hart	2,500
Headland	6,000
Newton Bowley	<u>270</u>
Aggregate Amount (Section 34 (i))	21,217

- v) Being the basic Council Tax for 2007/2008 calculated in accordance with Section 34(2) for dwellings in those areas that have no parish precepts or other special items of £1,282.15.
- vi) The basic Council Tax for 2007/2008 calculated in accordance with Section 34(3) for dwellings in those areas that have parish precepts be as set out in Appendix 1, Table 1 (to this report).
- vii) The amounts of Council Tax at items (iv) and (v) multiplied by the proportions applicable to each category of dwelling in its area, in

accordance with Section 36 of the Act be as set out in Appendix 1, Table 2 (to this report).

6.7 2008/2009 and 2009/10 Revenue Budget and Council Tax

- i) Approves indicative annual Council Tax increases for 2008/2009 and 2009/2010 of 4.9%.
- ii) Note that Cabinet will prepare options for bridging the 2008/2009 budget gap and will submit these to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee by the end of September, 2007.

6.8 Arrangements for approving aggregate Council Tax for 2007/08

- i) Approve the calling of an additional ordinary Council meeting on 1st March 2007 to enable the Council to set the overall Council Tax, including Police and Fire precepts.

Appendix 1

TABLE 1 - Council Tax For Parish Councils 2007/2008

	Precept (1)	Parish Tax Base (2)	Parish Council Tax (3) [=(1)/(2)]	Basic Council Tax (4)	Billing Authority's Council Tax (5) [=(3)+(4)]
<u>Parishes</u>	£ p		£ p	£ p	£ p
Dalton Piercy	4,717	107.9	43.72	1,282.15	1,325.87
Elwick	4,930	384.2	12.83	1,282.15	1,294.98
Greatham	2,800	667.8	4.19	1,282.15	1,286.34
Hart	2,500	294.9	8.48	1,282.15	1,290.63
Headland	6,000	1,020.4	5.88	1,282.15	1,288.03
Newton Bewley	270	30.1	8.97	1,282.15	1,291.12

**TABLE 2 - Council Taxes For Each Property Band 2007/2008
(Excluding Police Authority & Fire Authority)**

<u>Parishes</u>	Council Tax Bands							
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H
	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p	£ p
Dalton Piercy	883.91	1,031.23	1,178.55	1,325.87	1,620.50	1,915.14	2,209.78	2,651.73
Elwick	863.32	1,007.21	1,151.10	1,294.98	1,582.75	1,870.52	2,158.31	2,589.96
Greatham	857.57	1,000.49	1,143.42	1,286.34	1,572.19	1,858.05	2,143.91	2,572.69
Hart	860.42	1,003.82	1,147.23	1,290.63	1,577.43	1,864.24	2,151.05	2,581.25
Headland	858.69	1,001.80	1,144.92	1,288.03	1,574.26	1,860.48	2,146.72	2,576.06
Newton Bewley	860.75	1,004.21	1,147.66	1,291.12	1,578.03	1,864.95	2,151.87	2,582.24
Areas without a Parish Council	854.77	997.23	1,139.69	1,282.15	1,567.07	1,851.99	2,136.92	2,564.30

COUNCIL
15th February 2007



Report of: Chief Executive

Subject: BUSINESS REPORT

1. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 SECTION 85 - NON-ATTENDANCE OF MEMBERS**

This report has been prepared to provide for the eventuality that Councillor Iseley is unable by reason of his current state of health to attend this meeting. Members will be aware that Councillor Iseley has recently been unable to attend any relevant meeting by reason of his ill-health. Continued non-attendance up to 14th March, 2007 will result in his disqualification from continuing to be a Member, unless, before that date, the reason for his non-attendance is approved by the Council. Serious illness clearly is a justifiable reason for non-attendance and it is, therefore, recommended that approval is given for Councillor Iseley's non-attendance by reason of his illness.