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To: The Mayor and Members of the **COUNCIL**

Dear Sir/Madam

I hereby summon you to attend a Meeting of the **COUNCIL** to be held in the Town Hall, Durham, on **Tuesday 11 July 2006, at 5.30 pm.**

BUSINESS

1. Prayers.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meetings held on 27 February 2006 and 29 June 2006.
4. To present to Mrs. T. Anderson, Mrs. A. Armitage, Mr. A. Bramfitt and Mr. D. Howard their Long Service Certificate for 25 years service with the Council.
5. Mayor's Announcements (if any).
6. To answer questions under Council Procedure Rule No. 9.2 [Questions by Members – See Appendix 'A']
7. Notices of Motion.
 - (a) In accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 24.2 and Minute 517(c), 27 February 2006.

Notice has been given by Councillor Griffin of his intention to move the following Motion:

"This Council believes that motions to full Council meetings should be disallowed if they do not relate to a matter for which the Council has a responsibility or which uniquely or disproportionately affects the City of Durham, and resolves to introduce an amendment to the Council's Procedure Rule No. 8.5 accordingly."

Councillor Cummings will second.

- (b) Notice has been given by Councillor Hepplewhite of his intention to move the following Motion:

"This Council welcomes the focus on swimming provision in the Durham City area and supports the aim of equal access for all in the district."

Councillor Taylor will second.

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- (c) Notice has been given by Councillor Turnbull of his intention to move the following Motion:

“This Council believes that significant benefits are derived from directly employing people to deliver services and will only consider the option of outsourcing in exceptional circumstances.”

Councillor Cummings will second.

- (d) Notice has been given by Councillor Syer of his intention to move the following Motion:

“This Council believes that Durham City News does not give value for money to the people of Durham.”

Councillor Hepplewhite will second.

- (e) Notice has been given by Councillor Woods of her intention to move the following Motion:

“This Council is opposed to further road charging or the build of an inner relief road as options to control traffic congestion in Durham City and supports the following:

- research to assess the success of the park and ride on congestion
- the introduction of travel plans for all the City's major employers
- investment in better public transport
- better provision for cyclists and pedestrians
- development of an independent car club
- development of a car share programme
- further development of the Safe Routes to Schools Programme

This Council believes that these options would reduce congestion and lower carbon emissions whilst maintaining the vibrancy of the retail and business options in the city centre.

This Council believes that road charging or build of an inner relief road would seriously damage Durham and its people.”

Councillor Jackson will second.

8. Report of Chief Executive.
9. Report of Director of Legal and Administration Services.
10. Report of Director of Strategic Resources.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

Note: Refreshments for Members will be available in the Small Hall from 4.30 pm.

COUNCIL
11th July, 2006

COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9.2
QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS

1. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Marsden and was addressed to the Chairman of the Licensing Panel.

“Will the Chairman of the Licensing Panel please say, firstly, whether the new licensing regime has had an impact on crime figures in the City of Durham District, and if so what this has been, and secondly whether she believes the doubling of the allowance paid to herself and her vice-chairperson reflects a doubling of the time they have spent on being responsible for this new regime?”
2. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Robinson and was addressed to the Portfolio Holder for Environment and Leisure.

“Will the Portfolio Holder responsible for leisure provision please list what new play equipment has been installed in the district since May 2003 and where, and at what cost in each case?”
3. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Syer and was addressed to the Portfolio Holder for Finance.

“Will the Portfolio Holder responsible for Finance please report what additional income, by way of interest obtained, was gained by collecting direct debit Council Tax payments on 28th April instead of on 2nd May this year? Will he also report whether this additional income will be paid to a charitable cause rather than held in the Council's reserves?”
4. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Syer and was addressed to the Chairman of the Development Control Committee.

“Will the Chairperson of Development Control please report what Section 106 payments have been agreed by the Council in lieu of play and amenity provision within housing developments since May 2003, which developments those were, which of these payments have been received and what sums have been paid out from this source of funding, detailing the provisions that have benefited?”