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**Chief Executive**

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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 9 January 2007, at 5.30 pm.**

**BUSINESS**

1. Prayers.
2. Apologies for Absence.
3. To approve as a correct record, the Minutes of the Meeting held on 7 November 2006.
4. Mayor's Announcements (if any).
5. Notices of Motion.
  - (a) Notice has been given by Councillor Woods of her intention to move the following Motion:

"This Council views with dismay the reported intention of Network Rail to remove the infrastructure on the mothballed Leamside branch railway. The Council has long recognised the contribution that the re-commissioning of this line can make to the prosperity of the County and its potential contribution to achieving the national policy targets in relation to road congestion and environmental pollution. The Council therefore resolves to requests that the Chief Executive write to the Secretary of State, the Strategic Rail Authority, Network Rail, and the regions MP's to revisit the proposals of Network Rail and to press for the re-commissioning of the Leamside line."

Councillor Lightley will second.

6. Joint Report of the Director of Strategic Resources and Head of Financial Services.

Yours faithfully

**Chief Executive**

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