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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 Large Hall, Town Hall, Durham, on **Monday 26 February 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 9 January 2007.
4. Mayor's Announcements (if any).
5. Notices of Motion.

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

"This Council resolves that, in line with the Local Government White Paper on Local Government Restructure, it does not support any applications for Unitary Councils in County Durham and believes that the Two-Tier System should remain but with enhanced joint working between all of the Authorities to provide better and more efficient services for the public.

This Council therefore instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government re-affirming our position and calls for a public referendum to establish how residents in County Durham want their local services provided rather than stakeholder consultation after the Government has made its decision as currently outlined in the White Paper."

Councillor Holland will second.

6. Report of the Director of Legal and Administration Services.
7. Report of the Director of Strategic Resources.
8. Report of the Head of Property Services.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive