

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON
HELD ON THURSDAY 2 JUNE 2005

Present: Councillor Mrs J Maitland (Chair)

Also Present: B Bates, S Bishop, Mrs G Bleasdale,
B Burn, A Burnip, P J Campbell, D Chaytor,
Mrs E M Connor, R Crute, R Davison,
Mrs J Freak, J Goodwin, J Haggan, H High,
A J Holmes, Mrs E Huntington, S Huntington,
R Liddle, T Longstaff, Mrs S Mason, D Myers,
A Napier, Mrs A Naylor, C Patching, G Patterson,
W R Peardon, G Pinkney, B Quinn, D Raine, F Shaw,
P Stradling, D J Taylor-Gooby, R Taylor, R J Todd,
C Walker and P G Ward

1. THE BIG PROJECT – EASINGTON PRIMARY CARE TRUST (PCT)

Dr Roger Bolas, Chief Executive, Helen Byrne, Deputy Chief Executive and Ian Rooney, Estates Manager from Easington Primary Care Trust (PCT) were in attendance to give an update on work undertaken by Easington PCT.

Dr. Bolas advised that they proposed to attend meetings of the Council to give regular updates and the purpose of their attendance today was to inform Members of the PCT's Business Plan.

Helen Byrne took Members through the Plan published in June 2005 which set out service development proposals for 2005 - 2008. She advised that the Plan explained how the PCT would improve health and health services in Easington and ensure that the funding received was fully utilised within the District.

Highlights within the Plan included 'the Big Project' which aimed to encourage the recruitment and retention of doctors and dentists in the District. Details of this had been circulated to each Member. Other highlights included an increase in the nursing workforce and other professionals within the NHS, implementation of the Primary, Community and Emergency Care Strategy and an investment in all priority areas for the PCT.

She then proceeded to give examples of priority areas which included improving health and addressing inequalities which was to be led by Anna Lynch, Director of Public Health and Health Development, strengthening mental health and learning disability services, investing in children and older people, improving the patient experience, addressing waiting time targets and improving premises. Transport was also a major issue for the PCT within the Business Plan and Dr Bolas was leading on this.

She advised that partnership working was critical to the success of the PCT and would continue to give updates to the District Council and Parish/Town Councils. There were a number of core standards the PCT must implement from 2006/07 and would be measured on how it was developing its services

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within the key priority areas identified. A number of awareness sessions were planned on this.

To conclude the Business Plan aimed to build sustainable strong healthy services in Easington to ensure it was in a position to tackle future challenges.

Members were then invited to ask questions. Reference was made to recruitment and Dr Bolas advised that the PCT was working with Durham County Council Education Department to promote the NHS as an attractive career option and encourage people from the District to enter the service. All recruitment options were being examined. Members considered this to be a very difficult challenge facing the PCT.

A Member referred to funding for improving transport. It was noted that through partnership working with local authorities funding could be accessed. However, this tended to be short term and the issue needed to be tackled in the longer term.

In response to a question relating to progress on the recruitment initiative for dental practitioners, which seemed to be making slower progress than that for GPs, H Byrne advised that progress was being made in that one new dentist had been recently appointed together with one trainee and an additional two were expected in August and September respectively. There was to be a launch on 14 June 2005 with a Project Director in place by 4 July 2005.

A Member asked if consideration had been given to the provision of a local service for the deaf and hearing impaired. H Byrne responded stating that as far as she was aware there was nothing specific on this but would take it on board. The PCT welcomed suggestions and representations such as this.

In relation to the "Counselling in the Community" scheme the PCT was committed to supporting this and a lot of funding had been directed towards the project to ensure its success.

Dr Bolas concluded by stating that he welcomed partnership working with the Council and looked forward to it continuing. The monthly Health Working Group meetings were a useful forum for feedback for the PCT.

RESOLVED that the information given, be noted.

2. **THE MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF EASINGTON** held on 12 May 2005, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member, were confirmed.

3. **BEST VALUE PERFORMANCE PLAN 2005/06**

This report was withdrawn.

4. **REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES**

Nominations were requested for the appointment of a representative to 1st Murton (St Paul's) Scout Group.

RESOLVED that Councillor Mrs J Maitland be appointed to the 1st Murton (St Paul's) Scout Group.

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5. TO SEAL DOCUMENTS

RESOLVED that the action taken in affixing the Common Seal to the following documents be endorsed:-

- 18700 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Alyson Jill Spencer (2) relating to No 5 Rydal Crescent, Peterlee
- 18701 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and John and Lilian Deborah Hunt (2) relating to No 189 Basingstoke Road, Peterlee
- 18702 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Mary Gilling (2) relating to No 6 Wharrier Square, Wheatley Hill
- 18703 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Ann Lesley Brace (2) relating to No 7 The Avenue, Seaham
- 18704 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Andrew and Diane Marie Cole (2) relating to No 31 Heathway, Seaham
- 18705 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and David and Carmel Anne Fletcher (2) relating to No 19 Morton Square
- 18706 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Alan Gilchrist and Angela Margaret Bostock (2) relating to No 19 Ash Grove, Trimdon Station
- 18707 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Lee Laurence O'Connor and Victoria Catherine O'Connor (2) relating to No 29 William Morris Terrace, Shotton Colliery
- 18708 Cancellation of Entries relating to a Registered Charge relating to 29 Layburn Place, Peterlee – DU171475
- 18709 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Gordon Bunglass (2) relating to No 37 Yoden Road, Peterlee
- 18710 Deed of Legal Charge made between Persimmon Homes Ltd (1) and EDC (2) relating to Land at Thornlaw North Estate, Thornley (in duplicate)
- 18711 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Sonia Marie Newhouse (2) relating to No. 4 Polden Close, Peterlee

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- 18712 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC(1) and Brain and Brenda Turner(2) Relating to number 2 Bevin Square, South Hetton
- 18713 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC(1) and Stephen Ward (2) relating to 32 Kingston Avenue, Seaham, Co Durham
- 18714 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and John and Maureen Audrey Howe (2) relating to Garage Number 1 at Burdon Place, Peterlee
- 18715 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Nigel Potts (2) relating to 31 Snowdon Place, Peterlee
- 18716 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Richard David Bell (2) relating to 60 Metcalf Crescent, Murton
- 18717 Transfer of Part of Registered Title(s) made between EDC (1) and Denise Moore and Christopher Neil (2) relating to 27 Donald Avenue, South Hetton

6. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED that in accordance with Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involved the disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN CASE**

Consideration was given to the report of the Executive Member for Housing which gave details of a Local Government Ombudsman case, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member.

RESOLVED that additional compensation in the sum specified be paid in line with the recommendation of the Local Government Ombudsman.