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**Chief Executive**

Ref: PN/DW

6 November 2007

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 Studio, Gala Theatre, Durham, on **Tuesday 13 November 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 27 September 2007.
4. Mayor's Announcements (if any).
5. To answer questions under Council Procedure Rule No. 9.2  
[Questions by Members – See Appendix 'A']
6. Notices of Motion.
  - (a) Notice has been given by Councillor Woods of her intention to move the following Motion:

“This Council believes that it is inappropriate for houses in Gilesgate to be used as bail hostels and that the Government should provide appropriate accommodation and support for remand prisoners.”

Councillor Southwell will second.
  - (b) Notice has been given by Councillor Pitts of her intention to move the following Motion:

“This Council would like to congratulate everyone involved in the Future Business Magnates initiatives.

It is an excellent example of teamwork, partnerships and inspiration.

We urge a successor council, if any, to build on its success.”

Councillor van Zwanenberg will second.
7. Report of Executive Director
8. Report of Director of Corporate Services

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9. Report of Legal & Democratic Services Manager

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Seal". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

**Chief Executive**

**Note:** Refreshments for Members will be available in Studio 2 from 4.30 p.m.

**COUNCIL**  
**9 January, 2007**

**COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO. 9.2**  
**QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS**

1. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Taylor and was addressed to the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration.

“Would the Portfolio Holder inform me of who was responsible for the drafting of the press release to the Northern Echo newspaper which was published on Monday October 22<sup>nd</sup>, referring to the Brandon Masterplan?”

Could he give me his opinion as to how elderly people living in the properties mentioned might have felt after reading that they could be moved out of their home or that their home could be demolished or knocked down?

Does the Portfolio Holder agree with me that it was totally insensitive to mention specific areas of Brandon without first presenting the Masterplan to the people of Brandon by means of a public meeting and will he give me an undertaking to organise a public meeting in Brandon?”

2. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Taylor and was addressed to the Leader of the Council.

“At the last meeting of this Council Councillor Reynolds alleged that I had been unsupportive of the Brandon Masterplan.

I asked the Leader of the Council to substantiate that allegation he declined to do so.

Will he now do so or is he prepared to withdraw his allegation?”

3. The following question was received, by the due date, from Councillor Taylor and was addressed to the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Planning and Regeneration.

“I am sure that the Portfolio Holder agrees with me that Durham is in need of Affordable Housing.

If he does, could he explain to me why the proposed development on the Greenfield Site at the bottom of Commercial Street in Brandon is not for affordable housing?”