

**Minutes**

**Economic Scrutiny Panel**

**19<sup>th</sup> March 2008, Newton Hall Community Centre**

**Present:** Councillor Hopgood (in the Chair) and Councillors, Colledge, Guy, Kelly, Marsden and Simmons

**Also Present:** Councillors: Kellett and Moderate

**1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillors Plews and Stoddart

**2. Minutes**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2008 were agreed as a true record.

**3. Draft Report – Review of Leisure Services**

Members discussed the draft report and decided that the following recommendations be added to the report:-

- That the New Unitary Authority continues to support and maintain a minimum standard as set by Durham City Council.
- That the Panel requests that the New Unitary Authority gives support to villages and small communities aid with leisure facilities.
- That by 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2009, Abbey Leisure Centre is in the same category as the other leisure centres regarding pricing.

Members requested that the draft report come back to the Panel at the next meeting.

**4. Any Other Business**

The Chair advised the Panel that following a meeting with the Portfolio Holder for Communities the report on CCTV would require amendments to be made to the recommendations. Appendix A of the report has seven points as the report stands at the moment. Points 4 and 6 have been tried and failed therefore they cannot be supported by the Council. Point 7 (reviewing staffing levels) cannot be supported by the Council due to Health and Safety reasons. Therefore recommendation 1 should be amended to read that Appendix A, points 1,2,3, & 5, are supported by the City Council.

The Panel agreed these changes to be made and an amended report be circulated under separate cover at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

The next meeting the Panel will consider the Review of Leisure Services 5 Year Plan draft report and start the review of Tourism.

Meeting terminated at 5.50 p.m.